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# HOPE FOR HOPE



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# GIRL-CHILD PROJECT



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In Kenya many parents think it's cultural and gender violation to train women to contend in football and become outstanding female footballers. A poor father or mother who cannot afford the school fees, will force the girl to go for early marriage or even go to work as a maid, because education has failed. Giving birth at a tender age at her domicile simply because she has a luggage of time but doing too little that helps her to develop a certain way and her parents cannot afford financing her education. The best way parents can do is to give their daughter for quick money at her tender age. This is a very great risk which is even against the Constitution of Kenya.

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# JOURNEY

Hope for hope decided to take the innocent young females and impart them with football antics and survival means which will keep them busy. In our community, the girls drop out of schools at a very tender age. Not because they want but their parents don't keep a very keen eye on them since they are busy looking for a job or working to provide food on the table. The girls since they don't go to school they are finally impregnated by men who won't care for them and give them a fruitful future. This is so because men also can't help themselves due to economic situation in the Region..



Hope for hope started operating in Likoni as a football project training boys ,later a need to cater for the girl child was also put into consideration and today we have at least 40 girls who have joined Hope Girls' Team. These girls have been saved from life struggles and troubles and have been given hope. Hope for hope through Football is restoring that hope in the Region and, can really that initiative be hated that it's gender demeaning? It's in fact more of a gender empowering initiative and its changing the narrative on female football. Such girls today can go to good schools through the football .Football gives these ladies a moment of obstruction from destiny killers who would want to use their bodies for premarital sex.



Through women football, these girls are veiled from thinking about themselves as only future wives but football starlets. Football doesn't make a girl child less of her gender but instead more confident to push her gender beyond limits. At hope for hope these girls are not only taught to play football, they are also counselled on menstrual health, hygiene, abstaining from sex, making right and sound decisions that keep their future unaffected and a lot more.

Hope girls is an offspring for Hope for Hope teenage boys football. But they later discovered a need to nurture Footballers from an early age promotes, profile and manage Dreams they have imparted the values the Foundation needs "Hope for hope Academy started with a few boys and over the years we have had over 213 boys from all age, most of them have been able to join high-schools in western through the football project that's when we started involving girls who first trained with boys.



Our mass recruitment for girls happened in December, 2019 when we organised ' Likoni connect Tournament and every girl we registered automatically qualified for a full bursary as a motivation for parents and girls to see value in what they were coming for.



Today it's parents and girls who freely knock on our academy doors requesting to join us." Now we have at least 40 girls and their team ' Hope Girls'Team' are preparing to participate in the FKF Women's Regional League 2020/2021, we are also planing to start a 7 aside football tournament that will have other teams invited so us to motivate our girls even more.

An extract from the Communications management to Likoni Sports stated."Therefore, parents stop discouraging your daughters the world has now changed. Take your children for what they will use to solve their and your problems.

Am a living testimony of a woman who has benefited from being a talented footballer.Today I am in form 2 in western and its all through football.



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