

# **WORLD ORPHANS DAY**

## **2017 REPORT**



### **THEME**

*“Accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunities for orphans and vulnerable children.”*

### **VENUE**

ST. CAMILLUS DALA KIYE GROUNDS

### **DATE**

7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

## **Acknowledgement**

I would like to acknowledge God's love towards us and his undoubted protection. His enormous mercies granted us life to see another day and mark World Orphans Day 2017.

Thank you so much all those who participated and contributed towards this day. I thank the children for entertaining the audience with beautiful songs, dances poems and football matches.

I would also wish to pass my sincere gratitude to all teachers who received and responded to our invitation to mark the day with us. It is never easy to organize children but the teachers made sure all children were prepared for the day.

I thank all guests who were present like the area chief and friends of Dala Kiye. Your response to our invitations always show how strengthened the bond between our professionalism is in keeping the welfare of all children we work with.

I would not forget to point out the team work by Dala Kiye staff. They made sure that every little detail was in place as far as organizing and planning for the event was concerned. Even though there were a bit of challenges here and there, the day was marked successfully because of the staff's dedication.

Lastly, the big thank you goes to **We World Kenya Foundation** for fully covering all the expenses of this day. The part played by We World is one important part that created the core pillar of the day, without their contribution, we would have had huge loop holes. So thank you so much we appreciate.

**Fr. Emilio Balliana**  
**Program Director**

## Introduction

Every year, 7<sup>th</sup> of May we mark **world orphans Day**. Dala Kiye has been joining the rest of the world in marking this day every year. The mission of world orphans day is to equip, inspire and mobilize the church, the government and the community to care for orphans and vulnerable children.

This year's theme was: ***"Accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunities for orphans and vulnerable children."*** Orphan hood is an inevitable position that hits children frequently because human beings are mortal. The theme itself encouraged people to keep on inspiring and motivating these children. It encouraged the need to provide the vulnerable children with the same opportunities as those children with their parents for the better tomorrow people.

All teachers, children, caregivers, friends of Dala Kiye and the Karungu community joined in marking the day. People were provided with paper caps with the day's event boldly marked on it and the day's theme colorfully written below the bold writings.



The children arrived at the grounds as early as 9 am and they joined the rest of the congregation at St. Camillus Mission Hospital for the Holy Mass. After the Mass, everyone gathered at Dala Kiye grounds for the day's event.

The day started with an opening prayer from Fr. Elphas Kolia who blessed the day and welcomed all those who were present. The leading speaker then acknowledged the presence of all those who were present and in a special way welcomed all guests to the day. She also explained the deep meaning of the theme and encouraged all people to work towards accepting orphans, protecting them and providing them with the necessities they need.

All guests and children at the grounds registered their names at the registration tent, a process that continued for the better part of the day. The entertainment session kicked off with children from Nyamanga primary school presenting a Luo song 'Aoko' which basically elaborated an orphan's hardship life and struggles he/she goes through to get education. Because he/ she has no parents to help, most orphans end up losing hope and engage in risky behaviors. The song was so emotional and it moved the audience.



Another remarkable performance was from Wachara primary school Ramogi Dancers. They were dressed in traditional sisal skirts blended with head, leg and hand sisal accessories. They danced acrobatically and sang joyfully. It was such a lovely performance that the audience requested for them again.

In between a series of entertainment from the children, there were brief speeches from guests. The first guest to take the podium was Mrs. Isabella Kaberia who is a friend of Dala Kiye. Isabella is the branch manager of Diamond Trust Bank, Kisii branch. She thanked Dala Kiye for inviting her to mark the day and added that it is important for parents and community

members to understand orphans and always protect them. Mrs. Kaberia encouraged the children to work hard in school and be disciplined.

The speeches alternated with entertainments from the children until lunch time. To close the speech time was Fr. Njagi who shared the need to comfort and care for orphans and he urged all caregivers and teachers to show love towards the orphaned children.



All children and guests took a lunch break at 1pm. The guests were invited to the dining hall where lunch was prepared for them whereas the children and caregivers took bread and sodas together with sweets and biscuits



After lunch, the most enjoyed football games kicked off with B.L. Tezza primary and Rabuor primary teams taking to the field first. The game was tough, B.L. Tezza primary tried their best to keep up with Rabuor but the heat was too much for them. They lost to Rabuor at 4-0. The next match was between Kibuon Secondary school girls and B.L. Tezza Complex secondary school girls. The girls were never left behind in displaying their skills on the field. Different skills were displayed by the girls making the game interesting. At the end of the match, B.L. Tezza girl's football team took victory home beating Kibuon 1-0. The last match was between Rabuor secondary and B.L. Tezza secondary football boys. The seniors closed this particular activity with much artistic moves superseding the previous games. B.L. Tezza boys proved their might but Rabuor took the win by 4-3. It was a close win which interestingly ended the day's celebration.





The day was closed at 5 pm by awarding children with the best presentations. Children who performed songs and dances in line with the day's theme received presents in terms of bar soaps, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shoe polish, exercise books and pens. The day came to an end and people left at their own pleasure.

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