



Sustainable Development Application Form			
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Project Name: Daughters of Dignity and Destiny Local Partner: Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) Location: Nairobi, Kenya			
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<b>Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:</b> The OAIC has a rich history and experience in advocacy, social justice, and creating sustainable livelihoods through working with African Instituted Churches (AICs) and the communities where they are located. Most of these churches and communities are located in the margins of societies. Over the last ten years for example, the OAIC Advocacy Program has been sensitizing and building the capacity of churches across East Africa on demanding for their rights through positively engaging with state and state agencies. In all its work, 30% percent of the beneficiaries to the work of the OAIC are women.			
Description of Project			
<b>Name of Project (agricultural, <u>health</u>, water, micro-credit, <u>education, community development</u>, etc.):</b>  The full name of the project is: "Poverty, sexual exploitation intersectionality in Siaya County: Our commitment to our daughters of dignity and destiny". The project touches on the areas of health, education, and community development through a sustained, multisectoral approach. The project seeks to reduce gender-based violence in Africa as a whole, and Siaya County in particular. Sexual exploitation of teenage girls has been an issue for some time, but the issue has become even more acute because of COVID-19 and the economic challenges of families at this time.  This program seeks to address gender-based violence with the approach of the Swahili word, <i>Ujamaa</i> . This word means an extended family responsibility. This project seeks to re-establish mutual respect within the community, and to address gender-based violence and teen pregnancy at the causation level. Solutions will not be to address the victims alone, but to include the entire community. This will require a community support system that involves the family, the school, the church, and mentors.  The OAIC will establish a cohort of 10-20 families who have teen daughters. The families in this cohort will be identified by the chief in the area and seek to include the most economically deprived families. Understanding some families may have more than one teenage daughter, the cohort will consist of 10-20 or more teenage women, ten mentors, ten religious leaders, and ten education instructors.			
<b>Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):</b> The target population will be families with teenage daughters in Siaya County, Ugenya. Siaya County is located within the greater Nyanza region where poverty levels are high. According to the Development Index, 35% of population is below the poverty line, and the percentage of adolescents and teenage mothers stand at 17%. Studies over long periods of time have established a direct correlation between teen pregnancy rates and poverty.			

**How many persons are/will be served? (Please give as specific a figure as possible)?**

This first cohort will include 10-20 families with approximately 10-20 teenage women participating. However, we are seeking to include the entire community in this project, as well as recognizing this project will have last impacts for teens and families in this community directly.

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1: Combating gender-based violence through economic independence. This will be achieved by working with agricultural workers in the areas to work with the identified families on starting a kitchen garden. Additionally, families will be given chicks or goats to raise for income generation.

2: Educate families. Through the religious communities, women's groups, and community meetings, education on the need to protect the girl child from harmful practices of early marriages to older men, forcing girls to get married early to improve family wealth, etc will be provided.

3: Educate the girls. Provide teenage girls with knowledge enables them to develop broader skills. This will be done through school, religious youth groups, and mentors. Teaching entrepreneurial skills will be included in this project as well.

**Key Activities:**

The following project activities are planned:

- Provide agricultural training for income generation.
- OAIC will meet with school officials to participate in this project
- Host community meetings.
- Train church leaders on preaching about poverty, exploitation, and gender-based violence in their communities.
- Convey certificates of commitment for each girl, each church, each educational institution in the project.
- Create a "telling my story" opportunity for each girl to document their story -- including their story of development over the past year and their work in the agricultural project. These stories will be created into a book and will be shared.

While all of these activities are taking place, mentors will be assigned to each girl. Their role as mentors is to encourage girls in the project, as well as walk alongside them throughout the year.

One of the major contributors to teenage pregnancy and gender-based violence is intergenerational knowledge gaps. Investing in education is a key priority for this project. Including the following:

- a) Investment in church leaders on the importance for the church to speak about the protection of young girls from early marriages, sexual abuse, as well as being preyed upon by teachers, Boda Boda drivers, etc. Church leaders will be encouraged to address the importance and value of the girl child.
- b) Investment in education institutions and connecting schools with community structures:
  - The OAIC will build support for girls by investing in school systems and church ministry structures. By doing so, schools will be equipped to identify behavior that might indicate a student has been abused. This is one example of how building support mechanisms that connect the school, the family, the church, and other community structures are best for girls in the community. The aim of this project is to build support mechanisms that will result into consciousness and action at community level.
  - The OAIC will invest in career guidance at schools so that girls get the support they need to set their life goals and accompany them on their journey towards the set goals. Girls, most especially those from challenging backgrounds, will be linked with mentors who will provide inspiration for them.

c) Investment in economic empowerment. The project will link girls and their families with agricultural workers. This will enable the girls and their families to improve their farming abilities and to set up kitchen gardens for vegetables at their homes and to begin poultry farming and goat rearing for income generation. The OAIC will provide seeds for plants such as avocado and crops appropriate for the agricultural zones where the targeted communities are located to families. By providing girls and their families with crops which yield in the short term, the families have better access to nutritious foods in the short term, while also tending to crops such as avocados, which takes 2-3 years to mature and will yield for fruit for over 10 years. By doing this, each girl will be inspired to plan for life beyond the immediate. The agricultural component of this project is an opportunity for stretching the economic imagination of girls into the future.

Duration of Project: One year

**Project Budget**

Total Budget: \$10,000 is included in the attached budget to list the project costs associated with this grant.

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$10,000.00

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? One time request

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project? The OAIC is providing significant support for this project and receives financial support from the Presbyterian Church USA, in addition to USAID funding and other international, ecumenical partners.

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.  
The budget for a \$10,000 grant is attached.

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? *(Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)*

The OAIC has a project Monitoring and Evaluation staff member as well as a project staff person who will be responsible for monitoring the project and documenting the project success, achievements as well as learnings on a continuous basis.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding? As soon as funds are available.

If granted, please provide full information for how (wire transfer, check, etc.), where, and to whom funds should be sent:  
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