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Action in the Community Environment

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Community Orphans and Vulnerable Children  
HIV and AIDS Mitigation Programme

**Kenya and Tanzania**

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## ACE Africa Vision

*Communities which have the capacity and will to provide a sustainable, supportive and caring environment in which children affected/infected by HIV and AIDS can develop to their full potential*

## Values

- Every child has a right to shelter, food, health, education, freedom of thought and expression, love and to realize their full potential
- Children infected and affected by HIV and AIDS should, as far as possible and where appropriate, be cared for and supported within their own communities in a culturally relevant manner
- People and children infected and affected by HIV and AIDS have a right to live a full life, free from discrimination, isolation and fear
- People and children infected and affected by HIV and AIDS are critical agents in changing local, international and global attitudes, behaviour and policy in addressing HIV and AIDS issues



## ACE Africa Mission

*ACE Africa aims to reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS on rural communities in Kenya and Tanzania through the sustained promotion of health education, food and economic security, nutritional assistance, capacity building and support among the infected and affected in order that communities themselves can sustain support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children and People Living with HIV and AIDS now and in the future.*

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## Abbreviations

**AIDS** Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome, **ARV** Anti Retroviral Treatment, **CSW** Commercial Sex Worker, **CT** Counselling and Testing, **CIC** Child to Child Health Education, **CBO** Community Based Organisation, **HIV** Human Immunodeficiency Virus, **HH** Household, **IGA** Income Generating Activity, **LDTD** Long Distance Truck Driver **MOA** Ministry of Agriculture, **MoE** Ministry of Education, **MoH** Ministry of Health, **NACC** National AIDS Control Council **NGO** Non Governmental Organisation, **OVC** Orphans and Vulnerable Children, **PLWA** People Living with HIV and AIDS **POFO** Positive Outcomes for Orphans

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*“ACE Africa is different from other organizations who are usually less visible and provide one-off capacity building or food support in the community. ACE Africa’s approach is long term, working from the bottom up and without handouts. They are continually in the communities to ensure the sustainability of activities. ACE Africa’s approach involves the community in all processes of management and service delivery.”*

Regional Officer, Anglican Development Services, Siaya

## ACE Africa Profile 2010

ACE Africa was established in response to the overwhelming impact of HIV and AIDS on rural communities, the increasing number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children and the lack of community resources to support them.

ACE Africa works at the grassroots in remote, rural areas of Kenya and Tanzania where poverty and HIV and AIDS are rife. ACE Africa provides short term emergency support such as food, shelter, basic medication, counselling and testing as well as long term interventions such as training and project cycle management, in order that communities can provide

this support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children now and in the future without the support of ACE Africa.

ACE Africa programming aims to:

- Improve community Health
- Protect the rights of women and children
- PLWA and Children
- Strengthen local structures
- Systems and linkages to sustain community support of OVC and PLWA
- Reduce the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS
- Increased reach and impact through sharing with partners and lobbying from the grassroots

ACE Africa is made up of **ACE Africa (UK)** and **ACE Africa (USA)** who provide funds and technical support to the implementing partners, **ACE Africa (Kenya)** and **ACE Africa (Tanzania)**.

### 2010 Total Beneficiaries

Direct: 132,347 Indirect: 248,034

**At an average cost of less than £5 per direct beneficiary**

### 2003 - 2010 Cumulative Total Beneficiaries

Direct: 426,397 Indirect: 688,034

### Beneficiaries

People Living with HIV and AIDS, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Guardians, Young people and Community Support Groups

**Partners** Government: 48  
Private and NGOs: 115

**Staff** Total: 43

### Volunteers

Community Volunteers: 3,295

### 2010 Expenditure

£657,370



## ACE Africa Project Sites 2010

*“ACE Africa is implementing unique OVC interventions that are in line with TACAIDS key output areas hence they need to share their knowledge with others.”*

Pricilla Stella, Arusha Regional TACAIDS Coordinator



### Bungoma, Western Province, Kenya

**Project stage: Year 7**

Staff: 25 Office Volunteers: 10 Community Volunteers: 2,064

Community Support Groups: 68

Direct Beneficiaries 86,316 (42,376 OVC, 11,710 PLWA, 32,230 others)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 173,404

**Cumulative Total Direct Beneficiaries September 2003 – December 2010: 341,316**



### Siaya, Nyanza Province, Kenya

**Project stage: Year 4**

Staff: 9 Office Volunteers: 8 Community Volunteers: 724

Community Support Groups: 29

Direct Beneficiaries: 34,638 (14,549 OVC, 13,058 PLWA and 7,031 others)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 41,650

**Cumulative Total Direct Beneficiaries September 2006 – December 2010: 60,138**

### Arusha, Tanzania

**Project stage: Year 2**

Staff: 9 Office Volunteers: 2

Community Volunteers: 507

Community Support Groups: 21

Direct Beneficiaries: 16,490

Indirect Beneficiaries: 32,980

**Cumulative Total Direct Beneficiaries September 2008 – December 2010: 29,640**



### Donors 2010

ACE Africa donors include Comic Relief, USAID/AED, Duke University, Egmont Trust, Vitol Charitable Foundation, JJ and Ashden Charitable Trusts, Garfield Weston, Dulverton and other UK Trusts, Corporations, Schools and individuals.

**Many thanks to all our donors, large and small!**



## ACE Africa Kenya Wins 2010 STARS Impact Award for Health in Africa, Middle East & Asia Region

2010 ended on a high note with ACE Africa winning the STARS Foundation Impact Award. STARS Foundation is a UK based charity and the award comprised \$100,000 in unrestricted funding, tailored consultancy support and media benefits.

*“ACE Kenya stands out in the field more than most because it researches where the need is greatest and develops holistic programmes based on this research, meeting the needs of vulnerable children living in the most remote parts of Kenya.”*

**Vicki Peaple, STARS Africa-Middle East Programme Officer**

Each year STARS presents six awards to NGOs in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, in recognition of the excellent standards they set in helping the world's most disadvantaged children. Each organization is assessed over eight criteria, developed in conjunction with Price Waterhouse Cooper, to examine whether they are demonstrably improving the lives of children and are managed to the highest level of efficiency and innovation.

Out of 701 applicants, ACE Africa won the 2010 Africa and Middle East Impact Award for excellence in implementing community health projects. The programme was deemed to be the most innovative, cost effective and have the greatest impact and reach in the community

The ceremony was held in London on 2nd December 2010 and Augustine Wasonga received the award together with Joanna Waddington and Anthony Okoti. Samantha Kite and Andy Jinman, representing the trustees also attended.



## Message from ACE Africa Founder Joanna Waddington and Executive Director Augustine Wasonga

ACE Africa programmes have continued to grow and mature, benefitting immensely from our many partners and donors that we work with.

In 2010, our research partnerships grew, with a renewal of our agreement with Duke University to participate in the POFO II global study for a further five years. The POFO staff attended a conference in Budapest, Hungary with other staff from participating countries – USA, India, Tanzania, Cambodia and Ethiopia. Our partnership with Professor Laura Murphy from Tulane University continued with combined research with TICA (Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health) funded by the Rockefeller foundation. This research conducted in Siaya focused on the use of traditional medicine and the management of HIV and AIDS. These research partnerships greatly enhance our ability to evidence the work that we do and further corroborate our ongoing operational research.

This year, due to the prominence given to ACE Africa by its network of partners in country and international research institutions, we have started to work with other organisations which have come to learn from us. Stand for the Vulnerable Organisation (SVO) in Ethiopia invited the Executive Director to conduct training in research and institutional strengthening, while SEK Educational Consultancy, Uganda invited Lillian Bwire our head of Child Welfare to pilot the Child-to-Child (CtC) methodology in 20 schools around Kampala. A planning visit was made and the training will take place in 2011. We have also started a partnership with People in Peril Association (PIPA) of the Slovak Republic, involving a training of community members in their areas of operation and we have further increased the number of NGOs we work with in Kenya and Tanzania including; Forward Kenya, The Matibabu Foundation, CDC, Red Cross (ACE is a Corporate Member), World Vision, The Orphan Foundation, Cedesota and SIDO.



We have also increased our advocacy at the international level, being active participants and attending forums with the UK Consortium on HIV and AIDS in London and Nairobi and continuing our collaboration with The Forum for African Orphans.

We have been grateful for the many visitors who have come to see our projects including Linnea Renton from the Egmont Trust, Sian and Paul Daniels and Poppy and John Pool. We are hugely grateful for the support we have received particularly from our long term, repeat donors The Egmont Trust, Vitrol Charitable Foundation, JJ and Ashden trusts and Comic Relief.

Above all we congratulate the community members with whom we work, they are truly an inspiration and a humbling example of selfless commitment to the plight of orphans and vulnerable children. Volunteering and taking control of their destiny, they have and continue to contribute so much to the needy and without them our work would be fruitless.



## Message from ACE Africa UK Director Samantha Kite

Despite the continued negative impact of the economic climate, 2010 overall income levels were only slightly lower than in 2009. Grant income in 2010 came primarily from continuing support and follow-on grants from a number of our established institutional, trust, corporate and other donors of restricted funds. New donors included The Bulldog Trust, who funded our impressive new website in 2010 enabling us to significantly professionalise our e-communications.

With respect to unrestricted income, lower individual donations were mitigated by a small increase in net income generated from events. In addition to our popular annual quiz night and participation in the London 10k Run, ACE Africa was honoured to be chosen as one of the charity partners at 2010 Art London, raising funds through commission on painting sales, as well as raising awareness at this prestigious London art fair. Our 'ACE of Trumps' event in November with guest speaker Allan Lamb exceeded expected targets and raised over £50,000.

In addition to these ACE-organised events, we would like to thank all of you who ran, climbed, walked, baked, canoed and took part in all sorts of other amazing challenges to raise funds for ACE. We are thrilled to see a new generation of young ACE supporters fundraising from an early age.

At the end of 2010, we said goodbye to Value Partners who had so generously provided us with pro-bono offices for over two years. ACE Africa (UK) has since re-located to our new home in Aldgate, thanks to Lockton Companies. We are very grateful to our other pro-bono supporters such as Peter Butler (Stepjump Design) for his expertise in designing many of our publications throughout the year (including this year's Annual Review!) This pro-bono support helps us continue to keep our admin costs to below 20%.

A huge thank you to you all for your continued support.



**Samantha Kite**  
ACE Africa UK Director



## Thematic Area One Community Livelihoods Initiatives (CLI)

### Agriculture and Nutrition

This programme was designed to improve the health and economic status of PLWA and OVC through training in and the promotion of organic agricultural practices as an HIV management tool. The programme encourages community adoption of individual, group and school kitchen gardens, providing households, OVC and PLWA with a sustainable source of nutritious food for regular use and surplus for sale.



Brian Simiyu is 13 years and a partial orphan who lost his father when he was 6 years old. He lives in Bulondo, Bungoma with his HIV positive mother and siblings, Laura 6 years, Patrin 7 years and George 11 years. Being the eldest and his mother often sick, Brian is responsible

for providing for his family which often results in him missing school and the family only eating one meal a day. They were identified by the Agriculture and Nutrition mentor as being extremely vulnerable and their case referred to the ACE Africa Area Advisory Committee. ACE Africa trained Brian in Agriculture and Nutrition in May 2010 and provided him with seeds and seedlings from the community gardens.

Brian has now cultivated his 2 acres of land and is growing 6 varieties of vegetables throughout the year, with the help of the drip irrigation kit that ACE Africa supplied. His garden supports his own family and 3 other orphans in his village with a regular supply of nutritious vegetables. Brian has also started teaching his neighbours on how to use the drip irrigation kit and plan their

gardens. In addition, the surplus sale of vegetables earns the household an average of £25 per month which is used to buy books and school equipment for Brian and his siblings. Brian plans to save some proceeds and start a poultry project to add value to his garden.

*"Today we have learnt a lot on nutrition and how to grow crops, some of which I have never heard of like butternut. I did not know that pumpkin and watermelon are good immune boosters."*

**Mary Adisa, trainee, Bar Acuth, Siaya**

*"Thank you ACE Africa for demonstrating how one can produce nutritional vegetables and other food crops enough food for my family and be able to support orphans by using techniques learnt in the training."*

**Moses, Olturumo group, Kimnyaki, Arusha**

### Achievements to date 2010

- 1,303 community members trained in organic agriculture and nutrition techniques
- 1178 individual, 12 demonstration, 61 community and 161 school kitchen gardens
- 32,456 OVC and 6,746 PLWA received food from the gardens
- 581 OVC on school lunch programmes
- 4,524 Community members educated on nutrition

### Improving Community Economic and Food Security

- 80% of trainees are producing more than 5 crop varieties
- 62% of trainees are selling surplus crops to support OVC
- 62% of households reporting increased income and food security
- 40% of households have diversified their food sources from organic kitchen gardens to include e.g. poultry and fish farms, to give variety to their diet and increase income through surplus sales.





## Thematic Area One Community Livelihoods Initiatives (CLI)

*“Our group is the most respected group in this village because of the services we render to the community. We buy household items for the orphans we support, pay school fees and treat them when they are sick. ACE Africa is helping to bring the best out of us.”*

Mary Wamalwa, Chair Riziki Women’s group, Bungoma

### Income Generating Activities (IGA)

ACE Africa trains community groups in business skills to develop IGAs. On average, 80% of the groups are made up of women, over 80% of these are widows and 60% HIV positive.

Through assisting groups in business skills, management, budgeting and proposal writing, groups are strengthened, providing them with greater household and collective economic and food security. In addition, groups are encouraged to diversify their businesses and access local funding, thereby becoming independent from ACE Africa and able to sustain activities themselves. All IGAs have a nutritional or eco-friendly focus and a high market demand and include the production of nutritious flour, soya products, amaranth, fish farms, mushrooms, dairy goats, sanitary towels, rocket-stoves and horticultural produce.

*“ACE Africa has been instrumental in assisting the community to uplift their living standards. You have helped groups to initiate viable income generating activities which are changing their lives and all those who benefit from them.”*

Ruth Alumasa, Siaya District Gender and Social Development officer

KUPA Women’s Group was chosen to partner with ACE Africa due to the group’s good management and organizational skills. In 2008, members were trained in soya cultivation, processing and marketing and were subsequently provided with soya bean seeds, raw materials and a processing machine. Through ACE Africa initiatives, the group has been able to link with the MoA and other groups and institutions engaged in agri-business as well as in the areas of computer skills, report writing and book-keeping.

The group now produces approximately 300kg of soya flour and 170 litres of soya milk per month. In addition, the group produces soya snacks which are sold in the community, through schools, and local shops. Through the group’s newly acquired proposal writing skills, it has been able to access funds which have been used to diversify its business into fruit juice processing and a posho mill.

Kupa’s average turnover per month is £500. 30% of this is a net profit of approximately £150 per month. Group’s profits are used to support OVC with school uniforms, blankets, soya flour, sanitary towels, soap and school materials and also are used for machine maintenance and payments of electricity and rent. The increase in profits has led to an increase in OVC support from 20 to 32 outside the member’s households, and up to 80 within their households.

### Achievements to date

- 118 Community Support Groups (over 2,500 members) regularly supporting 30,032 OVC and PLWA
- 22 Shelters constructed, 436 rocket stoves and 7 posho/soya mills installed
- Group activities include: Fish farming (12) Poultry farming (14), Dairy Goats (16), Rocket stoves (12) Grain amaranth (16), Soya and nutritious flour (14)

### Improving Community Health and Livelihoods

- All groups have increased profits since 2009 (average increase 14%) and average profit £80 per month
- 60 % of groups in Bungoma and 40% in Siaya have more than one income generating activity
- 26 groups have received local funds and now manage and report on OVC support activities independently with ACE providing technical support



## Thematic Area Two Child Rights and Welfare (CRW)

### The Protection of Children’s Rights

The ACE Africa child protection programme was established to increase awareness of the rights of children and PLWA in the community and strengthen their ability to promote a child friendly society, where all children including the most vulnerable have their rights protected; the right to love, protection, shelter, food, education and health.

The programme involves educating the community about their rights within the context of HIV and AIDS and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. ACE Africa has established Community Child Rights Committees which are made up of local government, opinion formers and religious leaders, teachers, retired professionals, PLWA, youth and guardians. They are responsible for raising awareness of child rights and identifying, solving and referring issues of child abuse. They are also trained in paralegal issues to help them work closely with administration.

*“Thank you ACE Africa for being concerned with children’s welfare. We will work with the committee to identify, guide and protect the voiceless children in our communities.”*

Joyce CTC teacher Mateves Primary School, Arusha

Javan’s story - Javan Ademba Maloba comes from Siaya’s neighbouring Bujumba in Busia District. After his father died in 2008, Javan left his mother and three siblings to live with an uncle in Port Victoria. Following a punishment from his uncle, Javan ran away and was later found to be living with an old man in Siaya District. After the case was reported by one of the Child Rights Committee, an ACE child rights officer and a Child Rights Committee member visited the home of the old man to interview Javan in March 2010. It was discovered that the old man had found Javan wandering around in the small hours of the night and had looked after him ever since. The young boy was able to tell the officers where he came from and the ACE Africa officer



cycled to Busia District to trace the boy’s family. The following day Javan’s overjoyed mother was reunited with her son after two years. “All my efforts to reach my child had been futile. For two years I have not seen or heard any news of his whereabouts and it has been killing me slowly. I missed my boy so much. I have had sleepless nights and now my prayers have been answered. Thank you.”

*“I am happy with the guidance ACE has given to me. Some guardians mistreat children because of ignorance. I didn’t know that children have rights. You have enlightened me and the children are now very free with me and not withdrawn like before. I am ready to join the race to advocate for the rights of children.”*

Elija Onyango, a guardian, Bungoma

### Achievements to date 2010

- 14 active child rights committees
- 484 cases handled by the committees
- 305 cases referred to other service providers
- 1,275 community members involved in child rights protection
- 938 trained in child rights issues
- 40 trained in paralegal issues
- 6,527 other community members informed about child rights

### Changing Lives

- Greater involvement of wider district sectors in the protection of abused children
- Increased community knowledge of and willingness to protect the rights of children
- Improved community systems to identify and protect children



## Thematic Area Two

### Child Rights and Welfare (CRW)

With 13,246 children in 179 Primary School Health Clubs - ACE Africa is the largest implementer of the Child to Child Programme in East Africa.

#### Child to Child HIV and AIDS and Health Education

The CtC programme is a participatory rights-based approach, encouraging children to become active agents of change in making health choices and supporting the vulnerable in their community. Children learn how to protect themselves from HIV infection, identify vulnerable children whose rights are being abused, prevent water-borne diseases, create a clean environment and promote good nutrition in the community. ACE Africa trains head teachers and teachers in the CtC methodology and has developed the training with a specific focus on HIV and AIDS. Children establish, govern and manage school CtC clubs and these have been developed to include kitchen gardens and school feeding programmes.

#### Osoro Primary School, Siaya

Two teachers from Osoro Primary School were trained in the Child to Child (CtC) methodology in 2008. The children then formed the 'bidii' club. 'Bidii' means hard work in Kiswahili. Through the club the children now freely talk about HIV and AIDS without fear or discrimination and are also able to pass on correct information on the subject to their parents. Through the club the children have also initiated primary health promotion raising awareness of the importance of hand washing after using the toilet and before eating. This initiative has been replicated at the household level. The club has also established a well-managed kitchen garden, proceeds of which have been used to enrol the neediest orphans into a school feeding programme. Seeds from the seed bank are given to the children to prepare gardens at home.

*"I have a little garden at home now where my grandmother has allowed me to grow my favourite vegetables. Last month I harvested some sweet potatoes which we used for breakfast during the dry period."*

**Fredrick Onyango, 12 years, Osoro Primary School, Siaya**

#### Achievements to date 2010

- 179 CtC school health education clubs with 13,246 children actively involved in the clubs' activities
- 15 CtC mentors and 127 trained teachers

#### Impact – Changing Lives

- 99% CtC schools with improved cleanliness habits and increased pupil knowledge on HIV and AIDS
- Improved retention in schools, particularly for girls
- Decline in teenage pregnancies
- Increased participation of children in identifying OVC and providing support

*"I am very grateful for this CtC programme, I feel as though I have my parents. The club has acted as a source of comfort and inspiration. I have learnt a lot from my peers, we are there for one another, we are a family. Thank you ACE Africa and may you continue supporting us in any way possible."*

**Cynthia Anyango, OVC and CtC club member from Kalenjuok Primary School, Siaya**



## Thematic Area Three

### Counselling and Education Services (CES)

#### Counselling and Testing

This programme aims to increase access to testing and counselling services, reduce the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS and improve the psychosocial wellbeing of PLWA and OVC and ultimately their health. Activities include provision of individual outreach counselling, couple and group counselling at homes and at ACE Africa resource centres and 'in school guidance and counselling' in schools. ACE Africa has trained Child Welfare and Household mentors, youth and teachers in basic counselling skills to support the work of the ACE Africa HIV and AIDS professional counsellors. Outreach HIV testing and 'Moonlight Testing' are provided regularly, enabling community members to know their HIV status.

*"This disease is not to be hidden or kept a secret anymore. Being positive is no longer a death sentence and I am glad I now know my status. I can now take care of myself and my family without fear."*

**Jane Akinyi, PLWA and Guardian to OVC, Bungoma**

*"I didn't see the importance of visiting my mum as I had lost hope in her following her deteriorating health condition. When she informed me of your frequent visits and concern about her health, I regretted why I had rejected her at the time she needed me most. I am now more than willing to work with you to improve her health."*

**Celine Aketch, daughter to a PLWA from North Ugenya A.**



*"Even though I am an orphan, I want to work hard and be a role model of success in my school. I believe I can do as well as others who have both parents and I am not going to be discouraged despite the challenges I always face. The counselling sessions I have in school have changed my life and I promise to continue to work hard."*

**Dorcas Nyongesa, OVC, Mbanga Primary, Bungoma**

#### Achievements 2010

- 2275 people counselled in resource centres and homes
- 6,923 tested for HIV and counselled (2,945 at moonlight VCT and 3,978 at day services)
- 7,621 supported with drugs and 5,579 receiving nutritional supplements regularly
- 396 openly shared their HIV+ status in the community
- 4695 Children attending in-school guiding and counselling
- 60 youths trained in peer counselling while 238 youths attended peer counselling sessions
- 775 were referred to other service providers
- 315 group counselling sessions held
- 3,326 community members participated in HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination forums
- 32,764 community members visited ACE rural community centres

#### Improving Psychosocial Wellbeing and Reducing Stigma

- Improved psychosocial wellbeing and a reduction in stigma evidenced through increased number of people sharing their status in the community, greater participation of PLWA in advocating for their rights and greater involvement of community groups and partners.
- Improved basic health of PLWA and OVC evidenced through increased weight and activity and reduced opportunistic infections
- Improved life skills through in-school guidance and counselling and peer counselling sessions



## Other Services in the Community



### Moonlight VCT

ACE Africa began Moonlight VCT stations in April 2009 with the aim of reaching out to hard-to-reach communities and special populations, such as sex workers, injectable drug users, men who have sex with men and long distance truck drivers (LDTD). 2,945 people have been tested for HIV at Moonlight VCT stations this year.

#### Erick's story – a long distance truck driver

Erick Omondi, is a LDTD aged 34 and came for Moonlight testing at the Kimaeti shopping centre. Erick came along with his supervisor and together they attended the forums after which they were encouraged to ask questions and to undergo HIV testing to complete the exercise. Erick has been a LDTD since 2001 and regularly commutes from Mombasa for a journey of 13 days through to Kigali in Rwanda and on to Burundi. Even though Erick is based near Kisumu, where he rents a house with his wife and two daughters, he also rents 5 other houses scattered along his truck route. Erick confirms that since he started working as a truck driver 9 years ago he has had a different woman living with him at each house. Erick had never been tested for HIV and believed that HIV/AIDS was the result of a curse and was shocked to discover that he had placed himself at risk by sleeping with so many women without using protection. When Erick's results were confirmed he was referred by ACE for STI management and later thanked ACE for their support. "I admit that these are indeed my true results. It has been an experience like no other. However, I appeal to ACE to extend your services beyond Bungoma District because there are so many people who are infected and yet they have not been able to access VCT due to the nature of their job that does not allow them time to test during the day. Thank you ACE Africa for giving me the opportunity to know my status and move on with my life safely."

### Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision (VMMC)

ACE Africa, and its partners, have established a scheme to accelerate the prevention of HIV transmission in the community through the provision of safe, affordable and accessible male circumcision services. The aim of the scheme is to facilitate implementation of safe male circumcision and also to provide quality assurance standards to achieve HIV infection control, essential surgical care, HIV and testing, as well as the management of sexually transmitted infections and the related costs incurred during the cultural tradition. 803 young men have been safely circumcised under medical supervision this year.

Silas Wangila, 13 years, is a partial orphan whose father passed away 3 years ago. Silas lives with his mother Rose Nanjala, who is jobless and malnourished, due in part to an ongoing battle with tuberculosis. The family of four relies on support from neighbours to keep them going. They survive on one meal a day and the younger children are often sick. When the time came for his traditional circumcision it was proposed by the community elders that the family slaughter their only bull and provide their unharnessed maize for the celebration. Silas's mother turned to ACE Africa for help through ACE's scheme of subsidized and safe circumcisions, but even then she could not afford the small sum required for the operation. The Area Advisory committee members convened a meeting and decided to contribute towards facilitating the boy's circumcision. Silas underwent successful medical surgery and was visited afterwards by the officer from ACE Africa who administered post-circumcision counselling.

*"Thank God for ACE Africa for medical circumcision, they have cut down costs and the exercise is HIV free."*

**Benard Wangila, Silas's Uncle**

## Thematic Area Three Counselling and Education Services (CES)



### Bursaries

The ACE Africa Bursary Programme was established to give orphans and vulnerable children the chance to continue with their education after primary school. ACE identifies those students who are most vulnerable and who would otherwise not have this chance. Sponsors commit to a four year period to fund each child through secondary education.

*"The time and resources being invested in young boys and girls by ACE Africa is just extraordinary and the impact is equally marvelous. We appreciate and thank their support for these children and giving them a future. We also appreciate this donation of books to our school; they will be used by all students in school now and those to come in the future."*

**Principal, Cardinal Otunga Girl's, Bungoma**

*"Good numbers of children from poor families can be noticed in schools now. ACE has made a great change to this society by enabling these bright children to be in school."*

**MOE, Siaya**

### Alumni

With the support of sponsors of bursaries, ACE has established an Alumni Fund to meet the costs of career, computer training, community work and teaching experience, and of school leavers seeking places for vocational training, tertiary education and/or employment.

Kennedy Wanyoni is now 20 years old. He was orphaned at the age of 6 when both his parents died within a month of each other due to HIV/AIDS related illnesses. Kennedy and his brother were brought up by their aunt, despite the fact she could barely cater for the needs of her own children. Regardless of his situation at home, Kennedy worked hard throughout primary school and achieved high marks enabling him to secure a place at a provincial secondary school. Throughout his primary school years Kennedy had been a member of the CnC club at his school and through this he was identified and recommended for bursary support. Kennedy qualified for Bungoma High School and ACE Africa identified a sponsor for him for his school fees and personal needs for the four years of high school. He passed his final exams very well and is now studying for a Bachelor of Science in Statistics and Programming at Kenyatta University and is in the second semester of his first year. In September 2009, Kennedy joined ACE Africa's friends from the UK in climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds for alumni.

*"I am so happy to get the chance to join university. I never imagined I could learn in a provincial secondary school and then go to University. I was a hopeless boy without any future. You paid my school fees and provided me with everything I needed. I feel happy every single minute I attend my lessons because I never imagined I could reach this far. Here I am in the university with hopes of obtaining a very well paid job and a very bright future ahead of me. I am very grateful to you and soon you will start seeing the fruits of the care, love and everything you provide me with."*

**Kennedy's email to his sponsor Dec 2010**

#### Achievements 2010

- The programme has successfully seen 85 (54m, 31f) students through secondary school education.
- 6 (5m, 1f) are currently in university.
- 9 (7m, 2f) have secured university places for 2011.
- 4 (1m, 3f) have joined middle level colleges.
- 44 (27m, 17 f) sat their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination in November 2010 and are awaiting their results.
- 112 (66m, 46f) are currently in school from Form 1 to Form 4.



*“Anything provided by ACE Africa is followed up to ensure it has reached the required person/beneficiary”*

Bidii, partner NGO Siaya



## Providing Direct Aid

The Direct Aid component evolved due to the number of households in critical poverty without basic needs e.g. blankets, clothes, nutritious food and proper shelter. ACE Africa provides these basic needs in order that households can access long term support services in the future.

Items/support	Bungoma	Siaya	Arusha	Total
Uniforms	11	280	80	371
Mosquito nets	0	0	50	50
Medication	3934	3003	2,584	9521
Nutritional supplements (each receiving 2kg packet regularly)	2284	2975	320	5579
Shelter	4	20	0	24
Sanitary towels and pants	1040	1000	0	2040
School Bursaries	97	27	0	124
HH items – blankets, bar soap, basins, clothes, cooking oil	54	111	20	185
Seeds	60 schools,	39 schools	0	99 schools

Alice Nanjala, 22 years, was discovered by the ACE Africa Community Activator in Bulondo, Bungoma. Alice's mother passed away from HIV/AIDS while she was still at primary school and her secondary school education was cut short when she could no longer afford the fees. Alice was found by the ACE counsellor begging for food outside a hotel, by now she was a single mother, malnourished and suffering from typhoid. ACE Africa intervened to provide Alice with nutritious supplements and soya flour to help boost her immune system and supplied her with the necessary drugs. She was then trained in agriculture and nutrition and supplied with seeds to enable her to develop a kitchen garden in her small plot. Alice is now able to grow her own crops and is being trained on how to make her own flour. **“Without ACE Africa my life would be doomed. Thank you ACE Africa.”**

Lucas Wafula, 25 years, was discovered by ACE Africa through the nurse in charge of Sang'alo Institute during a VCT outreach programme. After his father passed away in 2002 from HIV/AIDS, Lucas became vulnerable due to

the enormous strain his father's illness had placed on the family's small resources. Despite this, Lucas completed his certificate course at Sang'alo Institute and is now waiting for results. He is living with HIV/AIDS and is married with a child. As well as caring for his wife and child, Lucas also has to care for his mother, who is living with HIV/AIDS, and his young brothers and sisters, all of whom are malnourished and weak. ACE intervened in 2010 by providing the family with nutritional supplements and food and recruited Lucas into a support group. Through the group Lucas has been able to develop a kitchen garden, from which he is able to feed his family, and gain empowerment from newly found technical skills imparted to him by group members. **“Without ACE's donated medication and nutritional supplements, I would not be alive today.”**

*“We acknowledge and appreciate the excellent work of ACE Africa in Arusha.”*

Isidore Shirima, Regional Commissioner, Arusha Region during World AIDS day December 2010

## ACE Africa Cycle Kenya Challenge Event 2010



This year's inaugural Cycle Challenge Event had four participants, Henry Alty and Charlie Morris and John Dwyer and his son, Jacob. The Dwyer family sponsors the Rosie Dwyer Art Project, in memory of their late daughter Rosie. The project is at South End Academy in Bungoma, a school which works closely with ACE Africa and where 90% of the children are orphaned due to HIV and AIDS

The Cycle Kenya Challenge took place over 6 gruelling days, cycling over 450 kms from Nairobi to Bungoma and finishing at the South End Academy. Here the participants met the students and the teachers working on the Rosie Dwyer Art Project. All the marvellous art work was displayed in the Rosie Dwyer art room and it was an emotional moment for the Dwyer family when they saw the work, originally done by Rosie, now being part of the assignments that the students were undertaking.

Other beneficiaries and ACE staff were present at the school to welcome the cycling party. They included community volunteers, PLWA, a secondary school bursary student Careen Wajala (who is supported by the fund) and her family, and other ACE Africa partners and service providers. The pupils provided an entertaining show and Jacob Dwyer planted a tree at the school on behalf of the group to commemorate the day. Later in the evening the team headed to the ACE Africa Bungoma offices where they were welcomed warmly and presented with gifts in appreciation of their amazing fundraising efforts and support for ACE Africa. The event was a great success and we are all looking forward to the next challenge!



*“The ACE Africa programme holistically focuses on the well being of the child, unlike other organisations that look into one aspect of a child's life. Let us continue to join hands together to transform this community.”*

Victor Onjoro, Child Protection Network Chair Western Kenya



*“The ACE Africa holistic bottom-up approach strengthens the community. They are different from other organisations, they nurture Community Groups and NGO’s and with an open spirit, transparency and a welcoming attitude, they collaborate and share information, encouraging others to grow. We see ACE Africa as a big brother and we now want to copy their programme structure.”*

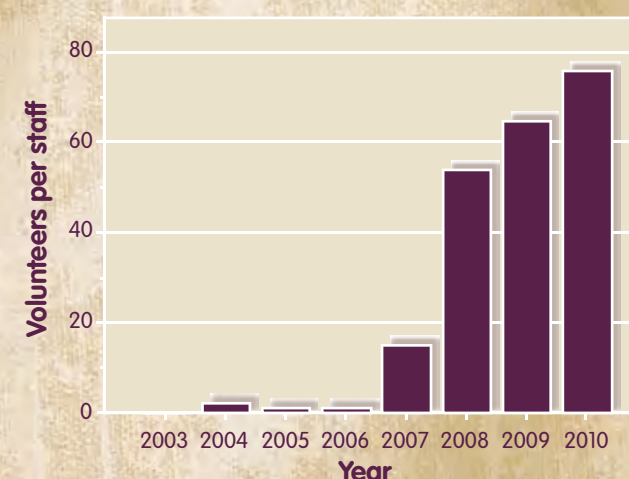
Forward Kenya, partner NGO Bungoma

## Community Adoption

The ACE Africa core strategy is a holistic and child centred approach towards community care and support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, building on existing capacity, infrastructure and skills within communities to enable them to protect the basic rights of OVC including; access to food, education, health, psychosocial support and economic security. The approach is designed around a ten year programme with the focus on strengthening targeted community networks to access services and deliver services. Ultimately ACE Africa will reduce its role in direct implementation and the support of OVC will be entirely provided by the community.

Community adoption is key to the success and sustainability of the programme. The ACE Africa approach encourages community ownership and participation from the start of implementation and evidence suggests that all ACE Africa sites, at their different stages, are in line or in advance of the strategic target. Community capacity to provide direct support to OVC is increasing as the number of volunteers engaged in service provision grows and dependency on ACE Africa reduces.

### Community Volunteers involved in the project



*“ACE Africa has shown a good example of working with and engaging the community. Their approach needs to be emulated by other organisations.”*

Programme Officer, SIC, Arusha

## ACE Africa Growth and Developing the Approach



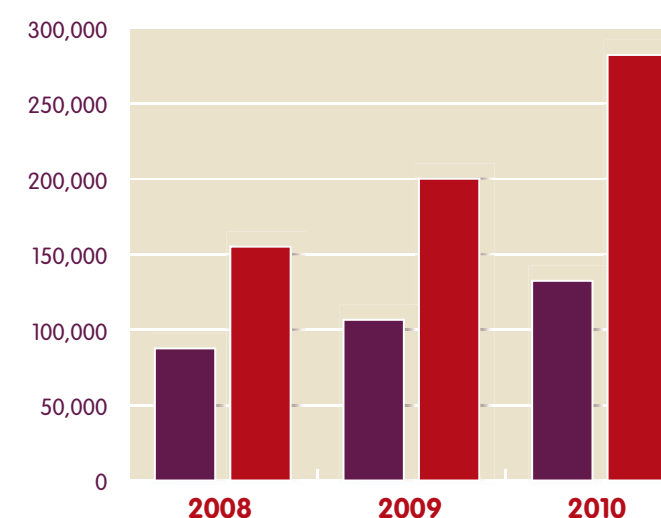
ACE Africa will expand operations over the next five years, not through increasing in size, but through sharing the approach with other CBOs and NGOs locally, nationally and internationally, thereby increasing reach but remaining administratively small. The exponential increase in the numbers of volunteers engaging in the programme and

providing direct services to the community is evidence of their commitment to sustain activities. ACE Africa will continue to advocate for effective community service provision and organizational sharing and learning at the national and international level.

### ACE Africa Growth (2003 – 2010)

ACE Africa	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Areas of operation	3	6	7	7	11	13	13	14
No. of staff	4	7	11	13	30	38	43	43
No. of community volunteers	0	13	14	14	450	2,000	2,500	3,295
Approx. spend in Africa £	16,000	112,000	124,000	194,000	337,000	489,000	500,000	525,213
Direct beneficiary cumulative	300	5,000	35,000	50,000	100,000	187,550	293,850	426,397

### Direct and indirect Beneficiaries



ACE Africa direct beneficiary reach continues to grow but will steadily decline and ACE Africa indirect beneficiaries will increase as more partners in the community take on service provision.

*“ACE Africa’s involvement with key partners is a strong strategy which ensures the sustainability of projects initiated by the community”*

I.B. Kiyenze Regional Manager, SIDO, Arusha

*“ACE Africa is truly a serious organisation that is here to transform the lives of children in the community”.*

Calisto Odera N’gan’ga CTC teacher

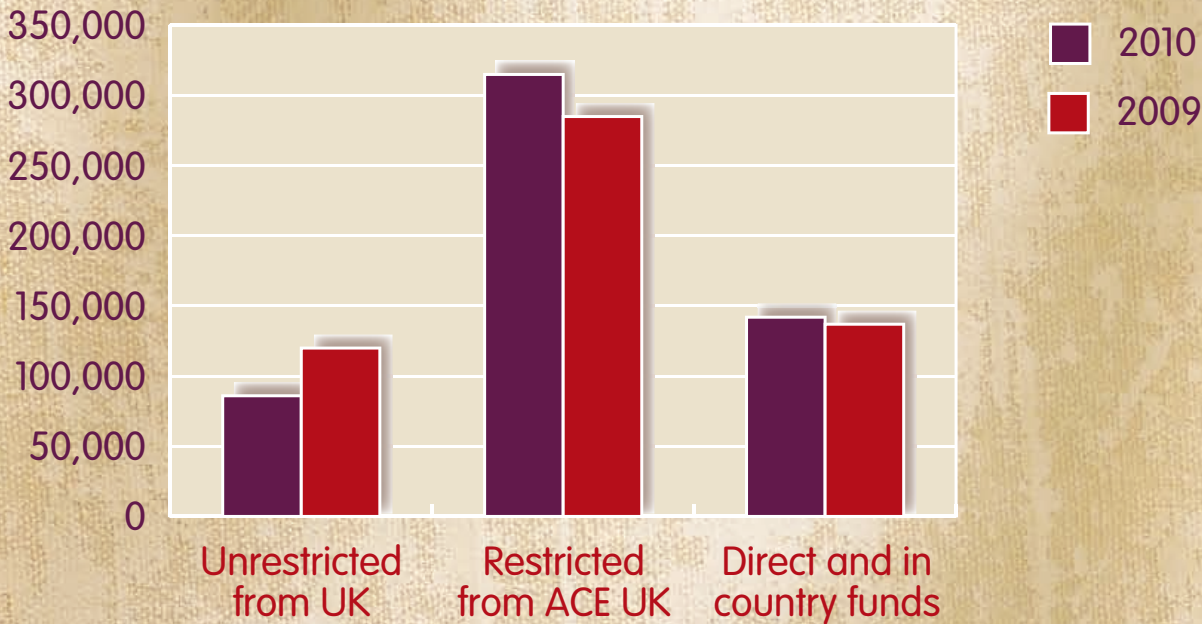


# ACE Africa Financial Summary 2010 – Kenya & Tanzania

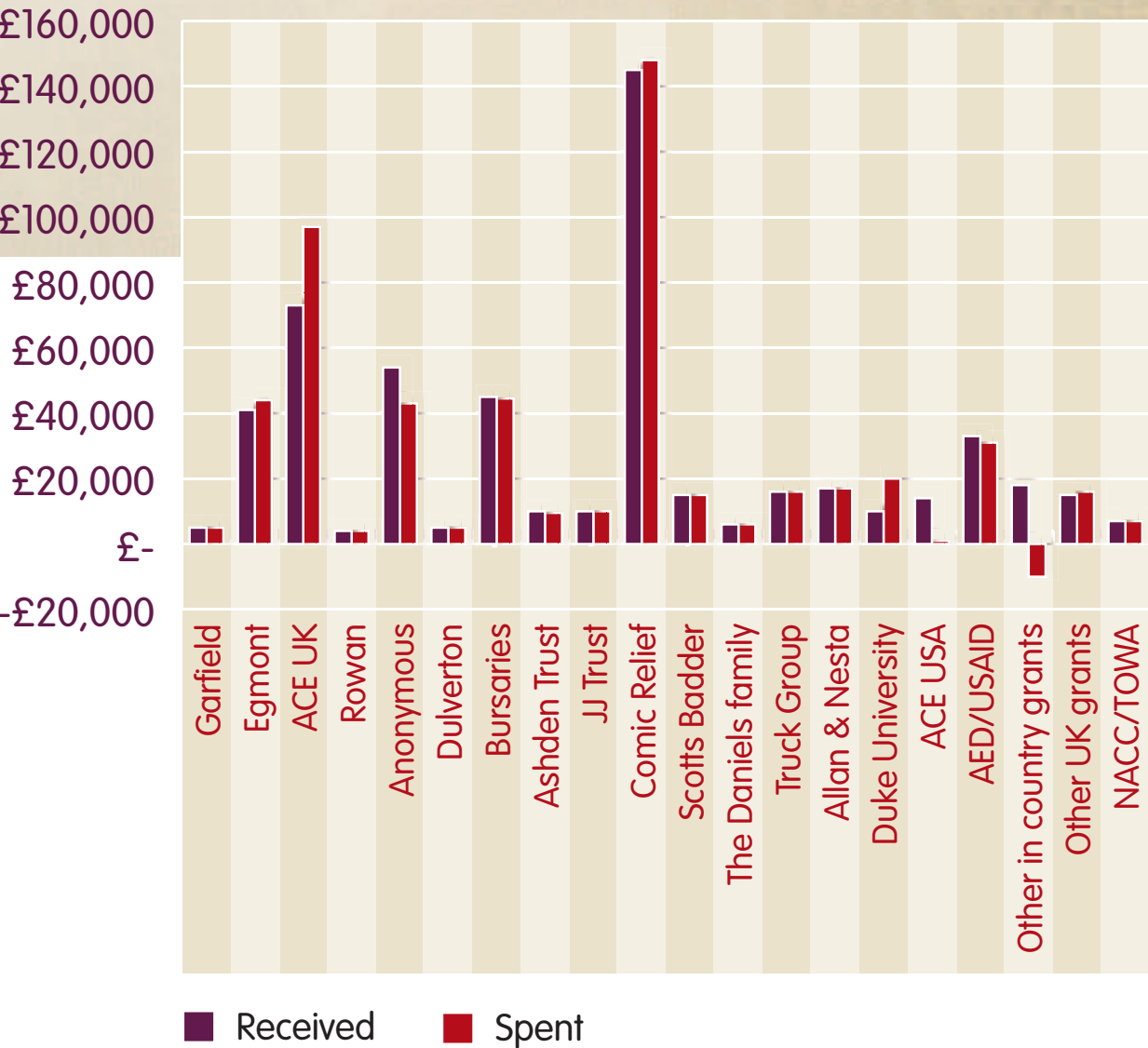
## Income 2010

ACE Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) saw a marginal increase in income which rose to £542,596 from £ 539388 in 2009. Comic Relief continued to be our largest donor, giving £145,974 as the grant comes to an end. ACE Truck group gave a one-off grant of £16,000 which was used to buy a double cabin pick up for use in Kenya. This has been bought and the car is already in use. We also received a new grant from Allan and Nesta Ferguson for £19,796 for Kenya. ACE Africa (USA) also raised \$24,000 that was sent to Kenya to boost the unrestricted kitty.

Comparison of income sources in 2010 and 2009.



Income and expenditure per donor



## Expenditure 2010

Total expenditure also grew in tandem with income from £500,389 in 2009 to £525,213 in 2010. This represents a growth of almost 5% mainly attributable to growth in Siaya and Tanzania. Our sustained push to lower administration costs continued to bear fruit as we witnessed a further drop of 2% in administration costs.



# ACE Africa (UK) Financial Summary 2010

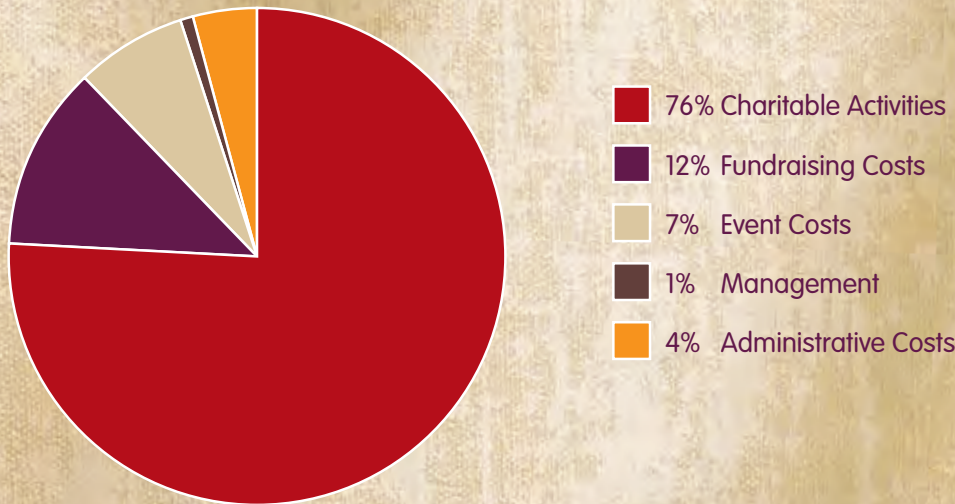
Total income in 2010 fell to £560,394 as compared to £604,949 in 2009. This reflects the tough economic environment experienced in 2010. Donated income was £429,565 (this comprised restricted income of £317,200 and unrestricted income of £112,365) while event income was £130,549. Overall net event income rose by 15% as compared to the 2009 figures.

Overall UK costs also rose by 15% in 2010. Management of operations in Africa fell even further in 2010 by over 57%. This is due to our continued push to centre executive management in Africa. Fundraising and administrative costs in the UK rose to £93,731 from £75,000 in 2009 mainly on the back of increased fundraising costs.

Net income before making grants stood at £422,666, a drop from 2009 when it was £476,000. Grants to Africa however increased to £450,606, comprising of an increase of 33% on restricted grants and a drop of 24% on unrestricted grants. Taking into account the income brought forward from 2009, ACE Africa UK saw a rise in retained income comprising of £66,716 in unrestricted income and £129,699 in restricted income.

The higher balances reflect the timing of grant receipts and the increase in programme funding from restricted income. It also reflects the wishes of the trustees to set aside sufficient reserves to fund six months' costs at any given time. This has not been achieved yet although the unrestricted funds on hand at the end of the year reflects 4 months' requirement of UK and Africa combined. The trustees are satisfied with the performance for 2010 given the tough economic climate experienced in the year. It is expected that 2011 fundraising efforts will yield generally similar amounts to 2010 given that economic conditions are still subdued.

Analysis of expenditure in the year





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