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ACE Africa Mission: ACE Africa aims to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on rural communities in Kenya and Tanzania through the promotion of health education, food & economic security, nutritional assistance, capacity building & support among the infected and affected

Abbreviations: ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) ARV (Anti Retroviral Treatment) CtC (Child to Child) CBO (Community Based Organisation) IGA (Income Generating Activity) MoH (Ministry of Health) MoE (Ministry of Education) MoA (Ministry of Agriculture) M&E (Monitoring & Evaluation) NGO (Non Governmental Organisation) OVC (Orphans and Vulnerable Children) PLWA (People Living with HIV/AIDS) VCT (Voluntary Counseling & Testing)

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ACE Africa Profile 2008

ACE was established in Kenya in September 2003 in response to the overwhelming impact of HIV/AIDS on rural communities, the increasing number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children and the lack of community resources to support them.

ACE works at the grassroots in remote rural areas of Kenya and Tanzania where poverty and HIV/AIDS are rife; providing short term emergency support such as food, shelter, basic medication, counselling and testing as well as long term interventions such as training in nutrition, HIV/AIDS education, income generation and the protection of children's rights.

ACE believes: that HIV/AIDS is not just about daunting numbers but about individuals; that it impacts on ALL aspects of a child's life over a long period of time; and that communities themselves can provide the necessary support now and in the future so that children can reach their full potential.

IN 2008

ACE Africa was 5 years old

ACE Africa completed Year Two Phase Two in Bungoma District, Western Kenya

ACE Africa completed Year Two Phase One in Siaya District, Nyanza Province, Kenya

ACE Africa started Year One Phase One in Arusha District, Tanzania

ACE Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) employed 37 staff and worked with over 3,000 community volunteers

ACE Africa (UK) engaged its first full-time Director

ACE Africa reached over 87,550 direct beneficiaries and 155,000 indirect beneficiaries



ACE Africa Beneficiaries

**Orphans and Vulnerable Children
People Living with HIV/AIDS
Guardians
Young People
Community Support Groups**

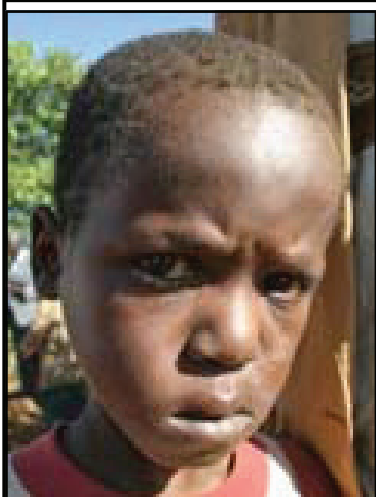
In the Years 2003 - 2008

ACE Africa reached 187,550 direct beneficiaries and 355,000 indirect beneficiaries



ACE Africa People 2008

As part of our five year celebration, we look back at the lives of people who are today testimony to the success of ACE Africa.



Peter Wanjala was 8 years old when ACE Africa counselor Grace found him in June 2005. He was living in a one roomed leaky mud hut, deep in the rural areas of Kabuchai area in Bungoma. Peter's mother died of HIV/AIDS causes when he was just two years old and when found, he was living with his bedridden father and was the sole carer for him, having no brothers and sisters and been abandoned by his relatives. Peter had not been visited by anyone for six weeks and had been trying to provide his father with food, clean him and look after himself. The result was that Peter was malnourished, sick, filthy, scared and mute. His jiggers in his feet (flesh eating worms) were so bad that he could not walk and with constant malaria, he was close to death.

Peter's case was referred to the ACE Africa Child Rights Committee, his jiggers removed, he was provided with shoes and a uniform and nutritional supplements; he attended the local school and received regular counseling from Grace. In November 2007, supported by an ACE Africa independent donor, Peter was admitted to St Theresa's Special School in Webuye having been assessed as needing specialized care; continually experiencing fits and unable to communicate due to the trauma he had experienced. Now at 10 years old, Peter has adapted well to his new surroundings in boarding school. He has a guardian, Alice, who cares for him in the holidays and he receives regular counseling and physiotherapy alongside his schooling. He is able to speak his local language and Kiswahili and can count, read picture books and concentrate for prolonged periods of time. He enjoys music and is playful; he has made many friends and is very responsible to himself and others.

Peter's teachers predict that he will stay at St Theresa's for the remainder of his schooling, working through the primary curriculum and a vocational course. His guardian, a teacher at the school and who has six children of her own and cares for two other orphans, anticipates that Peter will grow up to be a well rounded and happy adult, able to support himself and reach his full potential.

"Thank you ACE Africa, I am very happy."



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Josephine Nahumicha is a 40 year old HIV+ widow with five daughters. Josephine was identified by ACE Africa in September 2003. She weighed 47Kg, was completely bedridden, being cared for by her 13 year old daughter Christine who was not in school. Josephine was severely depressed, with no means of caring for herself and her family and she was close to death.



After counseling with ACE Africa, Josephine agreed to be tested and was found to be HIV+. ACE Africa provided Josephine with regular counseling, nutritional supplements, medication and food from the demonstration kitchen garden. Christine successfully qualified for an ACE Africa secondary school bursary, Wilfreda her second daughter was sent through ACE Africa support to Imani Primary School and Immaculate her youngest at 3 years old, tested HIV+ and was put on ART.

As Josephine's strength grew, she was able to attend the ACE Africa Agriculture and Nutrition training course in 2004 and establish her own kitchen garden which she uses to feed her family and has created a small business selling surplus produce. In 2005, she attended the ACE Africa Child Rights training and a basic counseling course. Josephine openly declared her status, joined local support groups and started to conduct outreach HIV and Child Rights awareness in the community. She now provides regular support to PLWA and helps to identify vulnerable children and protect their rights through referrals to the ACE Africa Child Rights Committees.



Josephine continues to be a role model in the community, regularly meeting with her community support groups at the ACE Africa Resource centre; she volunteers 10 days a month at the Bungoma Comprehensive Care Clinic (CCC) where she provides counseling to PLWA. She plans to start a dairy goat business to support her farming and help her care for her five children and her two nephews who are also orphans. Her daughter Christine has graduated from school and plans to go to college.

"God Bless ACE Africa's work- without you I would certainly be dead and my children would have had no future. I now have a role to play in my community and my children have education and hope."

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Kevin Simwa came to know ACE Africa when he was 15 years old. Kevin never met his mother who died after his birth, so lived with his disabled father, his step mother and 7 siblings in a one roomed rented house in the slum area of Bungoma. In March 2004, having dropped out of primary school, Kevin joined the ACE Africa youth group. Staff noticed how young Kevin was and made visits to his home to better understand his situation. Kevin opted to join the youth club to keep himself busy with car washing and other activities, away from home and out of the violent crime and drug culture into which he felt destined to fall. ACE Africa staff volunteered to sponsor Kevin through secondary school on the ACE Africa bursary scheme. Kevin attended Nyangori Secondary boarding school in Kisumu and left with a grade C at the end of 2007. He qualified as a national school basket ball player and provincial school hockey player and was also awarded the best Scout patrol leader prize in Bungoma District.

Kevin started to volunteer in the ACE Africa office in August 2008. Since then he has assisted in the Child Welfare department for three months; collecting data from the Child to Child schools, assisting in teacher trainings and recording and distributing aid in the field. He has also worked in the Research and Monitoring and Evaluation department for three months, where he has learnt computer skills and matrix data entry. He has collated household survey data and distributed beneficiary registration cards. In addition, Kevin has been instrumental in establishing the ACE Africa school bursary alumni and hopes to encourage ACE Africa school leavers to maintain unity throughout their lives.

Kevin is currently establishing a youth group in Bungoma. He intends to invite the Mayor to their inaugural activity of cleaning up the town hospital. He has many ideas in which to motivate other young people to improve their situation. He hopes to establish a room where young people can meet, learn computer skills, read, watch football and relax. He wants to create an alternative from crime, drugs and poverty so that others have an opportunity in life, as he now has. Kevin is hoping to go to college to study Community Health and Social work.

'I don't know where I would be without ACE Africa, you have provided me with an education and a future. Through my experience working in the office, I have developed from thinking like a school boy, to thinking like an adult. I am learning from staff and the community. ACE Africa has inspired me to follow a career in social work and give back to my community.'



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Eugene Manyasi met ACE Africa in September 2003. Eugene was 5 years old, a partial orphan with two brothers, Derek and Joseph. Eugene's father died of HIV/AIDS related causes in 2002 and Mercy his mother was left to fend for the family. The children were malnourished and unable to attend school due to lack of uniforms and having to care for their mother who was permanently sick. Such were the high levels of stigma associated with HIV infection and the fear of rejection by her family and friends, Mercy refused to be associated with ACE Africa. However, Eugene's daily, silent presence at the newly established ACE Africa resource centre, desperately seeking help, resulted in the ACE Africa counselor finally being invited to visit Mercy for the first time a year later.

In 2004 Mercy was inherited by her late husband's brother as is often the cultural tradition and in 2005 she gave birth to twin girls, Lena and Purity and the second husband left. Mercy and her babies' health were extremely poor and a year later Purity died. After two years of ACE Africa counseling, Mercy finally agreed to test the family for HIV. She and Lena were found to be HIV+, Derek and Joseph negative and Eugene's test results are still unknown.

Mercy and Lena were put on ART and received ACE Africa donated medication. Once Mercy's health improved she was trained in Agriculture and Nutrition and received seeds to help establish a small kitchen garden which the boys help tend. She has been trained in Child rights and is a member of the Community Child Rights Committee in her area, she knows how to protect her children and advise others. Mercy has joined a support group for PLWA, who have been trained in nutritious flour production and her family benefit from profits made each month.

The family continue to receive counselling and nutritional supplements, the children have school uniforms, blankets, mosquito nets and clothes and are all attending school. Eugene attends a small church school which is more suited to his emotional needs and is now a happy, outgoing and bright 10 year old boy who has every chance of reaching his full potential.

'ACE Africa has given me the strength to go on. At first I was scared about my HIV status, but through your support we have all been given a chance in life. Thank you.'



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Huruma Marakuru support group is in Kabuchai, Bungoma area and was established in February 2003. Made up of 20 widows, it was one of few groups formed to help PLWAs fight the stigma associated HIV/AIDS. Initial activities included small scale farming, a community lending scheme to provide small loans to members and the writing of wills and memory books for their children. Profits from the group's activities were barely enough to allow them to care for their children.

In March 2006, ACE Africa trained the group in Agriculture and Nutrition and each member established their own small individual kitchen garden. Through the sale of surplus vegetables, they were also able to rent a small piece of land to establish a group garden. Some of the members were also trained as Agriculture and Nutrition mentors and provided technical support to others on farming issues. Through increasing their farming outputs, the group were able to increase the numbers of orphans that they cared for by providing support to orphans outside of their households. Due to their excellent commitment, ACE Africa trained the group in the production and marketing of nutritious flour and the group was provided with a posho mill in March 2007.

The success of the business has led to the group being able to buy their own 1/4 acre piece of land on which they have their own building for the posho mill business. They have established an office and their own group garden. To date, 10 members have secured loans through referrals to K-Rep and the group received a grant of £165 from the local councillor to start a goat rearing business. Having received training on proposal writing, they have submitted proposals to Amref Maanisha and the Community Development Fund. The group hope to establish a resource centre and replicate ACE Africa orphan support activities. Today, they are able to regularly support their own children (60) and 20 OVCs, 9 PLWAs and 5 widows outside of their households, with food, clothes, medication, uniforms and school fees.

"We now have confidence and security since we have acquired our own piece of land where all group projects will take place. We thank ACE Africa for giving us the skills and rightful guidance to become independent and able to support our children ourselves. ACE Africa training helped us aim high and believe in our abilities."



The groups venue for their flour business (left).

Members of the group standing on the 1/4 acre piece of land they have been able to acquire (right).



ACE Africa (Kenya and Tanzania)

Message from Executive Director Lesley Carver

The main thrust of 2008 has been to ensure that as ACE Africa grows it preserves its' key strength, a model holistic approach that delivers a high quality and beneficial OVC support programme in partnership with Government, other agencies and organizations, and which is maintained by strong community networks. In pursuit of this, the year has seen much progress in an in-depth institutional strengthening process and the review of the strategic plan. Overall service delivery was improved by the addition of more vehicles and computers, the introduction of quarterly review meetings and improved reporting systems. Increased community commitment and involvement in Bungoma has resulted in a 58% increase in the provision of services to PLWA and OVC compared to 2007.



With a total of 86,250 direct beneficiaries across the project sites, there is a continued growth in demand for services. This is also demonstrated in Siaya, where in the first year of implementation two project areas have already been divided and new resource centres and area advisory committees set up. To ensure that the model approach is maintained the experienced staff are already transferring their skills in programme delivery and management to colleagues in Siaya and ACE Africa Tanzania, which became operational in July.

Many donors renewed their commitment including, AED/USAID, Egmont Trust, Stephen Lewis Foundation and our loyal anonymous corporate donor, highlighting their confidence in ACE Africa as an organisation that delivers. Satisfied by the results of their funding in 2007/2008, Comic Relief released further funds.

Sadly, the world financial crisis began to take its toll in October of this year and we must expect to face increased difficulty in raising in



particular the unrestricted funds that will be required to maintain and develop ACE Africa. However as a results driven organisation ACE Africa will be competitive in its applications for funds and its updated strategy commits it to reaching more orphans and vulnerable children, through cost effective replication of a tried and tested model.

Lesley Carver

"ACE Africa is the only organization that is serious about helping children realize their dreams."

Examination Officer, Ministry of Education, Bungoma District

ACE Africa (UK)

Message from ACE Africa UK Director—Juliet Cockram

2008 was undoubtedly a successful year for ACE Africa. In addition to the strides made in Kenya and Tanzania in reaching more beneficiaries, expanding services and consolidating management and operations, the UK arm of ACE was able to support these developments through the receipt of invaluable unrestricted donations – in particular, £50,000 from The Lord Deedes of Aldington Charitable Trust, US\$75,000 from the Huggy Bear Foundation in New York and £20,000 from an individual donor. These vital funds have enabled ACE to meet the management and administration needs required to support growing activities. ACE Africa (UK) also received several new grants from trusts and foundations for specific programmes: for training in income generation from the production of nutritious food, for agriculture and nutrition programmes and for an additional vehicle in Siaya. The continuation of the four year grant from Comic Relief for the core programme in Bungoma, which entered its second year, brought in £182,584 in 2008 and we continue to witness impressive results.



Late in the year a specific appeal was launched called “The Truck Group”, to fund current and future vehicle replacements in Africa. Individuals and private trusts have responded incredibly generously and, in a short space of time, have already funded a vehicle for Tanzania, purchased in January 2009, and at least one future replacement. ACE Africa (UK) also continued to raise funds through a series of successful London events, including the Cricket at the Brit Oval, a Quiz night and a fundraiser kindly hosted by Sarasin Bank.

When I joined ACE Africa in October of 2008 the world was dramatically entering an unprecedented shift in the global economic climate. There is no doubt that ACE will face a number of challenges during the year ahead. As a direct result, a difficult decision was taken to postpone the greatly anticipated ACE Spectacular in November 2008 until June 11th 2009.

Since the last quarter of 2008 ACE Africa (UK) has been working closely with Africa to plan ahead and mitigate the impact of the global downturn on operations. In the UK, we have been fortunate to benefit from minimal overheads as a result of donated office space through Value Partners. We are taking innovative approaches to diversifying income sources using limited funds, primarily through the use of volunteers to increase productivity and capitalising on online and social networking opportunities. We have become a member of UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development and, in early 2009, we changed our legal name from "Action in the Community Environment" to ACE Africa (UK), strengthening the link between the partner 'arms' in Kenya, Tanzania and the UK – efforts that we believe will enhance the identity of the organisation and bring more opportunities for raising awareness about ACE Africa's unique model.

2009 will bring opportunities, as well as difficulties. But with the success of 2008 behind us, a strengthened team in the UK and in Africa and the assistance of the donors and supporters who have helped us to make 2008 such a success, we hope we are in a good position to confront those challenges ahead.

Juliet Cockram

'If all organizations worked like ACE Africa, then we would really make a difference in the community.'

IDCCS Project Manager Siaya

ACE Africa (Kenya) Bungoma Highlights

Message from Director of Programmes Augustine Wasonga

This year ACE Africa has once again grown; in the numbers of beneficiaries reached, project sites, staff and volunteers and above all in maturity. Institutional strengthening of management, monitoring and evaluation systems and staff development has resulted in improved communication, delivery and reporting within the ACE Africa group. Most notable during this, our fifth year, has been the change in community perception for the care, support and protection of the rights of OVCs and PLWA. In Bungoma, the tangible signs of change are evident, resulting in a greater demand for ACE Africa services.

Our response has been to ensure that support for vulnerable groups is entrenched and directed by the communities themselves. Through ACE Africa training and technical support, community members have been able to access local devolved funds, increase local decision making and management of activities through Child Rights Committees and Area Advisory Committees and become instrumental in programme design and implementation alongside the dramatic reduction in the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS. No longer waiting for hand outs, they are taking collective responsibility for orphans and vulnerable children in their society. This year, a total of 43,897 orphans and vulnerable children have received ACE Africa community support in Bungoma alone. In a year clouded by election violence and the start of a global financial crisis, our ability to once again exceed targets lies in the commitment of staff, partners, volunteers and loyal supporters. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.



Augustine Wasonga

Bungoma Staff and Volunteers 2008



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ACE Africa (Kenya)

Siaya Highlights 2008

Message from Project Manager—Anthony Okoti

Having established the ground work in 2007, this year the Siaya programme has been accelerated thanks to the support of the Egmont Trust, an anonymous corporate donor, Stephen Lewis Foundation and the JJ and Ashden Charitable Trusts. Delivery of the programme been greatly enhanced by the welcome addition of four staff (now totaling seven) increased office space, a vehicle and two motorbikes. Previously using public transport and walking the long and remote distances to the project areas, staff are now able to reach double the number of beneficiaries than they did in 2007. Due to the large geographical areas, the two project sites were divided into four which has also assisted in increasing our reach.



The focus has been to strengthen the small team in Siaya to adopt the spirit and working ethos that prevails in Bungoma. This has been achieved through technical support to staff, regular site exchange visits and the adoption and adaptation of the tried and tested model to address the different needs of the community in Siaya, considering cultural, social and economic dynamics. Post election violence at the beginning of the year found our project areas at the epicenter of the chaos. Unable to reach our beneficiaries, the community were able to provide the assistance needed to those affected and today, our programming still incorporates support for hundreds of displaced people.

Community involvement has increased with a total of 9,918 community members, 5,410 of whom are OVC, benefiting from services and 201 receiving training to enable them provide support to orphans themselves through 10 committed support groups, 4 Child Rights Committees and 2 Area Advisory Committees. This greater involvement of relevant stakeholders in implementation of project activities has helped strengthen partnerships and support for project activities.

Many thanks to all our loyal supporters

Anthony Okoti

ACE Africa's approach to improving the lives of Orphans and Vulnerable Children is unique and quite unlike any other NGO."

District Education Officer Siaya



Siaya Staff & Volunteers 2008

Jacklyne Ndaga (Office Assistant) , Martin Wafula Ekaliani (Driver), Churchill Owino Onono (A&N) Susan Akinyi Omitha (V), Anthony Okoti (A&N HoD, PM), Evelyne Yongo (Counsellor), Susan Wambanda (IGA) Christopher Pire Ajowi

ACE Africa (Tanzania) Arusha Highlights 2008

Message from Project Manager— Joanna Waddington



ACE Africa Tanzania started project implementation in July 2008 following the baseline research which was conducted earlier in the year. An additional four staff were employed in August 2008 and the counselor successfully completed the new MoH HIV/AIDS counselling and VCT course in September. Initial activities included creating awareness amongst the community, government sectors and partner organisations about ACE Africa's work, establishing two resource centres, identifying community activators to mobilize and link with the community and support groups with whom to work.

The target areas Mateves and Kimnyaki are primarily home to the Maasai tribe. Traditionally nomadic, they are increasingly choosing to settle in these rural areas surrounding the rapidly expanding city of Arusha. This has highlighted the need for ACE Africa to adapt its programme in accordance with the different cultural, environmental and social environment e.g to accommodate; the effects of urban influence on rural communities, the entry approach in relation to the high levels of stigma associated with HIV/AIDS, issues of drought and poor water supplies, language barriers and the need to work mainly in Kiswahili and working within and respecting different administration structures. Having established positive partnerships ACE Africa TZ has trained 89 community members in Agriculture and Nutrition and IGA. 737 PLWA, OVC and other community members have received services such as counselling, VCT, nutritional supplements and direct aid and 1,828 community members have attended awareness activities in just six months. This is an exciting start to a new and challenging project. Many thanks to our loyal supporters who have provided the opportunity to expand the ACE Africa model to benefit OVC in pastures new.

Joe Waddington



ACE Africa (Tanzania) Arusha Staff 2008



L-R: George Mturi HIV/AIDS Counselor Salim Lubuva Agriculture & Nutrition Field Officer, Makando E. Festo IGA Field Officer, Stella Alexander Office Assistant & Accountant, Emanuel Mnyangabe Logistics Officer

ACE Africa Thematic Area One

Improving nutrition and economic security in the community

'ACE Africa has one of the most organized community based approaches towards improving food security for vulnerable groups.'

District Agricultural Officer Bungoma

• Agriculture and Nutrition in the Community

The Agriculture and Nutrition programme was designed to improve the health of PLWAs, OVCs and Guardians. Nutrition plays an important role in the management of HIV and AIDS - replenishing food reserves, improving drug efficacy, reducing progression from HIV to AIDS and prolonging life expectancy. Through ACE Africa's organic agricultural programme, PLWA, Guardians, OVC and community members are encouraged to establish individual and group kitchen gardens.

Operational research reveals that community uptake is high with over 70% of trainees maintaining kitchen gardens with a variety of vegetables - local and exotic, tubers (ie. vitamin A sweet potato) and fruit (ie. watermelon). Many have expanded their farms to include the keeping of small animals, e.g. chickens, sheep and goats to add more protein to their diet. On average trainee households are regularly eating three nutritious meals a day and have also established their own businesses selling surplus yields to meet other household needs. There is noted improvement in the health status of children through reduced cases of illnesses, increased activity levels and regular school attendance.

In 2008 ACE Africa trained 121 new community members on A&N in Siaya (60) and Arusha (61) and conducted value addition activities in Bungoma e.g. Grain Amaranth (see IGAs.) 100 new mentors were trained and provided with water saving and food preservation skills making a total of 215 A&N mentors providing technical support to 927 established gardens and advocating for others to start.

In 2008, the programme was strengthened through 120 CtC schools establishing kitchen gardens, maintained by children to feed children. In addition, group IGA activities have created a bedrock of community initiatives which not only improve community health but also economic security.



Agriculture and Nutrition Update 2008

732 Active Individual Gardens
11 Demonstration Gardens
45 Community Gardens
126 Child to Child School gardens
215 Agriculture & Nutrition Mentors

Providing regular nutritious food to

23,334 OVC and 6,474 PLWA
from individual and community gardens

1,566 OVC and 484 PLWA
from demonstration gardens

566 CtC school children and
regular school lunches to 145 pupils

ACE Africa Thematic Area One

Improving nutrition and economic security in the community

• Income Generating Activities

In 2004 Vitalis sold eggs for a living and took home a profit of £6 per month. In 2005 he received ACE Africa IGA training and a loan of £40. He rented premises and started a small bicycle repair shop. Today he has repaid his loan, supports his three children and three other orphans and takes home a profit of £21 per month. He plans to expand his business into a hardware and phone charging shop.

"My life has undergone a complete change. I am more confident and able to take care of my family as a real father through my small business. I can see other people who were in my condition and now I can help them. I have been given a second chance in life. Thank you."

Vitalis Wafula, Kabula, Bungoma
ACE Africa IGA Trainee, Widower, father of three, guardian of three



The ACE Africa entrepreneurship scheme was adapted from the UWESO model in Uganda after a partner visit in 2004. Originally involving training and provision of loans to individuals in a variety of businesses, the model was redesigned in 2006 to focus on group enterprises. This year ACE Africa worked with 80 community support groups - Bungoma (63) Siaya (10) and Arusha (7) - made up of over 2,000 community volunteers. All receive training on group dynamics and management, budgeting and proposal writing, resource mobilization, OVC service provision, record keeping and referral. Community members have established their own businesses and revolving funds, they have been able to access small loans and build assets.

As part of the nutrition programme, ACE Africa trains groups in IGA with a nutritional context and a high market demand. To date ACE Africa has trained 72 groups in: goat farming(12), grain amaranthe production (12) soya cultivation(16) nutritious flour production(11) mushroom production(13), fish rearing (7) and the production of eco friendly sanitary towels (1).

The strengthening of these community initiatives and skills has contributed to a 27% increase in regular direct community support to OVC since 2007. A total of 7,524 PLWA and OVC have received monthly support, e.g. medical bills, school fees and household goods from support group trainees in 2008 at an average cost of £1.20 per head.

ACE Africa Soya Production 2008

Bungoma and Siaya

Over 1,000 beneficiaries

Training:

2 Youth groups in soya processing and marketing
14 groups in soya cultivation

Capital input:

2 soya machines, start up seeds and tools

Monthly outputs:

846Kg raw soya (sold to youth groups)
600Kg flour, 80 litres milk, 50 kg snacks
240 PLWA and OVC receiving soya products
20 groups and 1 NGO buying flour
4 community employed as mill attendants
Average group profit of £70
160 OVC supported with additional basic needs



Soya bean cultivation

ACE Africa Thematic Area Two

Protecting the Health and Rights of Children

- **Protection of Children's Rights**

'ACE Africa's work has provided a critical lifeline for the community.'

Steven Lewis Foundation - Donor 2008



The ACE AFRICA child rights component undertakes activities to strengthen community 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.

ACE Africa activities include educating community members and children about human rights, with a specific focus on children's rights in the context of HIV and AIDS. In line with The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and National Government Guidelines, policies are adapted in consideration of culturally specific and common issues that affect community life.

Committee members regularly visit CtC schools to educate children about their rights and encourage them to be actively involved in the identification and protection of vulnerable children through referrals to committees.

Working in areas where knowledge of and adherence to policies is lacking, ACE Africa has established a total of 8 Child Rights Committees (see community structures), an additional two were established this year in Siaya where 40 members were trained. This year to strengthen legal structures and knowledge from within the rural communities, 287 committee and community members have been trained on paralegal issues, 549 youth trained and 353 community members made aware of children's rights. Through linkages with CtC schools, Child Welfare and Household mentors, Child Rights Committees have solved 116 cases of child neglect, e.g. child labour, lack of education or access to basic food and shelter. In more serious cases where legal or medical advice is needed, e.g child rape, land issues and abuse, the Committees refer to local partners such as the Children's Office, the District Hospital and the Police. This year the committees have successfully referred and solved 107 of these more serious issues.

Caren Wanjala is 13 years old, the oldest of four orphans living in Kabuchai. Caren dropped out of Namikelo Primary CtC school to sell *chang'aa* (local brew) in order to support her family, her mother being constantly sick. A teacher from her school, also a member of the Child Rights Committee, persuaded her to return to school and in agreement with her mother, offered her foster care. Caren joined the CtC club, became head girl and last year passed her national exams with 390/500 marks. Caren was awarded an ACE Africa school bursary in 2009.



ACE Africa Thematic Area Two

Protecting the Health and Rights of Children

• **Child to Child HIV/AIDS Education**

‘ACE Africa’s approach to teaching children to identify and manage health problems in schools completes our health curriculum.’

District Education Officer Siaya



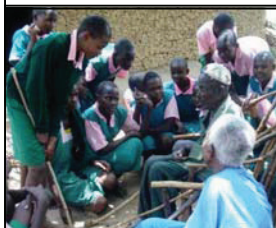
The Child to Child (CtC) HIV/AIDS programme is a participatory rights based approach, encouraging children to become active agents of change in making health choices in their community; learning how to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS infection, prevent water borne diseases, create a clean environment and support the vulnerable in the community. Based on the International Child to Child Trust methodology, ACE Africa has developed the programme to involve greater collaboration between schools, community members and community structures (Child Rights Committees and Area Advisory Committees), providing additional training to Head Teachers and community members and further teacher training on implementing the HIV specific curriculum, the protection of children’s rights and providing psychosocial support.

This year, working closely with the MoE, ACE Africa has trained 49 new teachers and provided additional training to 141 trained teachers, including 46 on CtC cluster group management, to strengthen programme delivery.

Now the largest implementer of the CtC methodology in Kenya, ACE Africa established a further 56 CtC clubs this year in Bungoma and Siaya, resulting in a total of 126 Primary school CtC clubs with over 6,000 children, all actively involved and all with their own kitchen gardens. CtC teacher cluster groups have been established to enable teachers to share ideas, problem solve and plan.

POSITIVE IMPACT

- Increased pupil knowledge on HIV
- Increased community knowledge on & ability to avoid preventable diseases
- 100% schools and approx 40% of surrounding community now have environmentally friendly dish racks & leaky tins
- 100% CtC schools have kitchen gardens
- Improved Life Skills
- Increased food security for OVC and improved diet through school gardens
- Increased care and support of PLWA and OVC in the community from children
- Effective child centred & community approach to OVC identification and support



ACE Africa Thematic Area Three

Providing psychosocial support

"I felt like killing myself after realizing that I was HIV positive. I thank you for the counseling sessions. I am now encouraged."

Hawa Wanjala, PLWA, Bungoma

ACE Africa provides three community counselling services to address the social and emotional issues that affect people living in profound poverty, in areas where everyone is affected by HIV/AIDS and one in three households is infected. ACE Africa currently employs 5 professional HIV/AIDS counselors, one children's officer and one child welfare officer who work with PLWA, OVC, Guardians and Youth providing them with regular outreach counselling, VCT and 'in school guidance and counselling.'

All figures for outreach counselling and VCT are entered in the national database with NASCOP (Kenya.)

• **Outreach counseling** - This counselling is undertaken 'on request' on an individual, couple or family basis at Community Resource Centres or clients homes. Regular clients (mainly PLWA, Guardians and youth) attend counselling with an ACE Africa professional counselor once a week, usually for at least 6 months. Common issues range from; ill health, HIV sero status, economic issues such as lack of money for food, school fees and medication, social issues such as stigma, discrimination, abuse and neglect and emotional issues such as depression and fear of death. This year 1,937 community members have received regular outreach counselling and over 250 have benefitted from strengthened referral networks by accessing services e.g Comprehensive Care Clinics for ARV /ART and local health clinics for ACE Africa donated medication.

• **VCT** - This is offered on a monthly basis in partnership with the MoH to those living in remote rural areas. This year ACE Africa conducted 49 outreach mobile clinics, testing a total of 2,595 community members, 1,316 of whom were in Bungoma, showing a 37% increase on 2007. 15% of those tested (Bungoma) shared their HIV status with the community. These dramatic increases relate to increased services, greater access to support services and a reduction in stigma.



'During counselling, I was able to recall my experiences and feelings after the death of my parents. I was never able to do this before because no-one was there to listen. Now I can talk to my friends about their death, without fear.'

James Munandai, 15 years old, OVC, Kabuchai

ACE Africa Thematic Area Three

Providing psychosocial support

'ACE Africa is doing remarkable work through their education and guidance and counselling programmes. They are empowering young people to change their behaviour and develop positive life expectations. May God bless you abundantly.'

Principal, Bungoma High School

In school guidance and counselling

ACE Africa 'In school guidance and counselling' programme started in 2004 following a request from the MoH and MOE to address the high girl drop out rate due to early pregnancy, children's lack of life skills and coping strategies and the increasing number of children out of school as a consequence of HIV/AIDS. Based on core functions - Health, Education and Emotional well being - it aims to provide children with the tools to recognize and solve problems, develop their self identity and provide a forum for shared learning. It also has increased the identification of vulnerable children. Over 6,000 pupils (522 in 2008) have received this service, which is provided regularly for four months.

- In 2008 10 teachers were trained to conduct counselling in schools & community
- The identification and support of children with learning disabilities and emotional and behavioral problems has increased



POSITIVE IMPACT

Operational research since 2004 indicates that 70% of children attending in school guidance and counselling have experienced the following:

- Greater ability to identify individual strengths, interests and values enabling them to adjust to their educational, social, personal and career developments.
- Greater ability to develop the necessary life skills and coping strategies to problem solve, think critically and make decisions, protect themselves from HIV infection, teenage pregnancies, drug abuse and other related social problems.
- Improved communication skills
- Greater concern and respect for others
- Improved self image
- Greater community awareness

"We are proud of ACE Africa, their counselling and guidance has helped build all round pupils, transformed them to be the best they can be." Kabuchai Primary Teacher

ACE Africa Thematic Area Three

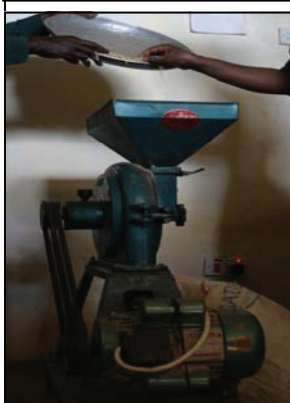
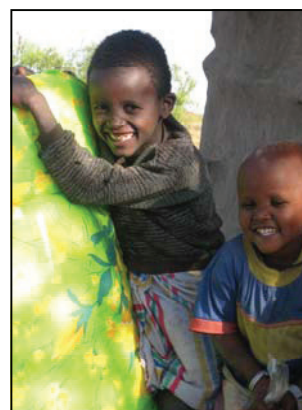
Providing Direct Aid



The Direct Aid component evolved due to the number of households in extreme poverty without basic needs e.g. blankets, clothes and proper shelter. ACE Africa also provides PLWA and OVC with medication, nutritious flour and soya products. In 2008, 12,594 beneficiaries received direct aid (average cost £7 per head.)

ACE Africa Direct AID 2008

Item	Bungoma	Siaya	Arusha	Total
Blankets	300	0	4	304
Mattresses/ Lamps	0	0	4	4
Bar soap	23	0	24	47
Clothes	13	25	200	238
Uniforms	606	250	0	856
Mosquito nets	300	0	2	302
Geometry sets	40	0	0	40
Plastic basins	30	0	0	30
Cooking oil	1 (1ltr)	0	4 (1ltr)	5
Rice /Sugar	5 (1kg)	0	24 (1Kg)	29
Medication	3934	1523	0	5,457
Nutrition / Soya products	4191 (2kgs)	835 (2kg)	120 (3kg)	5,146
Bursaries	104	11	0	115
Shelter	0	20	1	21
Total D AID	9,687	2,385	383	12,594
IEC Material			2,715	2,715
Condoms			2,750	2,750



ACE Africa Thematic Area Three

Providing Direct Aid - Educational Support

'Were it not for ACE Africa I would not be in school today. Thank you too for the guidance and psychosocial support I constantly receive, May God bless you.'

Kasim Barasa, OVC on Bursary Scheme

The ACE Africa (Kenya) Educational Support programme incorporates the following:

•Secondary School Bursaries ACE Africa works with MoE and Area Advisory Committees to identify vulnerable orphaned children who qualify for the four year secondary education bursary. Awarded according to the child's circumstances, commitment, ability and in the final stages, national primary examination results, this year 38 new children joined school, resulting in a total of 115 children (104 Bungoma, 11 Siaya) supported in Secondary schools by ACE Africa. ACE Africa services include provision of school equipment and an Educational Counselor who visits each child every month, providing them with emotional and educational support to assist in their career and all round development. In addition, ACE Africa registers the child's household so that they can benefit from other ACE Africa services, e.g. training and direct aid.

•Primary School Support



ACE Africa continues to support 90 exceptionally vulnerable primary school children at South End Academy where 45% are orphaned by HIV/AIDS. This year, ACE Africa assisted in building two classrooms and an ablution block and provided two environmentally friendly fuel saving cooking stoves. Regular monthly support also includes donations for food, medication, uniforms, blankets, mosquito nets, books, etc. ACE Africa provides regular counseling services to the children.

ACE Africa (Kenya) School Alumni



This year, 13 ACE Africa bursary students graduated from secondary school making a total of 16 who have formed an alumni in order to strengthen ACE Africa student links. Currently awaiting examination results, they are volunteering with ACE Africa, assisting at Resource Centres, CtC schools and community events and gaining experience in the office; learning computer, reporting, planning and data skills. ACE Africa hopes that they will qualify for University or Tertiary Education places in 2009.

Kennedy Wanyonyi and Kevin Wafula, 2008 school leavers help out at the Bulondo Resource Centre

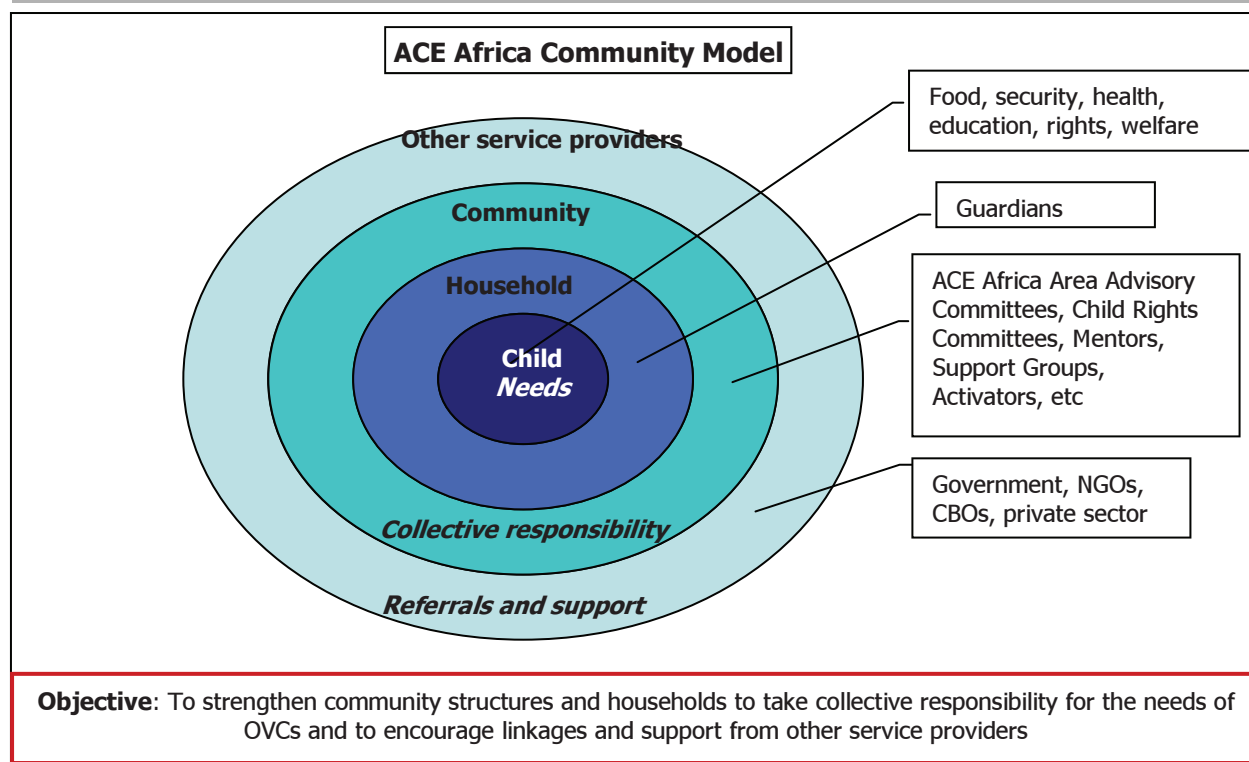
ACE Africa Achievements 2008—Bungoma

THEMEATIC AREA ONE Building sustainable nutritional capacity in the community	THEMATIC AREA TWO Building community ability to protect the health and rights of children	THEMATIC AREA THREE Providing psychosocial support and direct aid
Training in agriculture, nutrition and linked income generation	Training in Child to Child HIV education	Providing VCT, counselling and school guidance and counselling
Creating individual, community and school gardens, seed banks and nutrition based IGAs	Creating and supporting Child Rights and Area Advisory Committees to strengthen networks	Providing basic medication, nutritional supplements, shelter, school uniforms, bursaries
Achievements in 2008 (Bungoma)		
<p>Agriculture and Nutrition 121 newly trained in agriculture and nutrition resulting in a total of 900 individual trainees, 36 community, 60 school (50% increase) and 7 demo gardens supporting 23,217 OVC and 4,614 PLWA with nutritious food (110% increase from 2007). 60 newly trained, community agriculture and nutrition mentors provide technical support to 300 trainees at the village level. Working with 92 community groups registered with ACE AFRICA (Kenya), 64 of which are active (approx 1,408 community members) and regularly support over 6,536 OVC with food, basic household items, school fees, etc.</p> <p>Income Generation Trained 49 Support Groups in dairy goats production, mushroom production, fish farming techniques and grain amaranth production (267 trainees) 158% increase. 921 OVC were regularly supported by IGA and Micro Finance trainees.</p>	<p>Child Rights 1104 community members sensitized and 3698 children informed about the Rights of the Child. 287 community members informed about paralegal issues (a 35% increase since 2007). 223 Child abuse cases (a decrease of 15%) handled by 7 already established Community Child Rights Committees and 107 referred Child to Child Clubs.</p> <p>Child to Child 154 Teachers trained in Child to Child HIV/AIDS health clubs. 5593 Child members of 107 Primary School Child to Child HIV/AIDS health clubs. 40 Head teachers attended familiarization meetings, 46 CTC teachers trained in and all attending cluster group management meetings every term.</p>	<p>Psychosocial Support 12,976 (37% increase) Community Members visited ACE's 7 Community Resource Centres. 3686 OVC, 1380 PLWA and 140 other community members received outreach counselling and psychosocial support. 104 Sponsored Children received regular educational counselling. 1316 (37% increase) community members tested for HIV at 12 two-days outreach events. 191 shared their HIV status with the community.</p> <p>Direct Aid 4191 (2282 OVC, 1159 PLWA & 750 other community members) received nutritional supplements or soya products. 3,934 (1,481 OVC, 1497 PLWA and 1006 Guardians) received medication (36% increase). 606 school uniforms, 13 items of children's clothing, 300 blankets, 300 nets and 104 Secondary School Bursaries were distributed (34% increase).</p>
Bungoma 2008	Direct Beneficiaries: 75,000	Indirect Beneficiaries: 130,000
ALL SITES 2008	Direct Beneficiaries: 87,550	Indirect Beneficiaries: 155,000
TOTAL 2003 - 2008	Direct Beneficiaries: 187,550 Indirect Beneficiaries: 355,000	

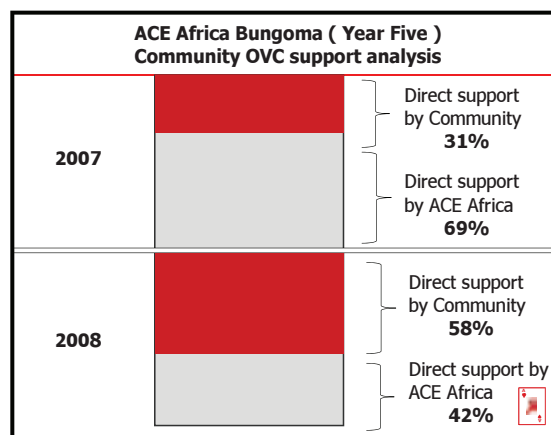
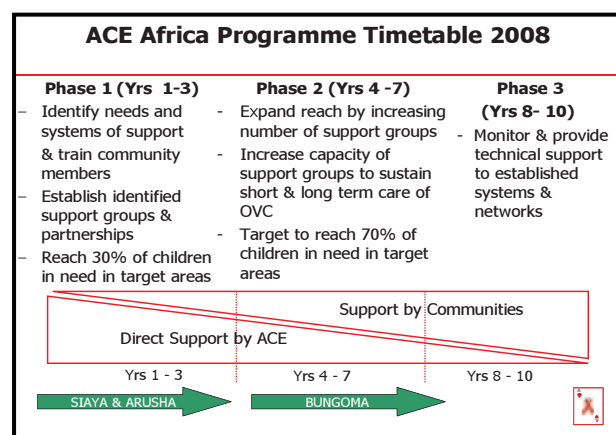
ACE Africa
Achievements 2008 - Siaya and Arusha

THEMEATIC AREA ONE	THEMATIC AREA TWO	THEMATIC AREA THREE
<p>Agriculture and Nutrition In Siaya, 60 newly trained in agriculture and nutrition resulting 120 individual trainees (100 active), 10 community, 19 school and 2 demo gardens supporting 1990 OVC and 178 PLWA with nutritious food. Trained 35 community agriculture and nutrition mentors, registered 20 community support groups, of which 10 are active (180 community members) and regularly support over 1025 OVC with food, basic household items, school fees, etc.</p> <p>In Arusha, 61 newly trained in agriculture and nutrition and provided with seeds and tools resulting in 40 individual, 3 community, 3 school and 2 demo gardens.</p> <p>Income Generation In Siaya, trained 34 members in soya production and 40 members in manufacture and marketing of nutritious flour. In Arusha, actively working with 7 groups and identified 36 support groups with which to work. Trained 24 people in the manufacture and marketing of nutritious flour, and identified 5 groups for business training.</p>	<p>Child Rights In Siaya, 169 community members sensitized and educated in child rights. 56 community members trained in Paralegal Issues and Committee members trained to give legal advice at village level. 29 abuse cases handled by 2 already established Community Child Rights Committees and 19 cases referred Child to Child Clubs. In Arusha, Child Rights awareness is taking place through community sensitization.</p> <p>Child to Child In Siaya 36 Teachers trained in Child to Child HIV/AIDS health clubs. 846 child members of 19 primary school Child to Child HIV/AIDS health clubs In Arusha Translation of all tools and identified 10 primary schools as CtC partners.</p>	<p>Psychosocial Support In Siaya, 1121 community members visited ACE's 4 Community Resource Centres, 445 (200 OVC, 216 PLWA and 29 other community members) received outreach counselling, 11 sponsored children received regular educational counselling 1,202 community members tested for HIV at 12 two-days outreach events, 28 shared their HIV status with the community. In Arusha, 422 community members visited ACE's 2 Community Resource Centres 172 received counselling, 77 VCT, 2,500 condoms distributed, 1,406 community members (one OVC Funday 42) sensitized on HIV/AIDS and ACE AFRICA (TZ) operations</p> <p>Direct Aid In Siaya, 472 (212 OVC, 222 PLWA and 38 others) received nutritious flour, 325 (273 OVC, 52 PLWA) received soya products, 1523 (660 OVC, 641 PLWA, 222 Guardians) received medication. 250 uniforms, 11 bursaries and 25 items of clothing given out. In Arusha 152 OVC, PLWA and others received nutritional supplements. 1 shelter, 25 household items, 200 clothes and 2 mosquito nets distributed.</p>
<p>2008 Phase One Total Direct Beneficiaries: 12,550 (Siaya 9,900 , Arusha 2,650) Indirect Beneficiaries: 25,000 (Siaya 20,000, Arusha 5,000)</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Important Cumulative Data by site</p>		
<p>2003-2008 Bungoma 900 individuals trained in agriculture and nutrition, 63 support groups trained in different Income Generating Activities, 2,525 Counseled and tested, 8,439 received drugs and 37,560 visiting support centers</p>	<p>2007-2008 Siaya 120 individuals trained in agriculture and nutrition, 10 support groups trained in different Income Generating Activities, 1,658 Counseled and/or tested, 1523 received drugs and 1121 visiting support centers</p>	<p>2008 Arusha 61 individuals trained in agriculture and nutrition, 7 support groups identified/ trained in IGA, 1,364 Community members sensitized, 2750 condoms distributed and 422 visiting support centers</p>

ACE Africa Strategy



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, ACE Africa enables them to protect the basic rights of OVC through improved access to food, education, health, psychosocial support and economic security. The model is designed around a ten year programme, with the focus on strengthening community networks to deliver services and access local funds allowing ACE Africa to reduce its role in direct implementation. Ultimately the support and care of OVC will be entirely provided by the community.



This year in Bungoma, in line with ACE Africa's strategic plan, 58% of direct support to vulnerable people was provided by the community.

ACE Africa Strengthening Community Structures

• **Community Support Groups** Central to ACE Africa's approach, is the involvement and strengthening of community support groups. Made up of PLWA, Widows, Guardians and youth, they are ultimately responsible for the welfare of OVC. Phase One of programming (Siaya and Arusha) involves the identification, establishment and training of group members. Phase Two (Bungoma) involves group skills development including the identification of vulnerable groups, project planning, management, reporting and evaluation & access to local funds. ACE Africa works with 83 community support groups who provide regular support to over 7,000 OVC this year.



• **Community Mentors** ACE Africa trains community mentors to provide technical support at the household level every month.

Agriculture & Nutrition mentors follow up community kitchen gardens providing technical assistance on, e.g. pest control, crop rotation. **Child Welfare mentors** are trained in basic counselling skills and follow up vulnerable children in their households, provide counselling, establish the child's psychosocial status using an emotional checklist tool and provide referrals through the local support systems. **Household mentors** conduct household needs assessments, assist in registering the household as a beneficiary and provide M&E support to groups on effective record keeping and planning. **CtC mentors** provide onsite trainings at schools and follow ups on activities e.g. school feeding programmes. ACE Africa works with a total of 313 Mentors who provide technical support to over 1,500 Individuals, households and schools.

• **Area Advisory Committees** - increase community involvement in decision making. Nine committees have been established each comprising 25 members made up of; Teachers, provincial administration, opinion leaders, Youth, PLWAs, OVCs, Guardians, mentors, disabled, health professionals and religious leaders. Supported by ACE Africa staff, the committees play an intrinsic role in identification of beneficiaries and needs, planning, reporting and referrals. They have established their own IGAs to increase their income and support to OVC and PLWA.

• **Community Child Rights Committees** - Through these committees, human rights issues are enforced and driven by community members, ensuring they are relevant to the society at any given time. ACE Africa has established 6 Child Rights Committees (CRCs) formed within a community framework, to raise awareness of child rights issues, identify, solve and/or refer cases on. ACE Africa also trains committee members in paralegal issues to help them work closely with schools and government administration.

• **Partners and referrals** Through the above structures and working with over 60 local government and private sector partners, ACE Africa has assisted in fortifying a community led system of referral which has intensified community knowledge and access to services available.

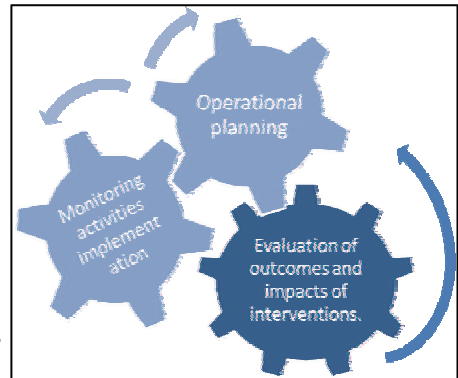
"ACE Africa's work is seen on the ground."

Constituency AIDS Control Council (CACC) Coordinator Kanduyi Division

ACE Africa Monitoring and Evaluation Systems

'ACE Africa's baselines, monitoring and recording for each activity are impressive, providing a clear sense of the momentum of the project. Solutions are put forward for each problem identified.'
The Egmont Trust - Donor 2008

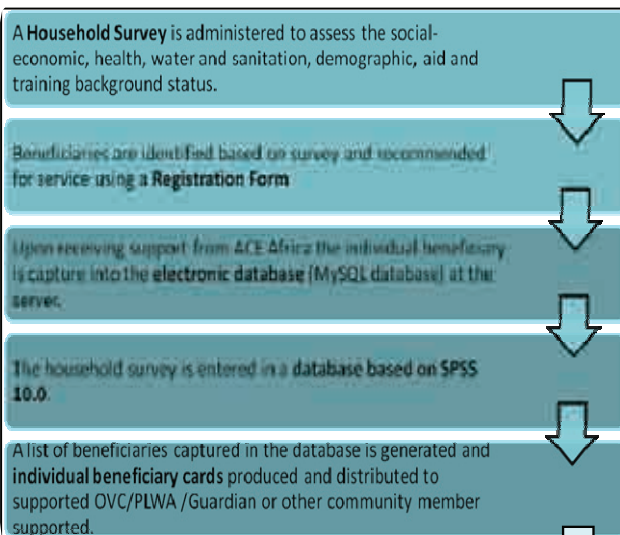
ACE Africa interventions rely on evidence based programming. Continuous monitoring of project implementation involves training ACE Africa staff and community volunteers, in data collection. In 2008 ACE Africa collection tools were reviewed to improve the quality and reliability of data collected, collated and stored in the organization's systems. This year over 3,000 community members were involved in regular data collection with over 1,000 data sheets collected every month. All data collected relates to services directly provided either by ACE Africa or by the community. In keeping with global guidelines on effective, holistic service provision, ACE Africa counts a beneficiary as one who receives five or more services.



Individual beneficiary filing system

In 2008 individual beneficiary filing was improved through an upgraded database system. This automatically allocates a beneficiary number that is unique and can be used to track services provided to each individual / household and thus over time tracks the impact of ACE Africa services on any change in social, economic or health status. This year 1,985 individual records have been registered on the database and the upgrading process is ongoing.

Household surveys & registration



In 2008, 1,285 household surveys were administered (Bungoma 510, Siaya 300, Arusha 475) resulting in a total of 3,235 Households (2010 Bungoma, 800 Siaya, 425 Arusha) registered with ACE Africa.

Internal Evaluations 2008

- Pre and post training evaluations in all thematic areas were conducted
- Internal evaluations were conducted on Counselling and Child Services & Income Generation and support group services
- Monitoring BMI of nutritious flour and soya flour beneficiaries to measure changes in health and benefits of products

Back up and updating information



External Evaluations 2008

- Institutional capacity assessment
- Board structuring and strategic planning

ACE Africa Institutional Research Partners

'ACE Africa has done a good job with its ability to capture accurate data and we shall continue to provide technical assistance to strengthen this further.'

Capable Partners Project - AED/USAID - Donor

- **Positive Outcomes for Orphans (POFO)**

This is a 5 year cross cultural research project in Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Cambodia and India. Duke University, North Carolina, USA partners with ACE Africa as the countrywide NGO representative in Kenya to examine the characteristics of orphan placement across diverse cultures that influence cognitive development and health outcomes, including health related quality of life and mental health. The study is carried out through both quantitative and qualitative surveys administered to 500 orphans and 50 non-orphans along with their caregivers in rounds of 6 month follow ups. The goal is to advise communities, policy makers and funding agencies about the needs of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS and other causes to make recommendations about optimal allocation of resources to meet needs. All interviewers and ACE Africa has IRB certification, granted annually by from the Ministry of Education Science and Technology.



- **OVC Hygiene Promotion Project**

ACE Africa partners with Colgate Palmolive and Tulane University USA in this 2 year study which aims to assess the effectiveness of the Child to Child approach in promoting positive hygiene behavior among orphaned and vulnerable children. Working in three ACE Africa CtC schools and three non CtC schools in the district, data was collected on; children's knowledge on preventable diseases, safe water treatment, basic sanitation and HIV/AIDS awareness. Methodologies included community follow ups on household surveys, focus group discussions on post test interviews, data and report analysis. The study finished in February 2008 and a dissemination seminar for stakeholders was carried out. The final paper is released in 2009.

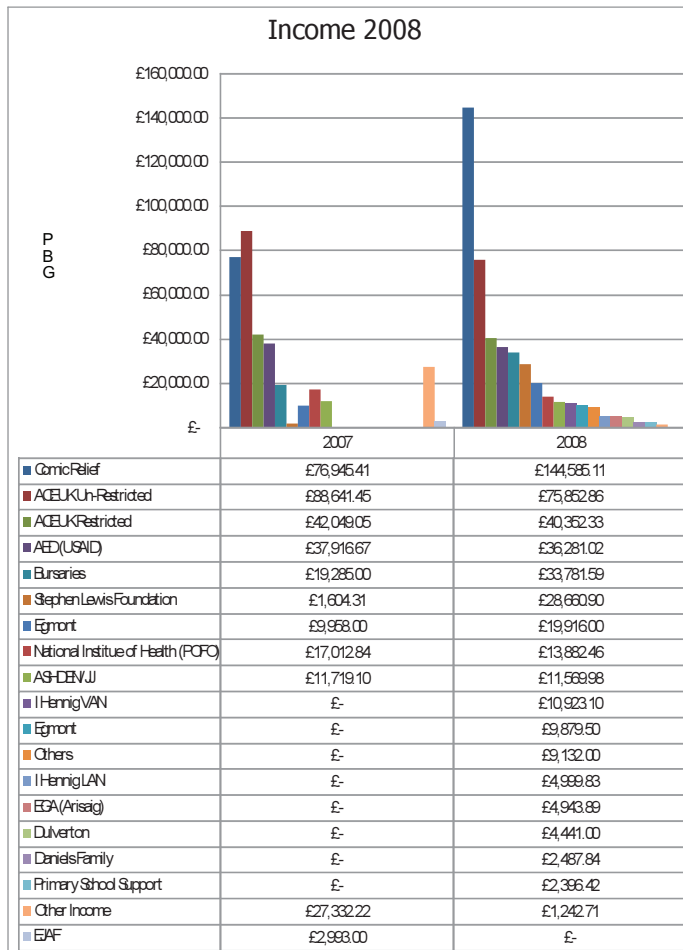


- **Hybrid Technologies in the era of HIV/AIDS**

This is a two year baseline study in partnership with the Department of International Health and Development, Tulane University, USA on the changes in the population, reproductive health, agriculture, technologies and mobile phones in the era of HIV/AIDS. Research was conducted in the village of Kakichuma, Kabuchai, on communication systems and technologies. Initial research findings reveal that 15% of the village population (5127) own mobile phones and use them for information sharing however; battery charging facilities, battery storage, complicated handsets and phone and airtime costs impact negatively on usage.

Full documentation is available at www.ilmurphy.net

ACE Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) Financial Summary 2008



Income 2008

There was a 30% increase in income from 2007 (£335,457 to £455,329) as compared to previous years when the income almost always doubled. Despite this, ACE Africa Siaya and Tanzania became fully operational in 2008.

Comic Relief continued their support and new grant making donors included; The Arisaig and Dulverton trusts. 75% of previous donors repeated funding including; I Hennig Ltd, AED/USAID, Egmont, Ashden and JJ Trusts and an anonymous corporate donor.

There were slight reductions in unrestricted

financial crisis; and AED/USAID and POFO due to changes in contractual agreements. Over 80% of income in 2008 was channeled through ACE Africa (UK).

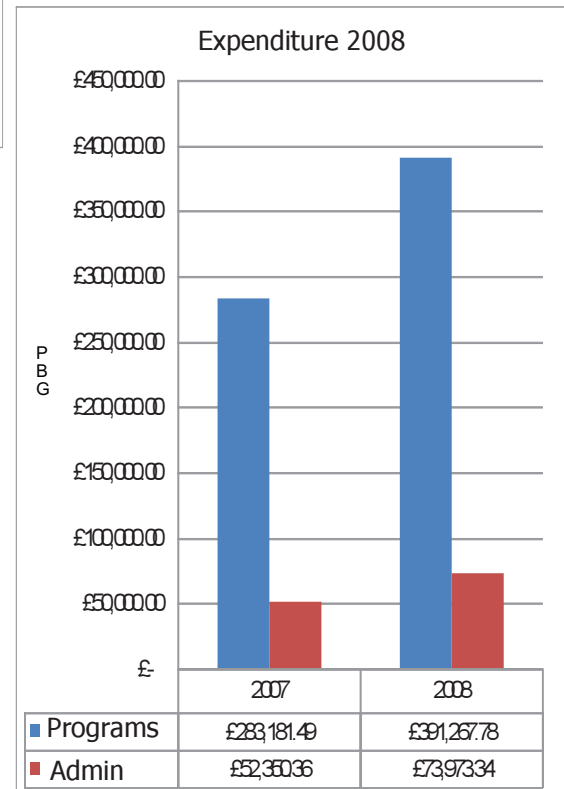
Expenditure 2008

There was a 38% increase in total expenses from £335,532 (2007) to £465,241 (2008.) Expenditure above income was due to exchange rate losses (approximately £9,000) and projects carried forward from 2007.

Administration costs rose from 15.6% in 2007 to 15.9% in 2008. This was due to the set up of new project sites, purchase of vehicles, motor bikes, computers and data back up for improved M&E. ACE Africa aims to reduce administration costs to below 15% next year and more within 3 years as the community support increases.

Operational difficulties included; increased fuel costs, inflation rates affecting purchase of general commodities, reduced access to funds and exchange rate losses due to Global Financial Crisis.

ACE Africa accounts are audited twice a year and are available on request.



ACE Africa (UK) Financial Summary 2008

Total income to ACE Africa (UK) during 2008 amounted to £519,186, a 52% increase from 2007 (£340,249).

Increased income was demonstrated across the range of activities: donated income was £470,349 (2007:£301,863), event income was £47,090 (2007:£37,493) and interest income was £1,746 (2007: £893).

Total expenditure in 2008 amounted to £125,824, an 80% increase from 2007 (£70,568) leaving a net income of £393,364 (2007: £269,681) before making grants.

The expenses of ACE Africa (UK) comprise consulting and supervision of operations in Africa of £26,781(2006 : £25,556) and UK administrative and fundraising costs which amounted to £27,307 and £39,165 respectively (2007: £9,140 and £14,578). The total fund raising and administrative costs of £66,472 amounted to 13.7% of the total donated income and surplus on events (2007:7.5%) reflecting the establishment of the infrastructure necessary for the increased scale of activities. Of the donated income £317,936 (2007: £198,214) was restricted and £152,414 (2007: £103,649) unrestricted.

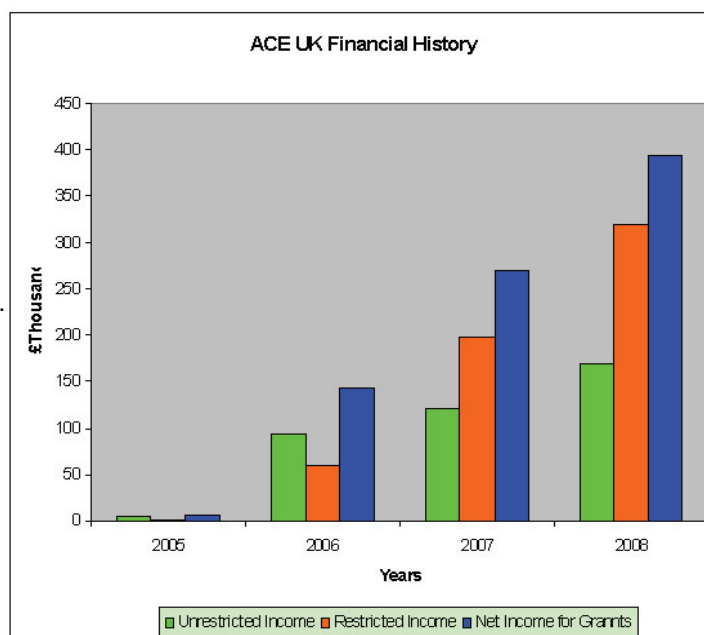
The interest income, unrestricted income and surplus on events, totalling £168,678 (2007: £120,742) less supervision, fundraising and administrative expenses totalling £93,252 (2007: £49,274), left an unrestricted surplus of £75,425 (2007: £71,468) before grants.

ACE UK has made grants to ACE Africa during the year totalling £333,937 (2007: £238,940), of which £258,076 (2007: £153,610) was for restricted purposes and £75,862 (2007: £85,330) comprised unrestricted grants.

After making grants there was a deficit for the year in unrestricted funds of £436, an improvement from 2007, at which time the unrestricted deficit came to £13,862. At the year end there was a surplus of £59,860 of restricted funds (2007: surplus £44,604). Including balances brought forward from 2007, retained income at 31st December 2008 consisted of £7,972 (2007: £8,408) of unrestricted and £118,748 (2007: £58,888) of restricted funds.

In the ACE Secondary Schooling Bursary Scheme monies were received in 2008 in respect of sponsorships in 2009 and subsequently. These receipts, amounting to £37,450 (2007: £23,040) have been carried forward as deferred income.

2008 was a successful year. Overall the trustees do not expect the income of ACE Africa (UK) in 2009 to exceed the level reached in 2008 given the unfavourable financial climate which has fallen upon the UK. An increased number and range of fundraising activities is planned for 2009 and these, together with established streams of unrestricted income will fund the costs of operating the UK charity at a similar level to 2008 and of supporting ACE Africa in Kenya and Tanzania, which are expected, in addition, to receive some support from ACE USA in 2009.



ACE Africa **Partners - Government and Private**

ACE works with the following to implement its programmes:

- PLWA, Guardians, OVC and young people in the design, implementation and monitoring of the programme
- Community Support Group members and local resource persons to deliver services and increase networking and referrals in the community
- Area Advisory and Child Rights Committee members to monitor, manage and implement activities now and in the future
- Government and private sectors using national strategic development guidelines to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic
- National and International organizations sharing expertise and experience



PRIVATE SECTORS:

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DECEMBER 2004: Governance: Registered International NGO Kenya, Board, Steering Committee UK, Partnership with Children in Crisis **Budget:** £95,000 **Areas of Operation:** 6 **Staff:** 7 paid 13 volunteers **Activities:** Capacity building of support groups, Agriculture & Nutrition, Herbal Remedies, Income Generation, Micro Finance, Child to Child, Child Rights, Counselling, distribution of food, nutritional supplements, basic medication and direct aid **Direct Beneficiaries to date: 5,000**

DECEMBER 2005: Governance: Registered International NGO Kenya, Registered UK Charity **Budget:** £102,000 **Areas of Operation:** 7 **Staff:** 11 paid 14 volunteers **Activities:** Capacity building of support groups, Agriculture & Nutrition, Herbal Remedies, Income Generation, Micro Finance, Child to Child, Child Rights, Youth Clubs, VCT, Counselling, Primary & Secondary School Bursaries distribution of food, nutritional supplements, basic medication, shelter and clothing, operational research **Direct Beneficiaries to date: 35,000**

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