

# **ACE AFRICA**

## **ACTION IN THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT**



**Community Orphans and Vulnerable Children  
HIV and AIDS Mitigation Programme**

**KENYA AND TANZANIA**



**ANNUAL REVIEW 2009**

**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



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

### 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

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**Abbreviations** **AIDS** Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome, **ARV** Anti Retroviral Treatment, **CSW** Commercial Sex Worker, **CT** Counselling and Testing, **CtC** Child to Child Health Education, **CBO** Community Based Organisation, **HIV** Human Immuno 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

## ACE Africa Profile

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

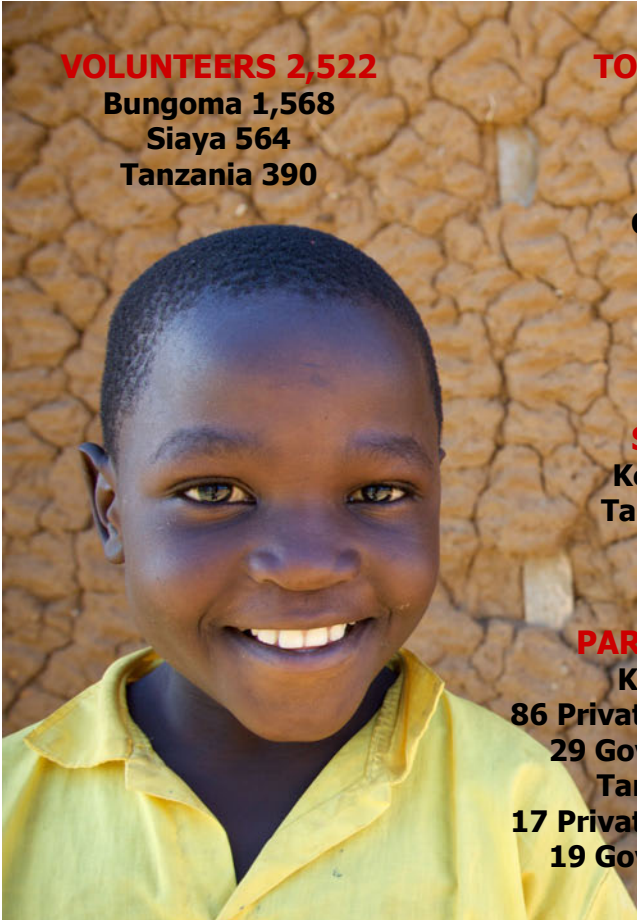
**ACE Africa (Kenya)** Bungoma District, Western Province, Siaya District, Nyanza Province

**ACE Africa (Tanzania)** Arumeru District, Arusha Region

**ACE Africa (UK)** Fundraising and technical support

**ACE Africa (USA)** Fundraising

<b>2009 ACE Africa Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Direct: 106,500</b>	<b>Indirect: 200,000</b>
<b>At an average cost of £5 per direct beneficiary</b>		
<b>2003 - 2009 Cumulative Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Direct: 293,850</b>	<b>Indirect: 440,000</b>



**VOLUNTEERS 2,522**  
Bungoma 1,568  
Siaya 564  
Tanzania 390

**TOTAL DIRECT BENEFICIARIES 2009**  
106,500

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

**STAFF**  
Kenya 35  
Tanzania 6  
UK 2

**2009 EXPENDITURE**  
Africa £500,388  
UK £88,000

**PARTNERS**  
Kenya  
86 Private and NGOs  
29 Government  
Tanzania  
17 Private and NGOs  
19 Government

**DONORS**  
Grant Making 9  
Trusts 14  
Corporate 3  
Individual 500

### ACE Africa Executive Director Augustine Wasonga

In March 2009, Executive Director Lesley Carver left for pastures new, having completed her contract and I was privileged to take on the position of Executive Director in April 2009. Management changes took place to ensure that each project site (Bungoma, Siaya and Arusha) had on-site project managers and accountants, to ensure timely and quality delivery of programmes. Regular staff site visits between all projects, in particular Arusha and Bungoma assisted in building the ACE Africa team, sharing knowledge and skills and ensuring the sound replication of the project in its early stages.

At the same time, greater effort and planning was assigned to the best practice model, in order to share it effectively with partners in the future. This was initiated with the appointment of key staff in each component to work under the mentorship of ACE Africa founder Joanna Waddington and the site managers. This helps ensure quality programming, the development of curriculum and tools, of operational research and documentation, in preparation for disseminating our approach more widely in 2010. This year, ACE also consolidated its brand image by changing its name to ACE Africa, followed by the country name, so ACE Africa now comprises; ACE Africa (Kenya), ACE Africa (Tanzania), ACE Africa (UK) and ACE Africa USA.



In line with international standards, programming ensures that the majority of orphans and vulnerable children on our programme receive at least 3 + core services and we plan to reach 5 + core services per beneficiary in subsequent years. This requires ever greater and more detailed effort in qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, which has been initiated. In 2009 ACE Africa started to hand over full activities to 12 community groups in Bungoma, who have been trained not only to provide services but in full project cycle management including accessing local funding. ACE Africa continues to provide technical support to these organisations to ensure they sustain their activities.

Key donors continued to support our programmes, with over 70% of them being repeat funders. We were visited in Kenya by many of our major donors including AED, Egmont and Comic Relief all of whom saw firsthand the benefits of their long term grant support. We were also visited by Christian AID and Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) with whom we are hoping to partner next year. Local partnerships within Kenya and Tanzania were developed for sharing of best practice, with five organisations working in the field of OVC programming visiting us to share experiences and learn from our model. We very much hope this collaboration continues in the future.

It is encouraging to see that our programmes are in line with, or better still, in advance of our strategic objectives, as community commitment to support and participate in the programme increases. Once again, this year we have exceeded our target and reached over 100,000 vulnerable children and their families across the sites. This would not have been possible without the extraordinary commitment from the communities that we serve.

Our deepest and sincerest thanks go to all those who have and continue to support our work and the community members, who in the face of adversity, provide such a huge support to so many vulnerable children.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Augustine Imbuye Wasonga'.

Augustine Imbuye Wasonga

### ACE Africa (UK) Director Juliet Cockram

At the beginning of 2009 the world was still reeling from the global financial crisis and despite all of the progress made by ACE Africa in 2008, we entered 2009 with a certain amount of trepidation. However, early in 2009, ACE Africa was provided with an incredible boost in the form of a £150,000, 3 year donation from a UK family. This generous contribution will not only fund school fees for 36 vulnerable children, but will also provide us with essential unrestricted funding to support the organisation's growth.

ACE Africa hosted an array of UK events in 2009, including the much-anticipated ACE Spectacular (renamed the Harambee) in June in the gardens of the Royal Hospital in Chelsea. Over 400 guests participated, raising over £50,000. A month later, the charity aired its first BBC Radio 4 Appeal, voiced by Sir Trevor McDonald, raising £18,000. In September, we led an exciting expedition of 15 climbers up Mount Kilimanjaro, raising £36,000. The charity also held a successful annual quiz and Oval cricket day. The latter raised £14,000, and greatly benefited from the support of a new corporate sponsor, Evolution Securities Ltd. We look forward to continuing this relationship in 2010.



ACE continues to be supported by a number of schools and as of 2009, we have our first ACE Africa Society, set up through students at Liverpool University. In addition, early in 2009 the family of Rosie Dwyer, a young art student who tragically died in 2008, set up a fund in her memory to finance an art teacher at The South End Primary School in Bungoma. Rosie's friends and family raised nearly £30,000 during the year and the family is continuing their fundraising in 2010.

ACE's Secondary School Bursary Scheme continues to expand, benefiting 125 students in 2009 who are supported by generous UK donors. ACE has been working with the 16 children who graduated in 2008 and a further 21 students who left school in 2009, through a newly-established Alumni Programme which will provide ongoing support and some funds towards vocational or higher education.



2009 brought in new grants of over £100,000 from companies and trusts supporting a range of programmes. The 'Truck Fund', launched in 2008, was able to finance new vehicles for Tanzania in January 2009 and for Bungoma early in 2010, with the help of SAB Miller in Tanzania. The four year Comic Relief grant for Bungoma entered its third year, bringing in £145,000.

All in all 2009 was a busy and successful year. ACE Africa continues to benefit from pro-bono office space and equipment through Value Partners Ltd, and from a number of individuals who gave their time for free to help us with design work, prizes, filming and photography and a range of office-based tasks. Since December 2009, we have been joined by a new part-time Admin and Finance Officer, and look forward to carrying out a broad range of activities in 2010 to raise funding for and the profile of ACE, particularly through innovative online media. Thank you so very much to all of you who have supported ACE - without you, we would not be where we are today.

Juliet Cockram

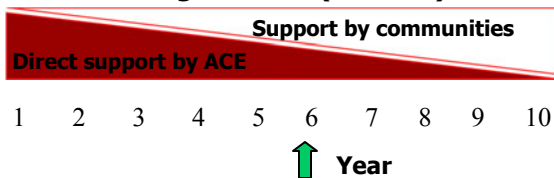
## Bungoma, Western Province, Kenya (2003/4—2009)

Anthony Okoti was appointed Bungoma Project Manager in August 2009. A new Child Welfare Officer joined the staff making a total of 12 project staff. Bungoma is also the ACE Africa head office and a further 16 staff are employed in the finance and administration, research and monitoring and evaluation and technical support departments, all of whom provide support services to the ACE Africa projects. A total of 26 staff and 8 office volunteers were engaged in Bungoma in 2009. This number has actually decreased since 2008, as the skills and commitment of the community have been strengthened to take on the role of providing services.

This year, the total number of beneficiaries supported on a regular basis was 48,000 OVC, 12,200 PLWA and 20,000 Guardians and other community members. Over 80,000

direct beneficiaries received regular support at a cost of £5 per head. 65% of direct support came from the community themselves, which is in line with the strategic target for this stage of the programme.

### Bungoma Site (Phase 2)

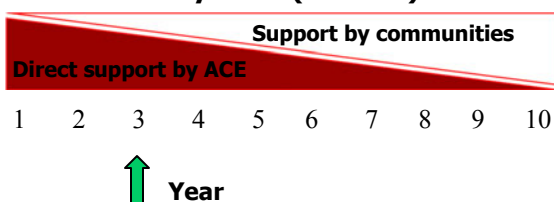


## Siaya, Nyanza Province, Kenya (2007/8—2009)

Dennis Amonde was appointed Siaya Project Manager in August 2009 and an additional counsellor joined the staff, resulting in a total of 9 project staff and 4 office volunteers. With this increase, a new office with more space was found. The expenditure for the year was £85,866. This year, the total number of OVC supported on a regular basis was 6,863 and 8,982 PLWA and Guardians - a total of 15,845 direct beneficiaries receiving regular support at a cost of £5 per head. There has been an increase in community commitment and participation in the provision of support through greater involvement of community support groups and the strengthening of networks in the district.

58% of direct support came from the community themselves which is beyond the strategic target for this stage of the programme.

### Siaya Site (Phase 1)

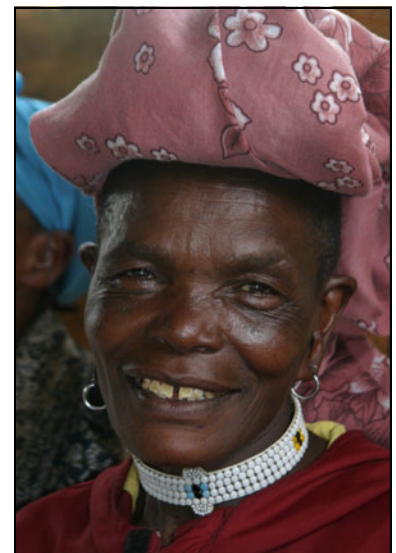
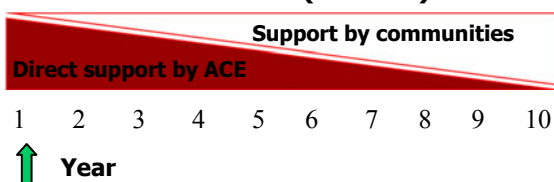


## Arusha , Arumeru District, Tanzania (2008/2009)

Joe Waddington continued as the Arusha Project Manager in 2009. Two new staff were appointed, a support groups and IGA officer and a full time finance and administration officer, resulting in a total of 6 staff and one new office volunteer. ACE Africa (TZ) was fortunate enough to receive funds for a vehicle and motor bike which has helped considerably to reach more beneficiaries in the community. The number of direct beneficiaries rose from 2,650 in the six months of operation in 2008, to a total of 10,500 receiving regular support in 2009 at a cost of £8 per head. 37% of direct support came from the community themselves, which is beyond the strategic target for this stage of the programme.

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### Arusha Site (Phase 1)



## ACE Africa 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.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

**Martin Barasa** from Kabuchai, Bungoma, an ACE Africa trained gardener, was chosen **to represent Kenya at the World Food Conference in Malawi**, to share his knowledge and learn additional skills such as key hole and trench gardening. He now shares this knowledge with the community.

**Range Primary School** in Bulondo, Bungoma was voted by the MoA as having the **2nd best school kitchen garden in Kenya**. **Trained by ACE**, 36 children in the CtC club tend the garden which provides regular food to 20 OVCs. The surplus is sold and brings in a profit of £14 a month which is used to buy books, seeds and medicine for OVC.

**ACE Africa** in Siaya, started **work with Aboka and Bar Okang groups in K'ogelo**. They are supported by **Mama Sarah (step grandmother to President Obama)** who has donated her plot as an ACE Africa demonstration garden. It supports 120 OVC with food every month.

*(Below Mama Sarah at the ACE Africa demonstration garden on her plot )*



#### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE 2009

797 Individual Gardens  
14 Demonstration Gardens  
57 Community Gardens  
128 School Gardens  
294 Agriculture /Nutrition Mentors  
1,160 Total no of trainees  
797 Community members adopting practices by learning from others  
4,842 OVC and 1042 PLWA have received food every month

**A total of 29,055 OVC and 6,250 PLWA were provided with food from gardens in 2009**

#### IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND LIVELIHOODS

- 85% of trainees are regularly producing more than 5 crop varieties
- 79% of trainee households regularly have 3 balanced meals a day
- 55% sell surplus vegetables earning an average of £20 per month with which they support OVC

**"Since ACE Africa trained me as an agriculture and nutrition mentor, my neighbors respect me and call me the village extension officer. I am able to provide my family with nutritious food and sell the surplus for things like schools fees. It's the same story for the five other households that I mentor".**

Japhether Wekesa, Bungoma

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### Community Livelihoods Initiatives (CLI)

#### 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 in the future. 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.



#### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE 2009

Working with 78 community groups made up of over 2,000 community members

81% of these groups have profitable businesses

Each group supports an average of 61 OVC

Each group makes an average monthly profit of £70 and 15% of them have diversified their businesses with profits

12 groups have accessed local funds and now manage, finance and report on OVC support activities independently

Group support has provided **25,038** instances of services to OVC in 2009

**"I thank God for Kinda Women's group, who were trained by ACE Africa, they relieve my burden of caring for my 20 grandchildren. They have even promised to assist me to take some to school."** Yunia Atieno, a 76 year old guardian, Siaya

#### IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS

50% of all group members have shown tangible evidence of improved economic and food security

100% of group members are collectively and individually contributing to the support of OVC

PLWA are actively involved in improving their livelihoods

Particularly vulnerable groups e.g. women and PLWA have greater participation in decision making, advocacy and stigma reduction at the local level

**65% of support to OVC and PLWA** in Bungoma in 2009 came **directly from the community**, through community support groups and other volunteers



**"This training has taught me that not only money is a basic resource to make community projects work, but other resources like time and human labour are very important in project implementation."**

Mrs Wamalwa, trainee in community resource mobilization, Bungoma

## ACE Africa 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.


#### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE 2009

12 Child Rights Committees  
940 cases handled by committees  
497 solved by committees  
443 referred and resolved  
10,474 community members  
involved in CR protection  
917 community members and  
2,382 youth trained in Child Rights  
766 trained in paralegal issues  
6,082 other community members  
informed about Child Rights

**Moses Oluoch Awuor** (below) is 13 years old. His father died of HIV and AIDS related illnesses and his mother is HIV+. Moses is the eldest in his family and he takes care of his three siblings, Patrick, Lillian and Joshua and his two cousins, who are orphans of HIV and AIDS and live with his family in their one roomed mud house in Segere, Siaya.

When Moses' mother is well, she spends most of her time doing casual farm work to earn a small income to feed the family. Moses is left to provide for the children, washing their clothes, tidying the house, fetching water and firewood and cooking for them. When his mother is sick, he cares for her too.

Moses' case was referred to ACE Africa. Since then the family have received nutritional supplements, soya and food from the community kitchen gardens, medication and regular counselling. The case was referred to the local Child Rights Committee to ensure Moses and the children are able to attend school. The family have been linked to the nearby community support group, who now visit the household regularly, supporting them with food, clothing, basic household items and moral support.



"ACE Africa is an organization we strongly recognize for working effectively to ensure children's rights are protected through collaboration with administration, other organizations and the community."

District Children's Officer Alice Wanyonyi, Bungoma

#### CHANGING LIVES

- Greater involvement of the wider district sectors in joint referrals in the protection of abused children
- Greater involvement of high profile government leaders in advocating for the protection of children's rights
- Increased community and children's knowledge of their rights
- Increased community participation in the protection of children's rights
- Improved identification of OVC with need for legal and support services
- Improved community systems and greater involvement of PLWA and children in the protection of rights

## ACE Africa Thematic Area Two

### Child Rights and Welfare (CRW)

#### Child to Child HIV/AIDS 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.

#### CHANGING ATTITUDES, PARTICIPATION and DECISION MAKING

- Increased pupil knowledge on HIV and AIDS prevention
- 100% of schools and approximately 50% of communities have improved cleanliness habits e.g. environmentally friendly dish racks and leaky tins
- Increased food security for OVC
- Decline in teenage pregnancies (18 reported pregnancies in 2009 compared to 56 in 2008)
- Increased ability of children to find their own solutions to issues
- Increased participation of children and community in OVC identification and support

**"The CTC clubs, have greatly encouraged children to work together to find solutions to their real-life problems and to apply what they have learned to their lives in the community."**

*Headteacher, Kogere Primary school Siaya*

**"My uniform was so badly torn, I was ashamed of going to school. But the children from the CtC club used their club money to buy me a new uniform. I want to thank my friends in the club, because I can now go to school without feeling shy or embarrassed."**

*Jane Akinyi, OVC,*



#### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE 2009

- 158 CtC school health education clubs
- 11,014 children in CtC clubs
- An average of 70 children per club
- 316 Teachers trained
- 208 teachers specifically trained in HIV and AIDS education
- 128 school kitchen gardens
- 660 OVC on school lunch programmes

**"I didn't realise the importance of engaging children in solving their own problems. With the knowledge the CtC programme has brought us, together we are better equipped to improve health issues in the school and the community."**

*Head teacher, Kisongo Primary school, Arusha*



## ACE Africa 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' (see stories) are provided regularly, enabling community members to know their HIV status.

**"I appreciate the closeness and support you have given me during these dark days. Through your guidance and counselling, I now feel strong and encouraged that life can go on."** Simon Wekesa 12 years (OVC), Bungoma

#### IMPROVING PSYCHOSOCIAL WELLBEING and REDUCING STIGMA

Improved psychosocial wellbeing of PLWA and reduction in stigma - evidenced through increased number of people sharing their HIV status with the community, greater participation in advocating for their rights and greater involvement in support groups and activities

Improved basic health of PLWA evidenced through increased weight gain and activity and reduction in opportunistic infections

Improved life skills through in-school guidance and counselling and peer counselling sessions resulting in a reduction of risky sexual behaviour in teenagers

Greater community responsibility to provide support to PLWA and OVC

**"Before I knew ACE Africa, people in my area saw me as an out-cast. They would not even shake my hands. When I was sick and hungry, no one came to my rescue. Now, through your counselling and work in the community, I am accepted. Thank you ACE Africa."**

Abdulla Almas, PLWA, Siaya



#### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

11,688 people counseled

12,362 have accessed VCT services

477 have openly declared their HIV+ status in the community

9,377 have attended in school guidance and counselling

##### In 2009

477 Youth trained on peer counselling

30 teachers trained on basic counselling

630 attended peer counselling sessions

713 referred to other service providers

41 group counselling sessions

223 community members and 146

youths participated in HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination reduction forums

3,162 community members sensitized on HIV and AIDS and stigma reduction

#### HIGHLIGHTS

**9,377** children have to date received 'in school guidance and counselling' providing them with improved life skills. This has helped increase regular school attendance, reduce early sexual debut and risky behavior and reduce the number of teenage pregnancies

#### HIV TESTING 2009

**9,429** community members were tested for HIV in 2009, almost **four times the number tested in 2008**, 258 declared their status in the community. This directly relates to an increase in testing services, greater awareness of and access to support services and a reduction in stigma.

## ACE Africa Changing Lives and Attitudes

### The Misanga Primary School CtC Club Bukembe, Bungoma

Teachers from our school were given training in CtC by ACE Africa in 2005. Since then the 'Bidi' (Hardworking) Club has achieved many things.

Parents and guardians were asked to come and learn about what we were doing so that they could support us not just in the school but also in the community. The teachers received more training from ACE Africa about HIV, counselling and as mentors. They provide the children with correct HIV information which is free from myths that are rife in the village, they are better able to help children who are dealing with difficult issues and get them the necessary help and they also support other schools with their knowledge.

The children's activities include: putting up leaky tins so that everyone can wash their hands, making dish racks so the dishes don't sit on the floor and get dirty, fighting the stigma that goes with HIV by doing plays and singing songs and visiting people in the community who are infected, helping them to clean their compound and teaching them how to look after themselves.

They also have a kitchen garden which provides food to 35 OVC to take home and share with their families and a surplus is sold for profits which are put back into the club kitty.



We have put up a water tank and planted trees - the school is a good example in the community. Children, particularly girls, are coming to school regularly and are participating more in decision making, unlike before when they would sit at the back of the class with their hands over their mouths.

**"The overall progress of the school is enormous. We have had to lead by example in order to show what health and hygiene is all about. 3 years ago, nothing like this was taking place with such seriousness from everybody."**

CtC teacher, Misanga Primary School

Nelson Siboyi is a 15 year old partial orphan living with his jobless mother in their one-roomed grass thatched house in Siaya. They are both HIV positive.

Nelson was identified by a community volunteer and referred to ACE Africa in March 2009. He weighed just 43kg and was very sick, with little energy, mouth sores and diarrhoea. He refused to take his ARV medication, could not eat solid food and was very depressed and contemplating suicide. He did not want to relate to his friends, rarely went to school due to his sickness and emotional health and hated every one around him, except his mother.

Nelson was immediately put on nutritional supplements, he was given basic medication and received regular adherence counselling to encourage him to take his ARVs. His mother was also given counselling and linked to a nearby support group. The ACE Africa gardener helped them establish a kitchen garden and they were advised on nutrition and hygiene care in the home.

Today, Nelson is attending school regularly due to better health and a more positive attitude. He is spending time with his friends and collects and takes his ARVs regularly. His appetite has returned, he has gained weight and eats healthy vegetables from their kitchen garden. Both his and his mother's health are monitored on a weekly basis by the community health worker and support group members.



## ACE Africa Stories

### Changing Lives and Attitudes

#### Moonlight Testing

ACE Africa started the 'Moonlight HIV testing' programme in March 2009 under NACC funding. This service targets the 'Most At Risk People' who include: long-distance truck drivers, taxi drivers, sex workers, paramilitary officers, the police and homosexual men. It also reaches out to other community members who are fearful both of their status and stigma and are unlikely to test during the day.

Moonlight Testing takes place along part of the Great North Road (From South Africa to Egypt) that runs through the project site (Bungoma). Setting up tents around community centres, they engage 10 mobilizers to encourage people to visit the 2 ACE Africa and 4 MoH professional counsellors. People are provided with general information to encourage them to know their status and professional counselling and testing to those who decide to know their status.

Working from 5pm—10pm, 4 nights a week, 16 days a month, a staggering 3,200 people have attended moonlight testing stations each month.



**Of the 3,200 attending each month, on average 800 are actually tested. With limited funding, the programme does not operate full-time, and in 2009 a total of 4,235 people were tested for HIV and given counselling at the Moonlight testing stations.**

#### From despair to participation and diversity....



MILO Support Group, Bungoma is made up of 35 members, many of whom are women, widows and HIV+. Established in 2005, the majority had no means to support themselves and their families and they came together to encourage each other to be open and positive about their status, providing each other with moral support. The group joined ACE Africa in 2007 and benefited from counselling, receiving nutritious flour and soya flour to boost their health and emotional status.

Since then, ACE Africa has trained them in basic business skills and agriculture and nutrition. The group has now established a community kitchen garden and 10 individual gardens, all of which regularly provide food to 140 of the group members children and 15 other OVC every month. Profits from surplus sales and the establishment of a 'merry go round' group bank, has enabled them to diversify their business and they are also making soya products for use in their households. This year, due to their high levels of commitment to support OVC and their increased profit margins, they were trained on fish-farming as an IGA.

These profits have enabled the group to set up a local poultry production project. Through good management, accountability and planning, the group has managed to diversify its businesses and triple its income and support to OVC since 2007. Morale is high as PLWA actively participate in changing their lives for the better.

**"ACE Africa has helped the group accomplish activities that we used to dream of. We planned for them but we never thought we would have the financial potential to accomplish them. Now we are looking to fund other activities and access local funding."**

Okumu Situma, PLWA, Milo Support Group



## ACE Africa Thematic Area Three

### Counselling and Education Services (CES)

#### Education Services

Education services include; the ACE Africa Secondary School bursary scheme, Primary school support for exceptionally vulnerable children, and the ACE Africa Secondary School Alumni. ACE Africa also has well established Community Resource Centres in the rural target areas which provide information about HIV and AIDS, nutrition, children's rights, counselling and support services. Education services also extend to informing the community about HIV and AIDS issues, support services, stigma and ACE Africa activities.

**"ACE Africa has given me education, hope and a home. I can see a very bright future."** Kennedy Wanyonyi, Secondary school bursary leaver and one of the Alumni, who has qualified for studies at Kenyatta University

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL BURSARIES

**129** secondary school students (51f, 78m) are on the 4 year boarding bursary scheme at schools in Western Kenya. Students receive regular educational and counselling support from ACE Africa.

#### ALUMNI

A total of **41** children have graduated from Secondary School. 1 is currently at Kenyatta University. 6 have secured University places 2010. 7 have secured University places 2011. 27 qualified for tertiary college. Whilst awaiting terms and funding, Alumni students are undertaking the following activities:

- Volunteering with ACE Africa to assist with community activities, office filing and data entry
- Volunteer teaching
- Computer skills courses

#### COMMUNITY

**26,586** Community Members visited 14 ACE Africa rural community centres and **3,162** attended outreach education days.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPORT

In South End Academy, Bungoma, ACE Africa supports **96** extremely vulnerable primary school children with regular provision of food and stationery, art teachers, funding for school classrooms and renovations and 3 Alumni teachers. One child is also supported in a special needs school.

**"My son was contemplating suicide when he thought he could not go to secondary school due to lack of school fees. All of us felt hopeless and almost gave up. Then ACE Africa came our way. Today my son has completed high school and has qualified to join Public University. Thank you ACE for bringing hope in my family again."** Mother to Alex Buyela

#### CHANGING LIVES

Increased access to primary and secondary education for OVC

Improved student performance and increased retention in schools

Improved emotional, social and educational wellbeing of children

Greater knowledge and access to education on HIV and AIDS and support services

Improved skills amongst children and community to make informed choices about their development



## ACE Africa Thematic Area Three

### 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. In 2009, 12,608 beneficiaries received direct aid (average cost £7 per head.) ACE Africa aims to remove these households from extreme poverty by providing them with basic and life-saving aid. Often, PLWA and their families lack basic medication and are too sick to eat anything other than nutritious or soya flour. ACE Africa provides these basic needs in order that they can access long term support services in the future.

#### ACE Africa Direct AID 2009

Items	B	S	A	Total
Blankets	70	10	0	80
Mattresses	60	0	0	60
Shoes	0	8	0	8
Basic HH items	0	13 HH	40 HH	53 HH
Clothes	0	38	100	138
Uniforms	910	0	50	960
Mosquito nets	0	0	222	222
Sanitary towels/panties	2,529	150	0	2,679
Plastic basins	0	15	0	15
Medication	1,783	1,799	1,183	4,765
Nutrition /Soya products	2,485 (2kgs)	840 (2kg)	160 (3kg)	3,485
Bursaries	105	22	0	127
Shelter materials	14	1	1	16
<b>Total beneficiaries D AID</b>	<b>7,956</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>12,608</b>
IEC Materials	10,000	1,174	2,405	3,579
Condoms	14,507	12,000	3,732	3,732

**"ACE Africa has a wonderful programme, providing us with nutritious flour. Before, my health was so bad, I had no appetite and I was unable to carry out even basic jobs around the house. Now I am strong and able to look after my family. Thank you."**

Jenepha Alois, Ngorobob, Arusha



**"Thank you ACE Africa for providing the vulnerable and sick with nutritious flour and medication. Other organizations in the district should learn from what you do to help those who are infected with HIV and AIDS."**

Dr. Mungure, District AIDS Coordinator, Arumeru District



## ACE Africa

### Achievements 2009 - Bungoma

<b>THEMATIC AREA ONE</b> <b>Building sustainable nutritional capacity in the community</b>	<b>THEMATIC AREA TWO</b> <b>Building community ability to protect the health and rights of children</b>	<b>THEMATIC AREA THREE</b> <b>Providing psychosocial support and direct aid</b>
Training in agriculture, nutrition and linked-income generation	Training in Child to Child HIV education	Providing VCT, counselling and in-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 and bursaries

#### Bungoma Outputs 2009

**Agriculture and Nutrition** 22 new households trained on agriculture and nutrition by mentors and gardeners resulting in a total of 922 individual trainees. 550 individual trainees are provided with regular technical support by agriculture and nutrition mentors. 55% of all trainees (507) sell surplus vegetables and fruits to earn money to meet other basic needs. 43 community gardens (19% increase), 94 school (57% increase) and 8 demonstration gardens support 1,052 (559m, 493f) OVC and 422 (131m, 291f) PLWA. Individual gardens supported 23,339 (11,246m, 12,093f) OVC and 4,895 (2,218m, 2,677f) PLWA

**Income Generation** Trained 60 group members (12 groups) in rocket stove production, stove liner installation and marketing, 30 in mushroom production, 60 in fish farming techniques, 1 group (15 members) in nutritious flour manufacture and marketing, 20 mentors in stoves use, maintenance and marketing and woodlot establishment. 42 rocket stoves and 65 improved liners were installed in households and schools. Trained 90 members from 10 groups and 7 area advisory committees on community resource mobilization. 8 groups accessed local funding. 15 groups and 26 individuals benefited from the community revolving fund.

**Child Rights** 1134 community members sensitized on child rights, 786 attended child rights education sessions (676 youth, 325m and 351f), 4145 children informed about the Rights of the Child 261 community members informed on Paralegal Issues, 185 Child Abuse cases handled by 8 already established Community Child Rights Committees (1 new) and 56 referred to Child to Child Clubs and other service points.

#### **Child to Child**

29 Teachers trained as CtC Mentors; 9138 pupils in 120 Primary Schools engaged in Child to Child HIV/AIDS health clubs, 35 CtC teachers attended cluster group management meetings

**Psychosocial Support** 1043 (389m, 654f) were counseled at resource centers and homes, 630 (195m, 435f) attended group counselling sessions, 1069 (370m, 699f) individuals on nutri-flour and counselling services were followed up in homes, 493 (191m, 302f) referred to various service points (CCC and ART therapy), 2860 (1476m, 1384f) individuals attended VCT sessions, 4235 (3059 LDTDs, 1176 CSWs) at moonlight VCT services, 339 (132m, 207f) counseled and tested upon demand, 146 (55m, 91f) at youth sensitization forums, 223 (38m, 185f) participated at HIV and AIDS stigma and discrimination reduction sensitization forums, 105 sponsored children received regular education counselling, 19493 (7727m, 11766f), 50% increase, visited ACE community resource centres, 1583 (722m, 861f) accessed in school guidance and counselling services, 198 shared their HIV positive status with the community

#### **Direct Aid**

560 HH received nutritious flour 2108 (579 PLWA, 325 Guardians, 1204 OVC), 377 received soya flour regularly for 6 months, 1783 (650m, 1133f) received medication, 910 school uniforms, 2529 girls received sanitary towels and panties, and 105 Secondary School Bursaries

**Bungoma 2009 Direct Beneficiaries: 80,000 Indirect Beneficiaries: 150,000**

**TOTAL Bungoma 2003 - 2009 Direct: 255,000 Indirect Beneficiaries: 335,000**

## ACE Africa

### Achievements 2009 - Siaya

<b>THEMATIC AREA ONE</b> <b>Building sustainable nutritional capacity in the community</b>	<b>THEMATIC AREA TWO</b> <b>Building community ability to protect the health and rights of children</b>	<b>THEMATIC AREA THREE</b> <b>Providing psychosocial support and direct aid</b>
Training in agriculture, nutrition and linked-income generation	Training in Child to Child HIV education	Providing VCT, counselling and in-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 and bursaries

### Siaya Outputs 2009

<p><b>Agriculture and Nutrition</b> 60 newly trained in agriculture and nutrition, 7 community, 29 school and 5 demo gardens supporting 2,084 (1,276m, 1,218f) OVC, 2,084 from individual and 410 from demo gardens, and 811 (439m, 372f) PLWA, 703 from individual and 108 from demo gardens, 60 trainees received seeds. Trained 15 community agriculture and nutrition mentors, working actively with 20 community support groups</p> <p><b>Income Generation</b> Trained 142 (22m, 120f) community members, 30 (6 groups) in rocket-stoves production and marketing, 30 (6 groups) in stove-liners installation and marketing, 20 mentors on stoves use, maintenance and marketing and woodlot establishment, 20 (2 groups) in nutritional flour production and marketing, and 42 (6 groups) in community resource mobilization, 79 rocket-stoves and 33 stove-liners sold/installed by trained groups, 43 woodlots established, Provided 2 groups with posho mills for nutriflour production, 746 (375m, 371f) OVC supported by support groups</p>	<p><b>Child Rights</b> Over 1,000 community members sensitized and educated on child rights, 128 Child Abuse cases handled by 4 (2 new) already established Community Child Rights Committees, 88 cases solved and 40 referred through existing networks</p> <p><b>Child to Child</b> 10 new schools (20 teachers) trained in Child to Child methodology, 1,488 (678m, 810f) club members involved in Child to Child HIV/AIDS health clubs in primary Schools</p>	<p><b>Psychosocial Support</b> 6,145 (2,148m, 3,997f) Community Members visited 4 Community Resource Centres, 506 (202m, 304f), (162 OVC, 210 PLWA and 134 guardians) received outreach counselling, 11 Sponsored Children received regular educational counselling, 1,265 (401m, 864f), 1050 adults and 215 children received outreach VCT, 138 (37m, 101f), 112 adults and 26 children tested positive, 11% positive results, 60 (22m, 38f) shared their HIV status with either the community or relatives, 196 (75m, 121f), 83 PLWA, 27 Guardians and 86 OVC referred to other service providers</p> <p><b>Direct Aid</b> 317 (129 PLWA, 146 OVC, and 42 Other community) nutrition flour, 90 HH, 523 (279m, 244f) OVC and PLWA received soya flour, 1799 (645m, 1,154f), (775 OVC, 655 PLWA and 369 Guardians) received medication, 1f PLWA provided with shelter materials, 150 adolescent girls provided with sanitary towels and panties, 8 girls received shoes, 22 bursaries and 38 (13m, 25f) OVC and PLWA received clothing, 10 blankets and 15 basins distributed to street children rescued, 13HH received emergency food</p>
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**Siaya 2009      Direct Beneficiaries: 15,845 Indirect Beneficiaries: 30,000**

**Total 2007 - 2009      Direct Beneficiaries: 25,500 Indirect Beneficiaries: 40,000**

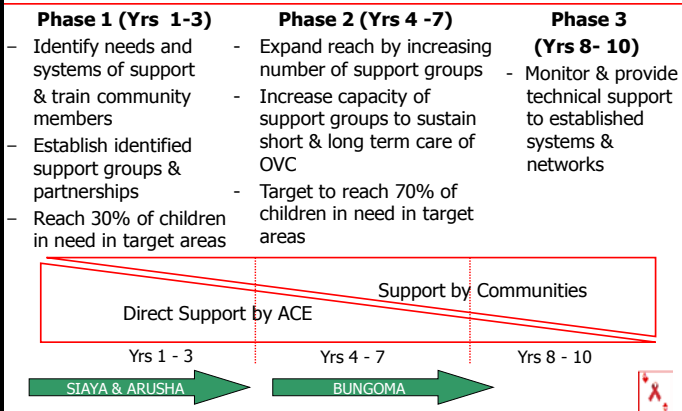
**ACE Africa**  
**Achievements 2009 - Arusha**

<b>THEMATIC AREA ONE</b> <b>Building sustainable nutritional capacity in the community</b>	<b>THEMATIC AREA TWO</b> <b>Building community ability to protect the health and rights of children</b>	<b>THEMATIC AREA THREE</b> <b>Providing psychosocial support and direct aid</b>
Training in agriculture, nutrition and linked-income generation	Training in Child to Child HIV education	Providing VCT, counselling and in-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 and bursaries
<b>Arusha Outputs 2009</b>		
<p><b>Agriculture and Nutrition</b> 19 (5m, 14f) newly trained in agriculture and nutrition, 19 (13m, 6f) mentors trained, and provided with seeds and tools to 28 individual kitchen gardens, 7 community, 5 school and 3 demo gardens, 2,216 (945m, 1,271f) OVC and PLWA supported regularly with food from these gardens, 3 Water tanks installed at the demonstration gardens, 10 (6m, 4f) trained in water-saving techniques</p> <p><b>Income Generation</b> Actively working with 14 groups (420 people.) Trained 34 (18m, 16f) members of 10 Support groups in business skills to improve the marketing and sale of their crops from the kitchen gardens. Trained 4 groups in the manufacture and marketing of nutritious flour. Trained 14 (12m, 2f) individuals in soya cultivation and 1 group and 1 school provided with soya bean seeds. ACE has identified a further 6 groups to work with in 2010.</p>	<p><b>Child Rights</b> Child Rights awareness conducted through community sensitisation involving 3162 (1482m, 1680f) The full programme will start in 2010.</p> <p><b>Child to Child</b> 18 (7m, 11f) teachers trained in introductory CtC Education, 9 (8m, 1f) Head Teachers trained in CtC, 9 schools (5 Kimnyaki, 4 Mateves) involved in implementation of CtC methodology, 470 (260m, 210f) CtC club members involved.</p>	<p><b>Psychosocial Support</b> 1 new resource centre established, 948 (483m, 465f) Community Members visited ACE's 3 Community Resource Centres, 365 (181m, 184f) received counselling, 41 sessions school group child counselling, 730 (3,63m, 367f) tested at VCT, 3,732 condoms distributed, 3,162 (1,482m, 1,680f) community members sensitized on HIV/AIDS and ACE Africa operations, 36 (13m, 23f) referred to other service providers</p> <p><b>Direct Aid</b> 160 (72m, 88f), (OVC, PLWA and Other community) received nutritional supplements for six months, 1183 (424m, 759f) received medication, 50 (22m, 28f) received school uniforms, 100 (30m, 70f) OVCs and PLWA supported with clothing, 1 HH shelter, 40 HH basic items and 222 (89m, 133f) mosquito nets.</p>
<b>Arusha 2009      Direct Beneficiaries: 10,500      Indirect Beneficiaries: 20,000</b>		
<b>Total 2008 - 2009      Direct Beneficiaries: 13,150      Indirect Beneficiaries: 25,000</b>		

## ACE Africa Community Adoption

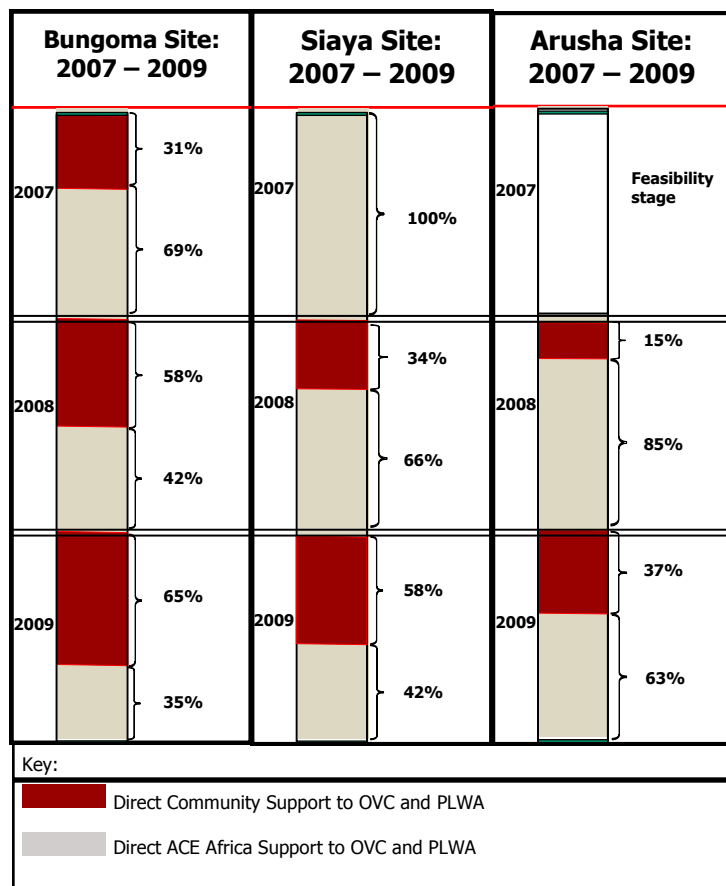
The ACE Africa core strategy is a holistic and child-centred approach towards community care and support of orphans and vulnerable children, building on existing capacity, infrastructure and skills within communities to enable them to protect the basic rights of OVC including: access to food, education, health, psychosocial support and economic security. The 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 and ultimately the support of OVC will be entirely provided by the community.

### ACE Africa Programme Timetable 2008



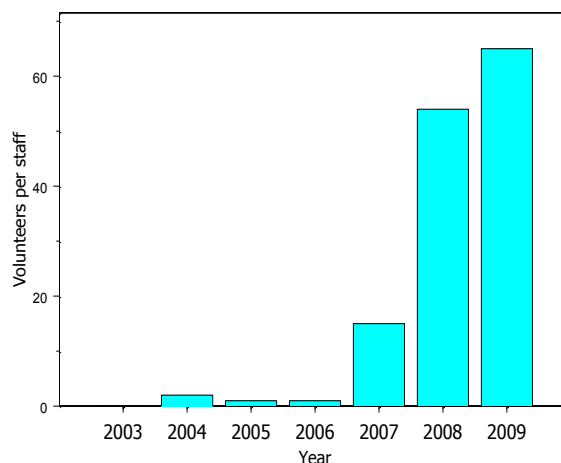
Evidence suggests, that through greater community involvement and participation in the programme, activities are being sustained by the community and their ability to provide direct support to OVC is increasing. All ACE Africa sites, at their different stages, are in line or in advance of the strategic target, that communities will be able to provide and sustain support to OVC, without ACE Africa direct support within 10 years of programme implementation.

### Breakdown of Direct OVC support by ACE Africa and the Community per site



### Increasing the number of volunteers per staff

Community Volunteers Involved in the project per employed staff



**“ACE Africa’s activities are well-rooted in the community, and they collaborate well with a number of different stakeholders and partners on the ground. It is very good that ACE has begun to think about strategies for transferring its community-based services to the community while adopting a role of technical support and facilitation.”**

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## ACE Africa Developing the Model

### Strategy

In 2010, ACE Africa will finalise its new strategic plan for 2011– 2015 and it will be available in June 2010. The ACE Africa ten year model, divided into three clear implementation phases, is a research-based and results-driven approach towards community care and support with a clear exit plan.

ACE Africa will expand operations over the next five years, not through increasing in size, but through the sharing of the model with CBOs, NGOs and other partners locally, nationally and internationally, thereby increasing reach but remaining administratively small.

Currently, ACE Africa is transferring the model internally, both in Siaya and Arusha and operational findings are used to inform the development of the strategy. This year 5 local and international organizations visited the ACE Africa project to learn from the model and implement core components in their OVC programmes elsewhere.

### Strengthening Community Structures

ACE Africa has established and works with the following community structures and partners to ensure that the community fully participates in the identification of need, project planning, evaluation and strategic development now and in the future.

**Community Support Groups** ACE Africa works with 78 active community groups who are instrumental in providing support to OVC and PLWA. Their involvement is strengthened with the support of:

**Community Mentors** ACE Africa works with over 400 volunteer community mentors who are trained to provide technical assistance in i) Agriculture and Nutrition ii) Child Welfare iii) Household Welfare and iv) Child to Child Health

### Community Child Rights Committees

These committees (6) ensure that human rights issues are enforced and driven by community members. Committees (CRCs) are formed within a community framework, to raise awareness of child rights issues, identify, solve and/or refer cases on.

**Area Advisory Committees** increase community involvement in decision-making. Committees (9) comprise 25 members, each 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 the identification of beneficiaries and needs, planning, reporting and referrals.

**Government partners** All activities are designed, implemented and evaluated in partnership with local and district governmental partners.



### 2009 Support activities for ACE Africa Model development and sharing

- Developing training manuals, tools and best practice materials for dissemination
- Identified, appointed and trained 3 staff to provide technical assistance within their field to partner organizations
- Identified internal operational research focuses for 2010 - Stigma and Discrimination reduction, Nutrition and the management of HIV and AIDS and Community contribution in the protection of Children's Rights
- Working with Duke University on POFO 5 year, global OVC research as the sole Kenyan NGO
- Working with AED/USAID and within national and international principles and guidelines to strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems for OVC programming
- Increasing advocacy for the ACE Africa model nationally and internationally

**"We were particularly impressed with ACE Africa's Monitoring and Evaluation system and the data being collected as part of the research with Duke University (USA)."**

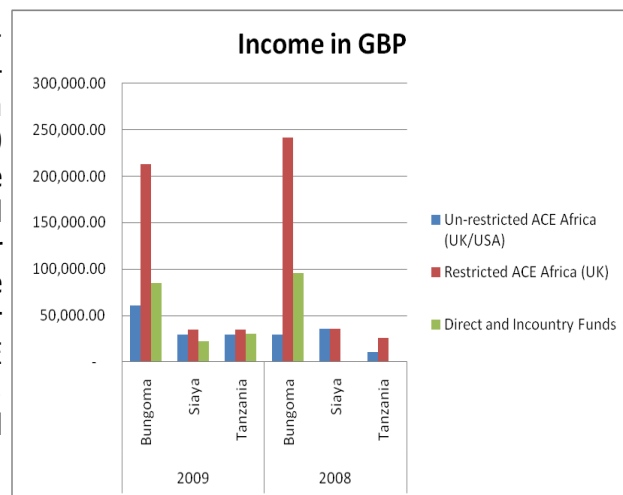
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## ACE Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) Financial Summary 2009

### INCOME 2009

The total income to ACE Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) in 2009 amounted to £539,388 - an increase of 14% from £474,690 in 2008.

Comic Relief continued to be our largest donor, giving £143,034 in 2009 (year 3 of the 4 year grant). New donors through ACE Africa (UK) included: the de Winton family (£50,000 for bursaries and general purposes) the Rosie Dwyer fund (£29,500 for primary school teachers), Arisaig Partners (USD 10,000 for primary school facilities) and Rowan Charitable Trust (£5,000 for Tanzania), Scott Bader (£9,934 for Bungoma and Siaya) and ACE Truck Group (£15,250 for a truck in Tanzania); Direct new donor was National Aids Control Council (£8,367 to Bungoma).



Repeat donors included two 2 year grants from Egmont for Siaya and TZ, a 2 year grant from our anonymous corporate donor and further one year grants from The Lord Deedes Charitable Trust, AED, Duke University and the Peter Storrs Trust.

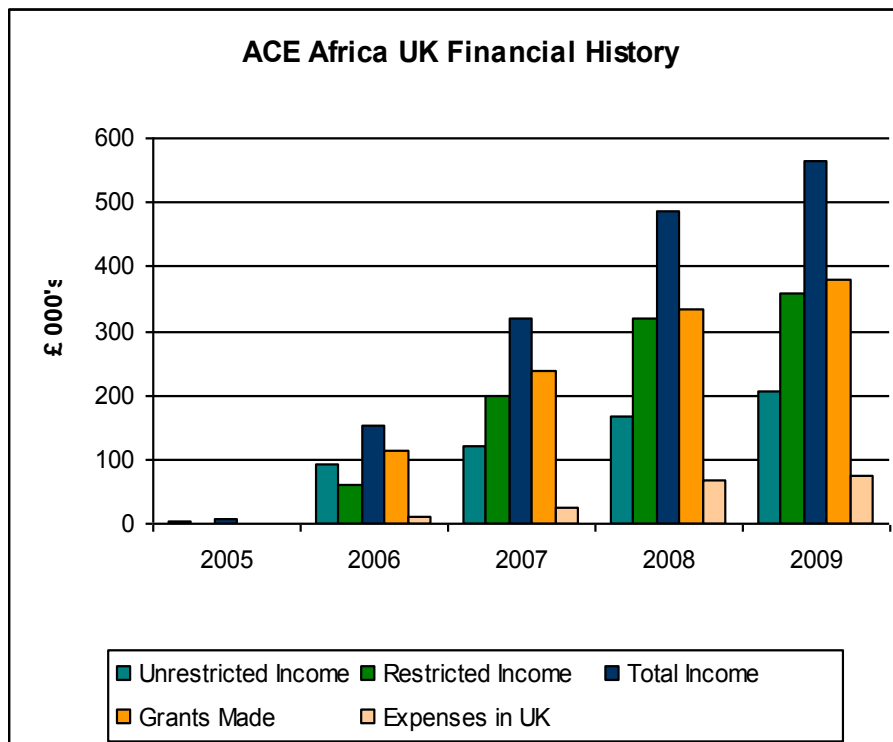
### EXPENDITURE 2009

This year saw a very minimal increase in expenditure of just 2% from £488,575 in 2008 to £500,389 in 2009. Tanzania and Siaya operations are higher because of start-up costs and less donors for direct aid items. There was an enormous increase in operations in Tanzania, almost tripling both income from £36,728 to £94,468 and expenses from £29,790 to £87,009 from 2008 to 2009. Administration costs are still on the high side in Siaya and Tanzania due to start-up expenses. However, these have reduced by 2% in each site since 2008 and will continue to fall. ACE Africa (UK) has a dedicated Director in Africa to oversee and give technical, fund-raising and financial input into ACE Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) operations. NB. The ACE Africa Audited Accounts for each country are available on request.

	2009				2008			
	<u>Bungoma</u>	<u>Siaya</u>	<u>Tanzania</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Bungoma</u>	<u>Siaya</u>	<u>Tanzania</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income in GBP</b>								
Un-restricted ACE Africa (UK)	60,989.15	29,666.01	29,357.38	<b>120,012.54</b>	29,472.69	36,022.17	10,358.00	<b>75,852.86</b>
Restricted ACE Africa (UK)	212,589.17	34,768.01	34,991.72	<b>282,348.89</b>	241,673.48	35,400.98	25,647.05	<b>302,721.51</b>
Direct and In country Funds	84,677.52	22,357.34	30,118.80	<b>137,153.66</b>	95,393.07		722.56	<b>96,115.63</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>358,255.83</b>	<b>86,791.36</b>	<b>94,467.90</b>	<b>539,515.09</b>	<b>366,539.24</b>	<b>71,423.15</b>	<b>36,727.60</b>	<b>474,690.00</b>
<b>Expenses in GBP</b>								
Project/Programme cost	279,375.30	69,820.85	69,607.35	<b>418,803.51</b>	328,522.57	57,173.06	23,234.61	<b>408,930.24</b>
Operating and Admin cost	48,137.71	16,045.90	17,401.84	<b>81,585.45</b>	58,262.19	14,826.68	6,555.80	<b>79,644.66</b>
Percentage of Programme cost	15%	19%	20%	<b>16%</b>	15%	21%	22%	<b>16%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>327,513.02</b>	<b>85,866.76</b>	<b>87,009.18</b>	<b>500,388.96</b>	<b>386,784.77</b>	<b>71,999.74</b>	<b>29,790.41</b>	<b>488,574.91</b>

## ACE Africa (UK) Financial Summary 2009

In the UK, total income grew again in 2009 to £605,000 from £519,000 in 2008. After deducting event costs, income rose to £564,000 from £487,000 in 2008. Events performed strongly, producing net income of over £80,000 compared to £14,000 in 2008. This reflects a planned increase in activity in 2009 and helped total unrestricted income after event costs increased by 22% to over £206,000. Restricted income also grew by over 12% to £357,000.



Overall, UK costs fell slightly in 2009. Management of operations in Africa fell by over 50% reflecting localisation of operational management in Bungoma and Arusha. Administration fell by over a third mainly because no recruitment costs arose in 2009. However the costs of generating funds were nearly 50% higher, reflecting the planned increased fundraising activity. Taken together, UK administration and fundraising costs at £75,000 against £66,000 in 2008, represented 13.3% of income after event costs compared to 13.7% in 2008. We continue to benefit from volunteer support and the generous provision of pro-bono office space and facilities by Value Partners Plc

Net income before making grants rose by 21% to £476,000 from £393,000 in 2008. Grants made to ACE in Africa increased by 13% to £378,000 from £334,000 the year before, comprising increases of 10% in restricted and 24% in unrestricted grants. The net result of lower increases in grants made as compared to income was an increase in restricted funds on-hand from £119,000 to £192,000 and in unrestricted funds from £8,000 to £32,000.

The higher restricted balances reflect the timing of grant receipts and the increased programme activity funded by restricted grants. The higher level of unrestricted funds on-hand reflects the wish of the trustees to maintain balances sufficient to ensure the smooth-running of operations both in the UK and in Africa.

The trustees consider that the outcome for 2009 was satisfactory, given the poor economic climate that prevailed. Economic conditions remain subdued and uncertain, and income in 2010 is expected to be similar to 2009. As per last year, a busy programme of events has been planned, and it is hoped that a growing number of individual supporters will lead to a higher level of regular income. It is very encouraging that some grant makers are supporting ACE Africa for the second or third time.

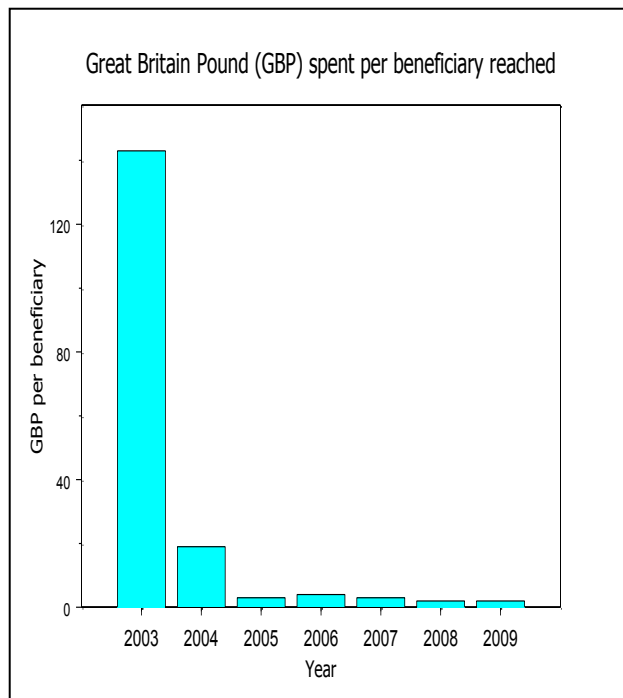
## ACE Africa Growth 2003 - 2009

**DECEMBER 2009: Governance:** Registered International NGO Kenya, Registered Non Profit Company, Tanzania, Registered UK Charity, Registered USA Charity

<b>ACE Africa</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Areas of operations	3	6	7	7	11	13	13
No. of staff	4	7	11	13	30	38	43
No. of Community volunteers	0	13	14	14	450	2000	2,500
Approx Spend in Africa £	16,000	112,000	124,000	194,000	337,000	489,000	500,000
Direct beneficiaries Cumulative	300	5000	35,000	50,000	100,000	187,550	293,850

**"ACE Africa's holistic approach is well thought through and appears very well executed. The staff are impressive and it was very refreshing to see clear evidence of good organization and tight systems of accountability. We were left with the impression of a well-managed project, making a significant impact on vulnerable families with sensible, cost effective and sustainable interventions."**

Egmont Trustees visiting Siaya Project, November 09



**"ACE Africa is ensuring that we all play a collective role to help the desperate and vulnerable children. They are part and parcel of this society and along with the community, have a part to play in their development, we support ACE Africa wholeheartedly in their collaborative approach."**

OCS, Child Protection Unit, Siaya Police





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