

# Community transformation

The Maisha Bora community, central Kenya.



## Helping street children through education and working with the community to tackle unemployment and disease.

### Background

Nine years ago racial clashes displaced or isolated parts of the community with many deserting the community altogether. Although now settled, this village has no running water, electricity or school. Government legislation restricting the use of river water for land irrigation has recently led to collapse of local farming and a slump in employment.

In connection to this, the level of school attendance is low as many families can't afford the fees. Children are now being turned to the streets to earn an income; with scores of young girls working as prostitutes in neighbouring towns. Food for the Hungry have already worked in this community running a HIV/AIDS awareness campaign and providing support for those affected by the disease - with volunteers continuing part of this work to the present day.

### Proposal

To give 350 children a full education by providing equipment, fees and a meal-a-day at school. To teach adults micro finance skills in conjunction with an Adult Literacy Programme and to demonstrate how they can generate an income using local resources. To run a community wide health campaign on how to access drinking water, maintain hygiene and prevent the spread of dysentery, malaria and HIV/AIDS. To promote child rights and run campaigns to protect the most vulnerable in this community.

### Target population

Community size of 1,5000; junior school population of 350



### Time frame

This programme is based on community mobilization and the integration of FH staff and existing volunteers in the contribution of time and energy in transforming their social and economic situation.

The recruitment process for full time staff members is scheduled to role-out in July 2008. The programme is designed to last for 10 years.

### Finance

The annual cost of running this programme is £25,000.