



Kaana

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As many of you may already know, in December 2008, I collected loads of shoes and clothes, traveled to Uganda and held a Christmas party for the Kampala street kids. There were over 700 of which 400 were children under the age of three.

To my dismay, these babies/toddlers will have been on the streets the previous day 24/12/2008 begging for money and returned the following day 26th to continue begging for food.

My providing them with a Christmas meal and clothes for just one day was a drop in the ocean.

Rather than waiting for Christmas 2009 to come and hold another one-day event, we have set up a charity organisation and called it Kaana (meaning child)

This organization will help eliminate begging toddlers and babies from the streets of Uganda whose mothers live in the most deprived conditions in the slums of Katwe, Kisenyi and Nakivubo. These mothers have all come to the city to try and make a living.

The charity will provide the Karamojong mothers with skills in order for them to earn a living and stop using their babies as a money making machine.

The first project we are embarking on is bead making. These beads are made out of recycled paper, (See photos), individually hand rolled and turned into earrings, necklaces, hand bags belts etc etc. We believe that there is market for them not just in Kampala but other parts of the world.

In order for this project to get going, we will need an initial funding for the first six months of its life. This will enable the women to pay for the trainer, buy tools needed for their project and also pay for the food, rent and childcare while they set on this new and exiting venture. (Please see attached budget)



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Today's tough economic conditions make it difficult for Kaana to meet the needs of these Karamojong Women with their babies with out the help from people like you

There are many organizations out there fundraising for worthy causes, but I hope that you will donate to KAANA and help us eliminate babies begging from the streets.

I will be traveling to Uganda during the month of April to launch the project.

I thank you for your time, consideration and look forward to what ever support you can provide.

Kind regards

Maureen

This monthly budget is based on 15 women with their children "working for 3 days a week

Transport	Ugs 180000	£67.67
Porridge/tea	Ugs 72000	£27.00
Toddlers Day care	Ugs 240000	£88.89
Material for bead making	Ugs 400000	£148.00
Tutor/Supervisor (first 2 months)	Ugs 60000	£22.00
Venue	Ugs 120000	£44.00
Misc (Pediatician/immunization)	Ugs 120000	£44.00
TOTAL	Ugs 11920000	£440.89

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If you require additional information about KAANA please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may also visit our website on www.akaana.org (which is still under construction). If you are sending your donation in a form of a cheque, please make it payable to Maureen Mwagale (We are in the process of registering the charity and opening up a bank account.)

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