



*CHILDREN*

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*Children service is our responsibility*

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**TO THE GOVERNOR**

**MARSABIT COUNTY.**

**YOUR EXCELLENCY,**

**REQUEST TO ESTABLISH RESCUE CENTRE IN OBBITU CHILDREN HOME**

**INTRODUCTION TO OBBITU CHILDREN HOME**

Obbitu children home is in Sololo sub County of Marsabit County. The home is situated at the foot of Dakakate hill on the eastern side. Obbitu children home is a home for orphans and vulnerable children. The aim of the home is to prevent OVC from street life, by give them opportunity, and hope to become responsible members of the community.

The home was established and funded by Dr. Pino Bollini through an organization called Mondeco onlus in Italy in 2010 to date. Obbitu children home was registered in 2012 with the Director of children's services.

Obbitu children home is a public institution supporting OVC from within Marsabit County. The day today management is done by management team and supervised by OVC management committee from other stakeholders.

Obbitu children have capacity to accommodate 50 children, currently there 22 children in the home, 10 girls and 12 boys. 13 other children were exited after they completed primary level education and joined secondary school.

Services provided in Obbitu children are food and nutrition, education, health care services, accommodation, clothing's, and recreational and entertainment facilities.

**CRITERIA OF REGISTRATION OVC**

The following criteria are used to identify OVC to be cared for in Obbitu children home vetting for admission is done through OVC management committee, district children officer and the court.

1. Lost one or both parents due to HIV and AIDS
2. Abandoned children
3. Destitute families
4. Children rescued from harmful environment and cultural practices

## **VISION OF OBBITU CHILDREN**

Orphans and vulnerable children become independent, responsible and contributing members of the society

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To be a foster home for orphans and vulnerable children where they can access quality care and protection to grow, develop and realize their full potential in life in partnership with the community and development partners.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

1. Provide access to basic needs for proper growth and development
2. To increase the number of OVC accommodated from 22 to 50.
3. Establish partnership with county government and other development partners for sustainability development.

## **REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A RESCUE CENTRE**

Child abuse and violation of their basic right is very rampant in Sololo Sub County. Many cases go unreported due to stigma and lack of awareness on the violation of children right. Case in point is there are 4 cases of child labour and child abuse admitted in obbitu children home. There are a number of early marriages through elope of school girls and underage girls. One case from Golole was rescued in Garissa and now she is a mother. Another girl was taken to Nyeri for rescue. On 3 occasions the children officer requested to bring in children for rescue to obbitu children home but since their needs are different they could not be admitted to obbitu children home. Children who work as house helpers need to be in school not working once rescued there is no appropriate center to provide psychosocial support and counseling in obbitu children home.

Many a times children who went through abuses and sexual harassment are stigmatized and do not open up on their problem leading to stress and hopelessness. They require a vigorous counseling and later integrated back to family and community

Other case in court and police has no center to accommodate the abused child hence end up locking them in cell as if they are criminals.

The need to have a rescue center cannot be overemphasized. Obbitu children home has enough land space for construction of structures for rescue and request county government to take up the project to construct a rescue center

Accommodation house, counseling room and a kitchen for food preparation with ablution block can be constructed for a start.

This will develop in to partnership in management of the center with county government and children officer. Eventually once the project exit, both facilities can be handed over to the county government of Marsabit to own and sustain

Thanking you in advance

YOURS FAITHFULLY

**GUFU GUYO - CHAIRMAN OBBITU CHILDREN HOME SOLOLO**

**FOR MANAGEMENT TEAM OBBITU CHILDREN HOME**