

JOIN IN

Families in the slums still live in inhumane circumstances. For decades homeless, and often jobless migrants, have moved into the already over-populated slums of Nairobi from the countryside hoping to find a better life. By donations and other activities like hosting voluntary fundraising events such as charity runs, flea markets, providing corporate funding, simple creativity or volunteer work in Kenya you can help directly. The initiative is based on the principles of voluntarism and common public interest for the community from the grassroots so no administration expense arises.

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor a child's school education (anything from primary up to vocational training or university) for a brighter future because education is the key to set Afreeka free!

SHAMBA (KISWAHILI = LAND, FIELD)

Donate to enable the purchase of land for more needy families to repatriate from the slum to their own land. One family should be provided with four acres of land to sustain themselves with organic subsistence farming. We are also looking forward to obtain a twenty acre farm for the communal work of M.A.W.A. like building a women's house so that new-arrivals from the city can live there and feed from the land before they gather the first own harvest and have built a house.



REGENERATIVE ENERGIES & SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES

We are investing in sustainable energy production and organic dynamic farming. Ecological seeds, solar-cookers and lighting systems were our first steps but also biogas, wind energy, irrigation methods and much more technologies are needed for a holistic energy solution. Be our business partner or share with us your knowledge about regenerative energies and other technologies that strengthen alternative sustainable ways of living.

ARTS

Our diverse afreekan cultures result in a rich spectrum of skillfully hand crafted items. You can buy them from us for a fair trade price.



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Mamma Afreeka Welfare Association

Out of the slum – Back to the land!



A Vision of a world in which every mother and her family own their own piece of land and every child therefore experiences more freedom.

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INTRODUCTION

The initiative was founded during a two years stay of Maria Illing from Germany in Kenya, where she became friends with Damaris Mbulwa "Mamma Afreeka" and her family. They lived in Mathare, the oldest Slum of Nairobi. Maria experienced firsthand the difficult lives of a group of women living in the slums. Together they worked to improve the living conditions of these women and their families. Provisionally the wish arose to rehabilitate these families to their own land in the countryside and therefore enabling them to live a healthier lifestyle with a better standard of living. Our collective the Mamma Afreeka Repatriation Initiative got registered officially in 2012 as Mamma Afreeka Welfare Association in Kenya.



AIMS

- To give needy families from informal settlements (slums) the chance to shift from the urban slum to their own lands, in order to enable them to live a positive prospective life on their lands.
- To make it possible for the children to experience a more peaceful and healthier childhood and thereby to create a grounded grown-up human being in future society.
- The family to gain independence through a (new-) start help and school sponsorships.
- To foster self-reliance, growth and progress in the Kenyan society through individual support for vulnerable mothers, initiating eco businesses with renewable energies on the countryside.
- Maintain the cultural values and spread cultural knowledge and respect cross-generationally by supporting elderly persons in the communities.
- To build inter-cultural and social bridges through volunteer stays, which are contributing towards the evaluation of the project and the requisition of the family's needs.



STRATEGIES

- To ensure the supply of basic services through funding, adopting the principle of help towards self-help, hand in hand with the promotion of ecologically sustainable livity.
- To set ensured income alternatives in the rural area through workshops, small scale enterprise inception, and fair trade sale of Kenyan products abroad.
- To strengthen social, leadership and other capacity through seminars and organization of initiatives for community work and social business enterprise.
- To establish an environmentally conscious self-reliant community in a cooperative environment with local small-scale industry and self-help.
- To remind people of their roots and culture by re-connecting them to nature (tree planting, organic farming, permaculture, renewable energies, eco-tourism)
- To network with other organizations and government bodies regional and international in order to strengthen global justice, peace and equality.
- To teach people of their human rights by edutainment (educational entertainment).

