



Annual Report 2019-2020

Saidia site
Gilgil, Kenya



Chalice has partnered with the Saidia Children’s Home (orphanage) in the town of Gilgil since 2011. Gilgil has many informal housing settlements. The families there try to support their families with market stalls, daily wage work, motorcycle taxi driving and similar jobs. The living conditions are poor and criminal activity is widespread. In 2008, Saidia Children’s home was established to house and care for the many abandoned and vulnerable children in Gilgil. Currently there are 21 girls and 25 boys who call it home, ranging in age from a few days to 17 years. The Home’s managers also opened Bondeni Nursery School in the heart of the most disadvantaged neighborhood. It offers quality pre-primary education and a feeding program to the children in that neighborhood and the surrounding areas.



Child

- Site staff ensured that more than 90% of their sponsored children are enrolled in school, from nursery level to university.
- More than 90% of sponsored children went back to school after the COVID-19 shutdown, and are sitting for their National Exams.
- The site paid 80% of the school fees for our children in secondary school (which is not free in Kenya) and post-secondary schools.

Family

- More than 95% of parents took part in family circle meetings and they attended seminars about cervical cancer.
- More than 50% of parents in the Njeru community are successfully running an income-generating activity.
- New initiatives this year include donkey-driven cart transportation, fruit trees and sweater-knitting.
- In the Gilgil community, parents have a baking/cafe enterprise that encompasses the 20% of sponsored families.
- Despite the impacts of COVID-19, staff trained 25% of the youth on hairdressing and cosmetology, and baking.
- More than 95% of parents continue to engage in saving money and conducting inter-circle loans.
- Despite COVID-19 disruptions, staff worked with local Public Health Offices and had all precautionary measures in place for parent trainings.



Community

- The donkey-driven cart transportation enterprise is helping the community by creating an easier way to transport water to homes, especially homes on hillsides.
- The knitting enterprise enables parents to buy locally made sweaters for their children, where before they needed to buy them from another town.
- The families are eager for their fruit orchard to begin to produce yields for their nutrition and profit.

