

SOCIAL HOUSING ADVANCEMENT & POVERTY ERADICATION PROJECT (SHAPE)



The primary objective of SHAPE project is to improve the livelihoods of the most disadvantaged people in Kenya in Nairobi, Rift Valley, and Eastern Provinces who are poor, marginalized, lacking shelter and living in deplorable conditions in slums and informal urban settlements, unable to provide for their basic needs and ravaged by the deadly HIV & AIDS.”

The project contributes to SACOMA’s effort of improving quality of life of the low-income communities using the Cooperative model which NACHU has promoted over the years. Transformational impact has been realized with majority of members accessing security of tenure, decent shelter and improved livelihoods.

Supported by Comic Relief, the SHAPE project contributes to the reduction of the social and economic problems in the slums by enabling PHCS to access financial services and technical assistance for shelter development and improvement of livelihoods.

- The savings mobilized and the credit accessed
- Business premises and other to houses have improved.
- Increased the capacity of PHCs to do lobbying on their own with members actively engaging local authorities in particular for regularization of their ownership of land that most occupy within the informal settlements which are owned by the City
- Training of Trainer courses



Post election violence results in Nakuru



Construction of a new house in KCC, Nairobi

To date, we have mobilized 259 Primary Housing Cooperatives (PHC), with an estimated membership of over 250,000 countrywide. The innovative housing model as a poverty alleviation mechanism has proved attractive, accessible and sustainable among the poor.

MDG Targets

Goal	Explanation	Target
1	Eradication of extreme poverty & hunger	2
2	Achieve universal primary education through increased security of tenure & improved living conditions	
3	Promotion of gender equality and women empowerment	
4	Reduction of child mortality rate through cleaner environment	
6	Combating HIV & AIDS, Malaria & other diseases	7, 8
7	Ensuring environmental sustainability	9, 10, 11



After eight months there is a complete house



This is how it is done

Training on Business skills development to improve personal productivity, business strategy and income generation for improved livelihood

Increased Access to Housing, building technologies & better habitation
Increase in security of tenure, Livelihood & Better PHC Management

Improved Business Skills, HIV & AIDS Awareness & Improved Decision making Gender balance, Understanding of Shelter strategy and improved attitude



A whole family kitchen in the slums



A family of 7 in their 8ft by 8ft in Kianyago slum, Nairobi



A sample of modern sustainable house (dome) proposed for slum dwellers

Housing finance

The capacity building at the grass root level has created effective demand for increased saving, and credit services. Currently NACHU is making very good progress in her deliberate efforts of providing housing finance to the low income earners.

SACOMA is still exploring e more partnership in the area of housing microfinance in order to develop sustainable capitalization strategies to satisfy the demand.

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