



**CHEBUKAKA COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL** 

JIGGER ELIMINATION PROGRAM

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# **JALI MTOTO TRUST PROGRAM BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This is a volunteer community -based program founded the year 2023 July with the main aim of assisting jigger infested children survive in their hostile environment.

The program is based at CHEBUKAKA COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL located in Saboti, Trans-Nzoia County- Western part of Kenya.

Western Kenya is susceptible for jigger infestation. Jiggers is a rampant problem affecting all ages of people, but underage-school going children are the most affected.

At Chebukaka Comprehensive School where I teach, jiggers has been a menace to many children. Unfortunately, there is lack of goodwill to end this problem from the community or even the government. This is because the jigger problem is regarded as an individual problem. As such, children from poor background suffer silently without help!

Having been a jigger survivor, I know the pain, the trauma and the suffering these children undergoes. Talking from experience, a child who is infested by the jiggers: won't walk, won't sleep, won't learn, won't concentrate, lacks self-esteem, is despised, is rejected, is in pain and is malnourished!

With these at heart, I said to myself that may I not want to see, teach these children and leave them to suffer going home barefooted, hungry, tired and hopeless. I marshalled the little resources God has put in my hands and resolved to help them where I can.

I later teamed up with two teachers who volunteered to help these children. Together by the grace of God we have helped these children a great deal. What a joy to see a child you have helped recover from jiggers learn, play and associate with others and living a happy life! This is the course of life we have chosen to commit ourselves and make a difference in the life of an innocent child!

# JALI MTOTO TRUST STAFF:



**ALEX KAITA** TEACHER: CHEBUKAKA COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SECRETARY GENERAL: HELPING HANDS MISSION-KENYA ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR.



**RUTH NYONGESA** TEACHER: CHEBUKAKA COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEAD OF DEPARTMENT-GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM MANAGER



MAUREEN BWARI TEACHER: CHEBUKAKA COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

#### PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR

# JALI MTOTO TRUST ACTIVITIES WHAT WE DO

- 1. We help treat jiggers either through application of insecticide or by physically operating them out using removing tools such as safety pins and needles .Then we treat and dress wounds.
- 2. We help clean their feet daily after and before going home. We apply petroleum jelly to control new infections as well as maintaining their hygiene.
- 3. We visit them at home to disinfect their sleeping environment and do general cleanliness.
- 4. We provide them with small lunch to help sustain them back home. Most of these children depends entirely on these food provided to them at school. To some, this the only meal they survive on per day.
- 5. We buy them school uniform and pay them school fees required per term.
- 6. We give them deworming medicine regularly to maintain their health.
- 7. We follow-up their class work progress and encourage them to participate in cocurricular activities outside the class.
- 8. We teach about JESUS CHRIST and his love for them. We let them watch Bible stories movies on TV set. But sometimes we wish to have a projector for the rest of the school watch! Such watching occasions attract the attention of the entire school.

#### THE CURRENT SITUATION

We started with one child by the name AMOS KIRANDI who was adversely affected by jiggers. The boy was on the verge of dieing. We rescued him from the deathbed and managed to restore his life. After Amos was rescued, many jiggers infested children transferred from other schools to find help here. The numbers was so huge that the school administration had to turn down some transfers because of lack of resources to handle a huge number of jigger infested children seeking admission in the school. Currently we have 19 children (7 boys and 12 girls) who are adversely affected by the jiggers in our hands. The number is likely to increase as time goes by.

AMOS KIRANDI PHOTO STORY:







## THE STORY OF AMOS IS QUITE INSPIRING

### SUPPORT FROM THE FOREIGN MISSION

JALI MTOTO TRUST, is a volunteer community-based program which depends much on volunteers to help run this program. We received an immense support from the Foreign Mission to help rescue the life AMOS KIRANDI from jiggers. The FM send \$100 to help foot AMOS' hospital bill, treat jiggers and buy him bedding. We appreciate much for that generous support, now AMOS is a live because of that contribution. God bless THE FOREIGN MISSION so much.

During the month of MARCH, 2024, the Foreign Mission again send **\$210**. This fund was used to purchase the following:

- 1. **Medicine** to treat jiggers wounds
- 2. We bought 3 bags of maize and 1 bag of beans for their lunch program.
- 3. Purchased **sprayer pump** to apply disinfectants in children's homes and in classes.
- 4. Hand and feet washing equipment.
- 5. Soaps, petroleum jelly and sanitizers.
- 6. We bought second-hand shoes for the children
- 7. Supported these children to participate in this year's interschool's athletics championship.

## PHOTO STORY OF THE JALI MTOTO TRUST PROGRAM:



SELECTED PHOTOS OF JIGGER INFESTATION.

# VIDEO CLIPS FOR JIGGER INFESTATION ARE AVAILABLE















PHOTO STORY OF THE JALI MTOTO TRUST PROGRAM. VIDEO CLIPS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

















- Buy them jiggers disinfectants and medicine
- Buy them food for lunch
- Buy for them soap and petroleum jelly to help control new infections.
- Pay them school fees so that we maintain them in school.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL HEAD TEACHER



MS CATHERINE KHAOMA

PRINCIPAL
CHEBUKAKA COMPRENSIVE SCHOOL
SABOTI-KITALE (KENYA)

May I write to pass a message of heartfelt gratitude to our brothers from the Foreign Mission-USA for their timely support they offered to one of my vulnerable learner AMOS KIRANDI.Amos has a lot of problems in his life. This boy was infested by jiggers, has no food at home; he generally lives a very tough survival life. He felt from the tree when he climbed to look for something to eat, that is how he got multiple fractures on his feet. He was taken to hospital and was dumped there. There was no one to pay the hospital bill until the Foreign mission came in to clear the bill. With the help from the Foreign Mission, he was rescued from deathbed because of jigger infestation. He is now a happy boy! Thank you foreign mission.

The story of AMOS made many children who are jigger infested to start flocking in for help. As at now, I have so many jigger infested children but the school lacks necessary resources to handle them...

If there may be away these children may be helped to be happy like AMOS, then glory will go back to our God in heaven!

On behalf of the entire school staff and my teacher Mr ALEX KAITA, may I register my sincere gratitude to you. God bless you so much.

MS CATHERINE KHAOMA.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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