

MUKURU PRIMARY SCHOOL



Mukuru Primary School is situated in Mukuru Kayaba slum. The school began in 1985 as a non-formal school with about 200 students and four teachers assisted by volunteers. The children who were admitted were children over ten who had either been out of school or who had never gone to school. In 1989, the Sisters of Mercy requested Sr. Mary Killeen to transfer from Our Lady of Mercy to Mukuru as the first official headmistress. Since then, the school has grown in leaps and bounds with 1000 students attending to date with about 20 teachers .

The school has three streams per class except for class one and eight which have two and four streams respectively. A new permanent school has been constructed by the German Government in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Kenya. It was occupied for the first time at the beginning of the third term 2010.

From the beginning MPC has focused on education. "It is a right for all children and not a privilege", as the United Nations Millennium goals states: education can improve societies and empower individuals to improve their lives.

Education is one of the most important building blocks for the healthy development of any society. It is absolutely essential for poorer communities, since education empowers people with skills for employment, and a voice to articulate their needs to Governments and service providers.



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'Empowerment Step by Step'

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Mukuru Promotion Centre works with the Mukuru community to enable them access healthcare, education, community development and social rehabilitation.

For more than 30 years the Centre has been part of the Mukuru community in the informal settlement of Nairobi. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, in the spirit of their foundress Catherine McAuley, MPC gives children, adults and families hope for a better future, including those with disabilities.

ST. CATHERINE PRIMARY SCHOOL



At MPC, more than 6,000 children attend the four Mukuru primary schools in our catchment area, with a percentage increase expected in the coming years. These catchment areas include Mukuru and Lunga Lunga slum area, where the pupils mainly come from. Primary education is free under the Kenyan constitution and Education Act (2013), but there are other costs -firewood, educational tours, school uniform that prevent parents from sending their children of Mukuru to school for a bright future.

St Catherine is one of the four primary schools. It is situated in South B, opposite The Mater Hospital on Mukenia Road.

The school was brought to life from the compassion of young street children who were out of school and deteriorating in behaviour through petty crime and child prostitution in the early years of 1992. The school started as two shacks and later developed into what it is today, thanks to the help of the community, the government and donors.

The school is named after Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. All schools have teachers from the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) and County government, and also various sponsors (i.e DKA). The school has upto 1,000 students and 20 teachers, with 3 streams of classes starting from class 1 to 7 and four streams for class 8. They also have pre-primary classes, that is, ECD with a total of three streams.

ST. ELIZABETH PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Elizabeth primary school is among the four primary schools situated in Lunga Lunga, Industrial Area. The school began in the year 1991 in a temporary church within the Lunga Lunga slums at the request of the Parish priest of Makadara, Fr Joseph. In 1993, this school was reallocated on to its own plot at the end of the village. As the temporary church within the slums was too small for the crowd attending church, the school hall was used for Sunday Mass until the new school was built and a semi- permanent church constructed nearby.

It has four streams in both ECD and class 8 while the rest of the classes from class 2 to 7 have three streams each. Their motto is "Education is Power".

Largest of our primary schools with an enrolment of over 1000 children, St Elizabeth is known for its excellent performance in the national school choir competition. The Lunga Lunga choir also has the distinction of performing at state presentations for music festivals.

Although primary education is now financially supported by the Government of Kenya, MPC supports the four schools through the provision of additional teachers and funds to enable students to participate in extra-curricular activities such as music, sport and occasional outings.

ST. BAKHITA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Instead of transferring Mukuru Kayaba Primary School to the new acquired land from the government it was decided that a new school be built as there were still hundreds of children who had no access to education. This move saw the birth of St. Bakhita in 1996. The parents wished to call the new school after the late Cardinal Otunga, who had supported the development work among the poor, but the Cardinal requested that the school be called St. Bakhita after a Sudanese Saint, blessed Josephine Bakhita for her great patience, love, humility and understanding . This became the 4th primary school built and managed by the Sisters of Mercy, under the auspices of Mukuru Promotion Centre.

St. Bakhita primary school is situated along Likoni Road where MPC site and St Michaels are. The school had a very humble beginning in the year 1996 with temporary classrooms built from 'Mabati' or tinned structures. The school started off with over 200 pupils and with more than 50% being boys

The story of St. Bakhita changed when the German government in conjunction with the government of Kenya put up permanent buildings for the school. The buildings were put up with the special child in mind thus there are four toilets and ramps besides the staircase to cater for physically challenged children.

The school has grown in leaps and bounds and currently the enrolment is at over 1,000 pupils. The enrolment depicts improvement on female gender enrolment through the years.