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Mukuru Promotion Centre

Empowerment Step by Step

Sponsored by Sisters of Mercy



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Registered Trustees

Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC) has remained faithful to her founding spirit of empowering the community step by step. For decades now the Centre does not only assist the Mukuru Communities towards self reliance but opens doors to many individuals to reach a new dawn with hope and a loving heart as members of a society. We recognize that all people have fundamental rights in this Nation and the Mukuru people are already aware of that.

Over the years we have witnessed that MPC continues to embrace diversity of people and cultures as many come from different locations to find hope in this village. Though Mukuru is home to many, it is a fact that many children are presented with many challenges from a very young age. With the welcoming hand of MPC many who come here have grown in self awareness aware of their rainbow community that co-exists with hope.

Last year was a colourful year for MPC on many fronts. Sr Mary Killeen, the Director and Founder of MPC, was honoured with a Presidential Distinguished Service Award by President Michael D. Higgins in Ireland. This was a special recognition of her work with the poor and marginalised in Nairobi. For such a great mile stone and achievements, we celebrate. We look back to the mission that was started in the 1980s and today all can see the total transformation that has taken place in this Nairobi Industrial Area. This is the home of the MPC programmes which offers education, health, rehabilitation of street children, sponsorship programmes, therapeutic programmes for the disabled, skills development and social work. The mission continues to touch many persons and families of the Mukuru Community and beyond. With all the efforts made for MPC to stand out, we say thank you.

MPC again demonstrated her spirit of care towards social transformation with the opening of the new building named Hekima House at Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre, Hekima means “wisdom” in Kiswahili. This stands out as the new educational and technical learning complex where the boy child is rehabilitated to reclaim and to achieve his full potential. From being a street boy to someone focused and accepted by the families and communities, demands a lot of dedication. We congratulate all who work with these children. This shows the possibilities and pathways towards a better future for many poor families. The boys who complete their full time processes at Mary Immaculate Centre through informal education classes or NITA Exams for carpentry and woodwork, find new and better beginnings. This journey of transformation touches on different processes towards healing and reconciliation for wholeness. The counselling sessions, skills training, therapy sessions, physical activities, social and recreational facilities all make MPC special in addressing the needs of the community.

The mission of MPC is incomplete without the networking that enhances collaboration and commitment witnessed at all times. MPC brings different donors, visitors and learners together both local and international. Here everyone finds a space that makes the difference. Partnership is very important for development. This is in line with the 17th goal of the SDGs which talks about revitalising the global partnership for sustainable development. With all the great contributions that make MPC to be a 'Going Concern' we say thank you.

The registered Trustees appreciate all people who make it possible for the mission and ministry of Mercy to prosper. Together, we are better able to create a transformative force to ensure MPC will be sustainable in the future. Therefore, the achievements of MPC are many as the Annual Report of 2018 demonstrates. For sure, internal works of the organization sometimes go unrecognised. Yet this demands a lot of effort to coordinate the structures of such a complex organization like MPC. We want to thank the entire Board of Management for their time and commitment for honouring your duty of care with fiduciary responsibilities. Your efforts of ensuring that MPC continues to recreate, gives a future full of hope. All the employees and volunteers keep the ship moving. We say thank you. For the parents and supporters of MPC let us continue to play our role to make MPC stronger and better for tomorrow.



Sr Anne Itotia

Head Trustee

Sisters of Mercy, Kenya

Chairman - Board of Management

2018 was a year of reconciliation in the Kenyan political arena. After the political turbulence of the national elections in 2017, the main political players reconciled in early 2018. The Kenyan Government was able to roll out its economic programmes. This saw the Kenyan economy grow at the rate of 6.2%, the fastest growth since 2014. However, it was a “jobless growth” as fewer formal jobs were created than the previous years. Hence the economic growth did not impact on most Kenyans, particularly the youth, the poor and the vulnerable. The economic climate impacted negatively on the Mukuru community particularly by the loss of jobs for the youth and more so by the rising inflation.

At MPC we continued with the implementation of the Government’s new education policy, that saw the transition from the previous 8-4-4 system to the new 2-6-3-3 system. However, although the Government set the timelines for the implementation of the new system it fell short on providing the material and textbooks. This added to the budgetary burden of MPC as these materials and text books had to be purchased at additional cost. Furthermore, the World Food Programme that provided food to schools lapsed and we had to look for additional resources to cater for food. Moreover, the challenges faced by MPC were worsened by a drop in donations which created a Kshs. 9 million deficit in the budget for the year. The Sisters of Mercy, by the Grace of God, made up the deficit.

The MPC staff led by Sr Mary continues to perform superbly. MPC programmes are running smoothly thanks to the staff, the Sisters of Mercy and to our donors. Through these programmes MPC provides the education, health and spiritual wellbeing of 6,000 children and reaches out to the larger Mukuru community most of whom are poor and neglected by the society.

We hope and pray that we shall be enabled to continue serving and empowering the Mukuru community throughout 2019.

Dr Onsando Osiemo

Chairman, Board of Management

Board of Management 2018

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Executive Summary

Dear Partners, Supporters, Donors and Friends,

You will read in this report the huge contribution made by Mukuru Promotion Centre to the development of the Mukuru Community in social welfare services, community development, education, health development, participating primary health and curative health services, education and welfare of children living with disabilities with their families, empowerment of youth through vocational training, new buildings and facilities for rehabilitation and preparation of street children for entering society as able and responsible members.

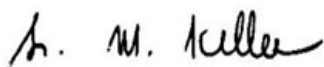
I wish to congratulate the Board, staff, parents and community on the great achievements amongst the difficulties during the year. Our fundraising efforts were down on the previous year due to the extra work occasioned by responding to the demands of an organisational audit that was part of an evaluation on the works of the Sisters of Mercy, Kenya. At the conclusion of the audit we were highly praised by the independent firm. Added to this is the issue of land encroachment by neighbours changing the course of the river. Much effort was also required to find a solution to the ending of the World Food Program for over 6,000 children.

At times it seemed we might need to close one of the programs but which one. Each one is necessary for the development of the most vulnerable members of Mukuru Community that is the sick, lame, blind, deaf, the excluded, the orphan and those of great harm or even death if left on the streets or out of school. Thank you, our partners, donors, friends and volunteers for enabling us to continue with all the programs.

We continued to review our strategic plan and we strengthened our organizational structure, trained and built the capacity of many of our staff on the ethos of the Sisters of Mercy and MPC values and ethics.

We appreciate every donor and friend. Our aims for 2019 is to continue providing empowerment, step by step, to all who come to MPC. With your help we can achieve a great scope and quality for those who benefit from our services.

With grateful appreciation,

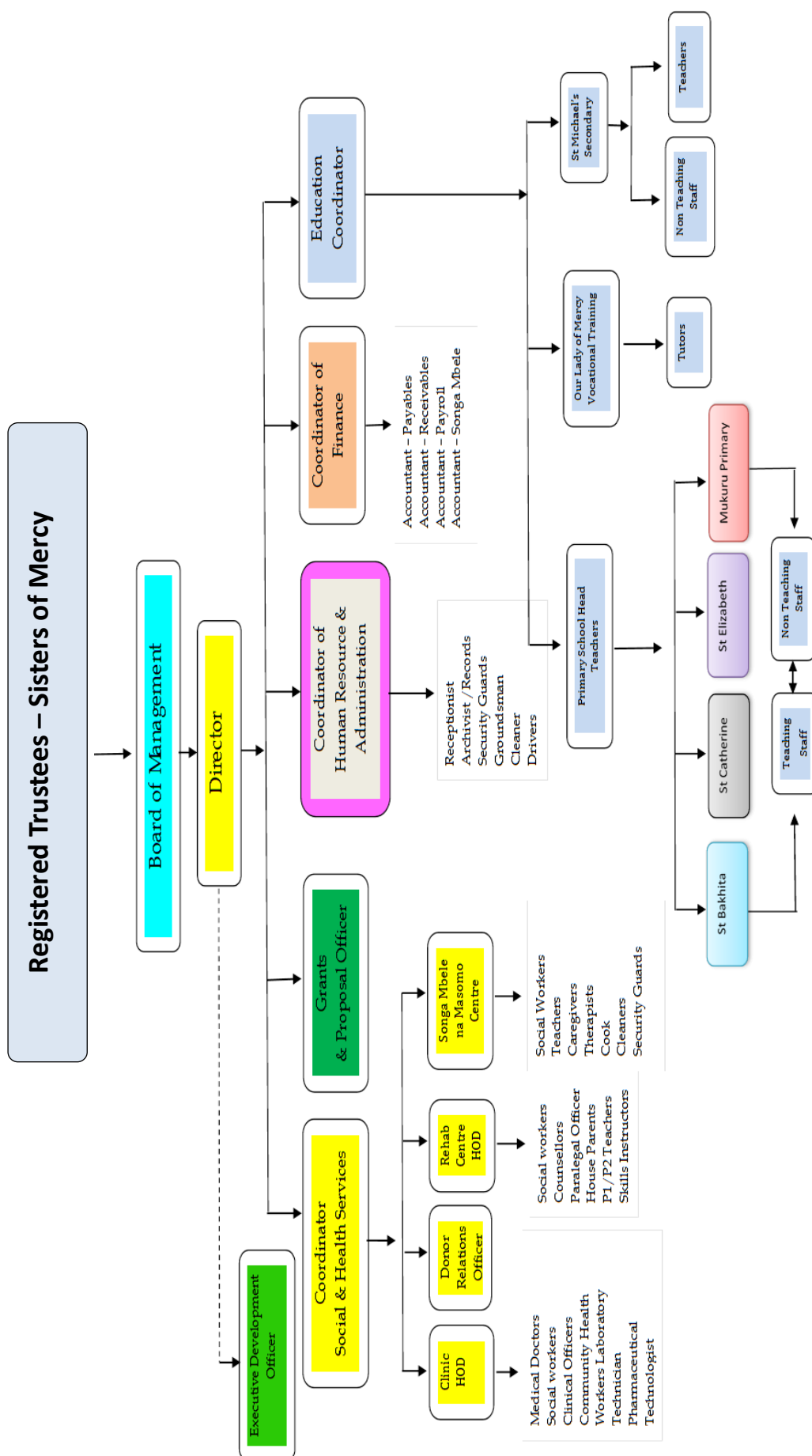


Sr Mary Killeen

Director

Organizational Structure:

Mukuru Promotion Centre



MPC Staffing for 2018

Departments	Teachers	Support Staff	Health & Medical	Social & Welfare	Admin	Total
PRIMARY						
Mukuru Primary	6	2				8
St. Catherine	4	4				8
St. Bakhita	6	3				9
St. Elizabeth	6	4				10
Subtotal	22	13				35
SECONDARY						
St. Michael Secondary	18	5			2	25
Vocational Training	7				1	8
Subtotal	25	5			3	33
SOCIAL & HEALTH						
Social Workers				9		9
Child Protection & Safe Guarding				1		1
Clinic		6	4		1	11
Subtotal		6	4	10	1	21
WELFARE						
Sponsorship					1	1
Rehabilitation	3	4			1	8
Songa Mbele na Masomo	6	9	2		2	19
Subtotal	9	13	2		4	28
ADMINISTRATION						
Head Office					16	16
TOTAL	56	37	6	10	24	133

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Social & Health*

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Education



Early Childhood

Primary

Secondary

Vocational Training



Education in Kenya for the year 2018 saw many developments and changes. The Ministry commenced the transformation from the 8-4-4 to the 2-6-3-3 system. By 2026 the new competency based education system will be fully operational throughout the country. This will mean many changes in the next 7 years. While the Ministry of Education changes the educational structures from teacher-centred to student-centred curriculum, our students will be placed well as we continue to provide a good learning environment that reduces the teacher pupil ratio. The County Government created Early Childhood Development Education Centres in the public schools by providing Centre Managers, security guards, supported lunches for the 4—5 years pupils. MPC through its sponsors provided additional classroom infrastructure, teachers, support staff and educational materials and resources.

There were challenges to feed 6,000 pupils / students with the termination of the World Food Program. The ending of the program caused many difficulties for the 4 primary schools, secondary school, vocational training students and disabilities centre. Letters were submitted to the various government bodies and even though promises were given we did not receive any government assistance in term 3, 2018. A good majority of our students attend school because of the feeding program. If not resolved in 2019, it will impact on our enrolment numbers.

The achievements during the year resulted in higher enrolment numbers across the educational institutions; spiritual and faith formation and regular catechesis sessions supported by Our Lady Queen of Peace and St Margaret's Catholic parishes; increased transition to secondary schools by pupils due to improved academic performances; improved infrastructure leading to friendly learning environment; and an increased participation in the co-curricular events with most of the teams reaching regional and national competitions.

MPC is committed to helping children receive a good start in education by subsidizing staff in the schools. MPC has made applications to the Ministry of Education and the Teachers' Service Commission for a fair and equitable solution to the imbalance. Our numbers for 2018 are listed below:

Primary School	No. of Teachers	Enrolments	Teacher: Pupil Ratio	Ratio without MPC & BOM Teachers
St Bakhita	25	1,038	1:41	1:61
St Catherine	28	1,286	1:46	1:64
St Elizabeth	33	1,817	1:55	1:69
Mukuru Kayaba	29	1,686	1:58	1:80
Totals	115	5,827	1:50 Avg.	1:68.5 Avg

The 2018 Kenya Certificate Primary Education Results

Primary School	Over 400 Marks	350-399	300—349	250—299	<250	Missed Exams	Total
St Bakhita	0	4	23	33	55	4	119
St Catherine	0	6	8	39	86	1	140
St Elizabeth	0	11	22	76	157	0	266
Mukuru Kayaba	2	10	25	56	104	1	198
Total Candidates	2	31	78	204	402	6	723
National	12,273 (10.68%)	228,414 (21.70%)		574,927 (54.63%)			

Nationally, there were 1,052,364 pupils who sat the KCPE exams and 12,273 (10.68%) scored 400+. The next bracket who scored between 300 and 399 represented 21.70% of the pupils. Collectively, our primary schools were a little below the national average between 5% and 8%. St Bakhita performed the best with a mean score of 251.7 even though Mukuru Kayaba had two pupils who achieved over 400 marks. This was a great achievement. Mukuru Kayaba had a mean grade of 245.43 followed by St Elizabeth with 236.98 and St Catherine had the lowest with 234.62. Given the class sizes and the daily struggles that comes from living in the slums and what the schools have had to endure, the results are commendable.

There were a few sponsored excursions for the pupils during the year. The Standard Five pupils in all our four primary schools went to the conservation centre at the Nairobi Giraffe Centre and Elephant Sanctuary. The educational trips were sponsored by the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) in conjunction with WAVES Trust, a long time MPC supporter. The excursions have positively influenced our pupils towards the preservation of the environment and animals.

The sporting events also continued at the schools. The favourite one for the schools is the annual Kerrigan Cup Tournament where the schools compete against each other including the boys at the Rehabilitation Centre in a round-robin soccer competition. At the end the 4 best teams play for the Cup, one for the girls and the other for the boys. The St Elizabeth girls and the St Bakhita boys won their respective matches.

In partnership with various donors, MPC managed to provide the best possible outcomes for the pupils, students, parents and staff for 2018.

St Michael Secondary School

In 2018 St Michael's commenced its first year as a three stream secondary mixed day school. Developing the third stream will enable an extra 200 students to complete their secondary education by 2021. St Michael's is the only day school in the area which makes it affordable for 38% of student who can't attend secondary school due to high boarding fees.

To obtain the three stream status there was a process of re-registration. The school was audited by the Ministry of Education and the school submitted all the necessary documents. St Michael's has a teaching staff of 18 with 5 support staff. The Government announced that in 2018 there would be 100% transition from primary to secondary which meant the education system needed 33,000 new teachers for the schools. There was a lower than normal retention rate at St Michael's because of the decision. The attraction for teachers is that the positions are permanent and pensionable. There are some private schools who can offer these benefits but many cannot. The difficulty will remain as the country does not have the physical buildings to accommodate 100% transition. MPC hopes that when the land issue at St Catherine's is resolved, that it will build a high school to accommodate the 700+ MPC school students who complete their KCPE each year to attend the new high school.

In the country there were 660,204 Form 4 students who sat the national KCSE exams in November. Out of this number only 90,377 students (13.77%) scored a C+ which will give them the opportunity to attend university. From the total number who sat the exams only 315 students received A's. For St Michael's, 13 of our Form 4s will be able to go to university, so this is an encouraging result compared with the national figures. St Michael's is comparable at levels with the national figures and the big difference was with the sciences. Nationally, over 90% of the Form 4s failed subjects in the hard sciences whereas, our students performed well in this area. We need to appreciate the efforts of the teachers in Maths and Chemistry.

St Michael's Secondary School 2018 KSCE Results

Subject	Entry	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	Mean Score 2018	Mean Grade	Mean Score 2017	Dev.
English	98	0	0	1	1	6	12	17	13	16	30	2	0	4.857	C-	4.179	0.678
Kiswahili	98	0	0	0	0	6	11	7	16	13	37	8	0	4.347	D+	3.978	0.369
Maths	98	2	2	3	1	7	3	3	4	3	24	30	16	3.51	D	3.236	0.274
Biology	71	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	2	31	29	1	2.972	D	2.133	0.839
Physics	27	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	9	8	1	3.963	D+	2.966	0.997
Chemistry	98	1	0	2	3	4	2	3	5	6	22	41	9	3.357	D	2.573	0.784
History	42	1	1	0	2	3	6	2	10	6	8	2	1	5.286	C-	5.047	0.239
Geography	56	1	1	0	4	2	5	4	6	2	25	5	1	4.607	C-	6.047	-1.44
CRE	98	0	0	2	4	7	12	12	19	11	25	6	0	5.041	C-	5.236	-0.195
Agriculture	28	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	10	12	0	3.179	D	2.5	0.679
Business	70	0	0	2	5	2	4	3	3	4	33	10	4	4.014	D+	3.239	0.775
Total Grades Achieved		5	5	11	20	41	58	58	81	65	254	153	33				

KCSE Mean Grade Comparison for Boys and Girls

Students	No.	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	Mean Score 2018	Mean Grade	Mean Score 2017	Dev.
Boys	65	0	0	2	2	3	6	5	5	12	23	7		4.462	D+	4	0.46
Girls	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	24	9	4	0	3.818	D+	3.61	0.20
Total	98	0	0	2	2	3	6	8	10	24	32	11	0	4.2448	D+	3.80	0.43

From these results 13 boys will be offered places at university but sadly the girls won't get the opportunity. The girls will need to improve overall for the university placements.

One issue that was identified the previous year was the inadequate number of textbooks, set books and other reference books for the students. At the beginning of the year St Michael's students received a great incentive. One donor, Bob Paterson and Friends, ensured that every Form 4 student in every subject received their own textbook and set-book. Another donor, Desai Memorial Foundation, gave various books to the other Forms, especially the Form 3s. There was also the development of the computer laboratory with 20 desktop computers donated to the school by the Petroleum Institute of East Africa.

There were other areas that received needed resources. The new library management software was installed making smoother operations for distribution and collection of books. KfW Cooperation, the German group who built the new school, provided essential items for the laboratories and safety equipment. As the school improves with the necessary resources and materials it is hoped that the students will recognise the opportunities that are there for them to achieve. We hope that the KCSE results will continue to reflect the desires of the students to achieve their dreams. Nationally, St Michael's is placed in a reasonable position but there is room for improvement, especially with the girls.

Students were involved in co-curricular activities ranging from games, sports, music festival to academic contests. In the annual Mathematics contest, Moses Mwangi, a Form 4 student, emerged the best in the country and St Michael's was awarded a trophy to be defended in June 2019. On the sporting fields and concert halls the students did well to represent Makadara sub-county.

The future looks bright for St Michael's students as we engage with Strathmore University through their Macheo program. Business corporations who through their corporate social responsibility, offer mentorship programs. Our own MPC staff provides the critical support to ensure that our students make the most of what is offered to them. Young people from the slums who attend secondary school are faced with all sorts of challenges.

Our Lady of Mercy Vocational Training Centre

In the aftermath of General Elections in August 2018 and then in November created uncertainty for businesses that caused much anxiety for our clientele from Mukuru Slums. Offering courses to empower people is one thing but walking with them and supporting them requires much effort from everyone. MPC is committed to helping students focus on their futures to become self sufficient. The staff imparted their knowledge to ensure transformation and skills development to the students in difficult and trying circumstances.

There were challenges such as students dropping out of school, absenteeism and substance abuses among others. There were also success stories that kept staff inspired. To see the longing to learn and acquire skills shown on the faces of our students, was motivation that every little bit counts.

The highlight of the year for the vocational training centre was the Graduation for Class 2017. Over 100 students graduated in March 23, 2018. Some students dropped out because they secured employment during the year.

Courses Offered

Course	No of students enrolled	No of Drop outs
Front Office	32	6
Catering	36	5
Garment Making	24	4
Plumbing and Masonry	17	2
Computer	76	3
Hairdressing and Beauty	57	12
Art and Craft	16	6
Total	258	38

2018 NITA Exams

The 2018 NITA (National Industrial Training Authority) exams were held in December. The following number of students registered for NITA exams:

Course	No of Registered students	No of those who sat for exam
Garment Making	20	19
Plumbing	16	15
Masonry	14	13
Hairdressing	43	38
Beauty	21	19
Total	114	104

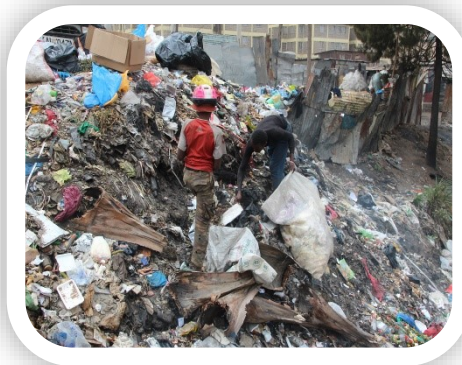
Social & Health Services

Social Services

Child Protection and Safeguarding

MPC Clinic

Home Based Healthcare



Social Services:

Delivering services to marginalized people living in the Mukuru Slums is a privilege and an expression of our desire to serve God through our brothers and sisters in need. The different expressions of these services include: education, healthcare, pastoral care, social work, shelter and food provisions which means that thousands of people each year are relieved to varying degrees from their struggles and sufferings to obtain a greater dignity. The staff in the Social and Health Services acts as a link between MPC and the Community as they are involved in activities that interconnect in the different expressions that make us MPC.

The year has been very busy with many activities taking place on a day to day basis. Various interventions were arranged for clients from birth to senior years, for able bodied, not so abled, intellectually challenged and intellectually and physically gifted, by networking with like-minded stakeholders and partner organizations. There are many activities MPC cannot do alone. Through the networks where we couldn't intervene, we referred the clients to our networks where they received the support for sexual gender based violence cases, job opportunities, trainings, sponsorships, advocacy and lobbying for government assistance.

In 2018 there was an increase in the number of illegal gangs and cults. The social workers identified 5 different cults during the year in Mukuru slums and designed appropriate workshops on raising awareness within the villages so that the children are not recruited. There were other external partners such as the Red Cross and Micato who also sought MPC to be a strong partner on the Sexual Gender Base Violence cases. Given the scope of MPC and the coordination of services, it makes other agencies appreciate the services which MPC endeavours to deliver daily, year in and year out.

Our social workers are in each of the 6 major programs: primary and secondary schools, clinic, social rehabilitation, disabilities and vocational training, together with volunteers, interns and counsellors we were able to undertake a tremendous number of activities. The contribution from the Social and Health Services enabled MPC to achieve its goals geared towards empowering Mukuru community. Some of these achievements in 2018 were:

- * Awareness on living with disabilities—for children, parents and the community
- * Physio and occupational therapy for special needs children
- * Following up on school enrolments
- * Developed Community relations
- * Opportunities and resources from Government agencies for youth, women and those living with disabilities
- * Youth identification and counselling
- * Promotion of inclusiveness in MPC educational institutions

The table below gives a summary of the cases that were presented for intervention during the year.

Activities / Case Type	Clients Served
Drug Abuse Cases	15
Abuse cases (Physical, child neglect, sexual, rape, & defilement)	60
Teenage pregnancies	9
Profiling Hypertension / Diabetics	57
Amaranth Clients (Immunity booster food)	110
Emergency Food Support	300
Secondary Sponsorship Follow ups and guiding students for appreciation letters	195
Human Trafficking Internal/External	6
Education Support	15
Home Visits/Assessments—Standard 8 pupils	475
Profiling Skills Students	82
Malnourished Babies	30
Truancy and Absenteeism	100
Support—Clothes and Shoes	150
Home Care Visits	100
Behavioural Issues	60
Moral Formation Sessions—Pupils/Students-Community Health Workers	+ 4,000
Primary sponsorship for the orphaned and vulnerable pupils. Follow-up and letter writing	76
Fire Outbreak	21
Profiling St Michael's Secondary	123
Special Education Sponsorship	50
Inappropriate Sexual Relationships	15
Parents Meeting/Training	50
Employ Able Youth program under the Vocational Training	45
Training Vocational Students on disability and inclusion	90
Medical Care and hospital referrals and visits	263
Counselling	400
Girls sanitary pads project	+ 1,500
Clients Given Mattresses after fire outbreaks	40

The Social and Health Services is only one section of the larger MPC mechanism. We are grateful to the many people who assist us to make life better, brighter and easier for thousands of people each day.

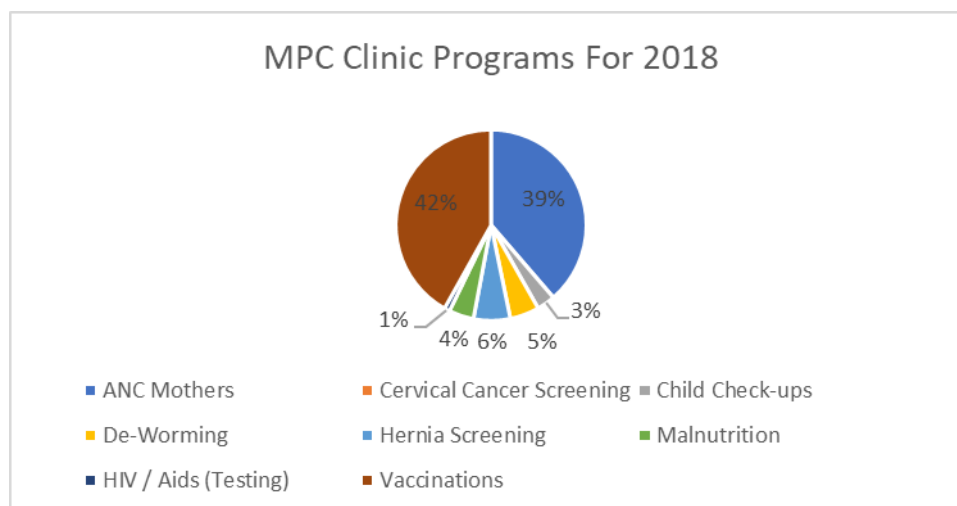
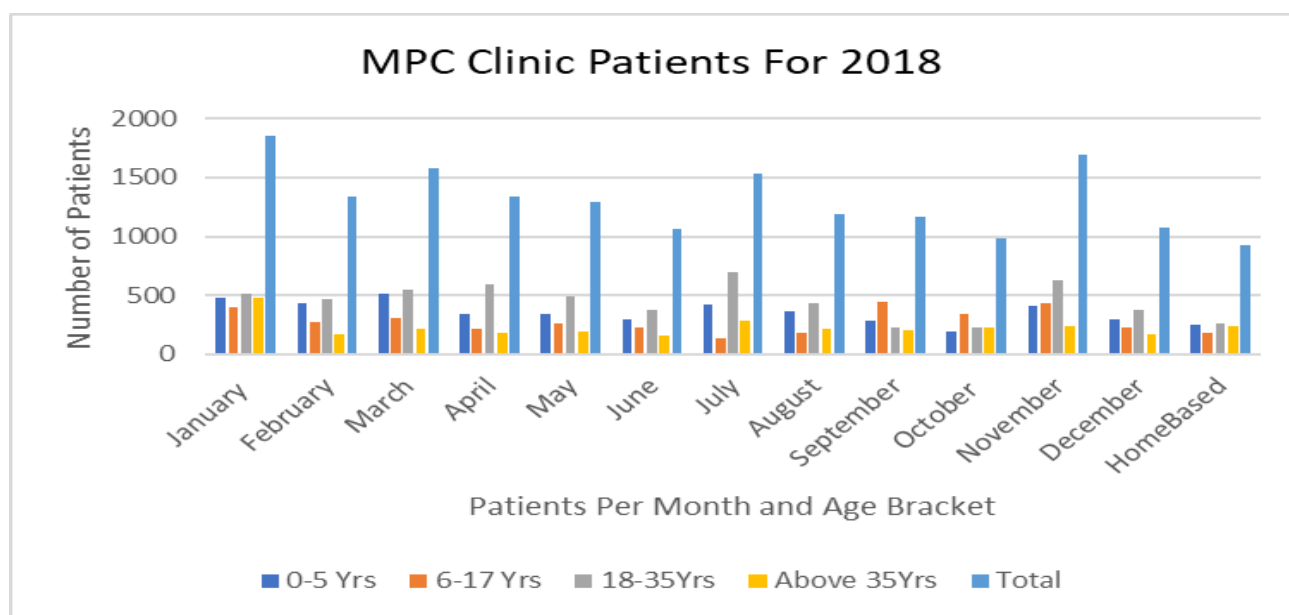
MPC Clinic and Home Based Healthcare

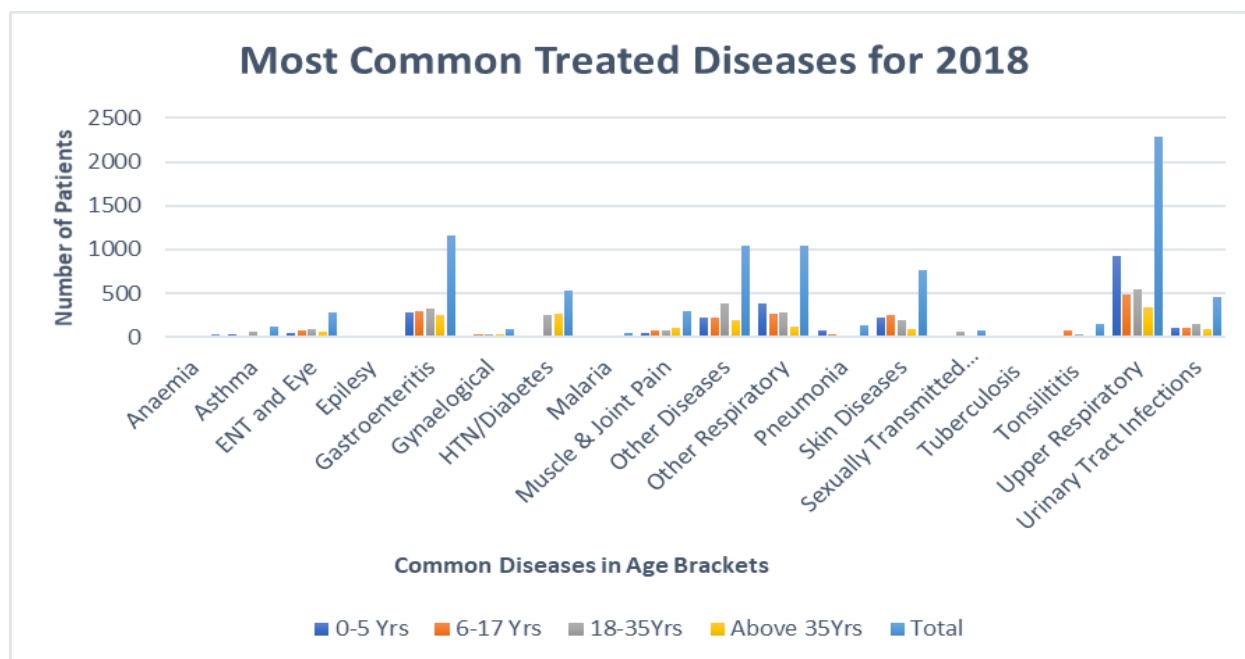
The daily operations at the Clinic saw over 17,000 patients treated with another 1,000 serviced through the Home Based Healthcare program in the villages. Services such as health talks to ANC mothers, group discussions on health issues, deworming programs to the schools, cervical cancer screening, vaccinations, hernia screening for children, kept the staff very busy throughout the year. The laboratory conducted over 5,500 tests such as: Full Hemogram, Urinalysis, Stool, GSR, Salmonella, Malaria, HIV/Aids, VDRL, BGrouping to name a few.

We recorded a decrease in the number of patients because the country wide doctors and nurses strike from last year was finally resolved and that meant that patients returned to their local public hospitals to be treated. The major illnesses treated at the Clinic were: Respiratory, Gastroenteritis and Intestinal worms, and Skin diseases.

The Clinic's 'Home Based Health Care' (HBHC) program within the Mukuru slums focused on helping those who cannot make it to the Clinic due to distance, age or infirmity. The Clinic had 7 outstations: Commercial, Fuata Nyayo, Kayaba, Kingstone, Lunga Lunga, Crescent and Sinai and towards the end of the year they were reduced to 5 so that there would be consistency of days and times at the outstations. Most cases are asymptomatic with the top five diseases being respiratory infections (due to its proximity to industrial area that emits a lot of gases), diarrhoea (due to poor hygiene caused by inadequate drainage and water scarcity) and urinary tract infections caused by a lack of sufficient latrines.

Table: Patients for 2018





The year was also marked with a lot of activities that helped us to achieve our goals for the year. The Hernia operations program was held in January where over 800 children from Mukuru slums were screened and 20 successful surgeries performed by the lead paediatric surgeon Dr Karen Cartwright and coordinated by Dr Karen Schneider, a Sister of Mercy, from John Hopkins Memorial Hospital, USA. The volunteer medical doctors who came during the year from France, England, Slovakia and Ireland to assist at the Clinic were terrific and trained our own staff in certain procedures and policies: Dr Baras Agathe, a microbiologist and pharmacist, Dr John Crehan, orthopaedic specialist, Dr Lucia, general medicine and Dr Mariska, general medicine. During the medical camp in March we had 10 Kenyan doctors who treated over 2,000 people on the day. The medical camp was made possible by the Rotary Club, Milimani Branch who mobilised the medical fraternity to donate medications and services.

There were repairs conducted throughout the year and the major build was the TB Clinic waiting area. The County TB Coordinator assessed our facility and gave us access to government resources on testing and re-agents for follow-up cases. Now our TB Clinic receives medications and reporting tools from the government.

We are grateful to the Garda Siochana Third World Fund, Ireland who provided funds for a sea container to set up the TB Clinic, the TB waiting area, microscope, fridge, blood pressure machines, security fencing, transfer power switch, laboratory equipment, digital thermometers, essential drugs, and software.

The Clinic could not operate without the support received from The Victoria Bank Charitable Trust Fund for their generous monthly funds to purchase medications and salary support. The Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Nairobi, provided a medical doctor one day a week to assist the other voluntary doctors and clinicians at the Clinic. Dr Nina Rangel from East Timor, a gynaecologist, has been volunteering at the Clinic for 3 years and specialises in cervical cancer screening. Our partnership with St Elizabeth University in Slovakia provides great support to the Clinic. The university sends doctors throughout the year on 3 month placements to the Clinic and provide health nutritionists for the Centre.

Child Protection & Safeguarding Office:

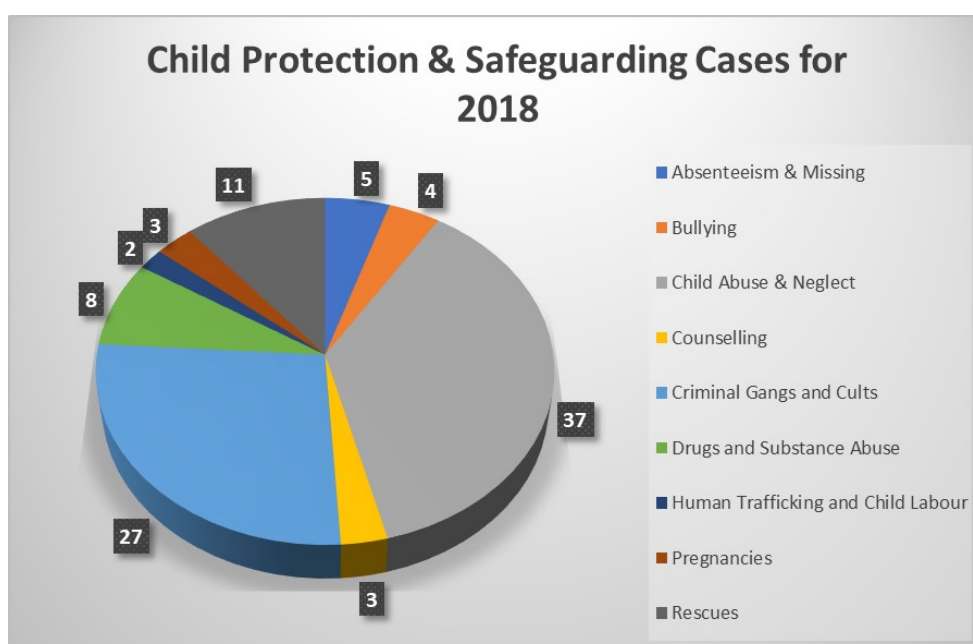
Living in poverty causes many problems for people. At times for many, families resort to coping strategies that negatively affect children's protection by parents leaving their families in search of work, an increase in child labour, and sexual exploitation of children. In particular adolescent girls are at high risk of rape, incest, genital mutilation, early marriage, widow inheritance, polygamy, religious extremism, cross-generational relationships, and transactional sex.

With so many young children in our care we established the Child Protection and Safeguarding Office in 2018. There are over 6,000 children, students, youth and adults that avail of our services each day. MPC can not address all concerns but having the office provides a point of reference, structure, processes and networking opportunities for our staff who number over 140. Sr Lilian was appointed the CPS Officer in addition to her careers counsellor position at MPC is kept fully occupied with the most needy cases. One of the major tasks for the year was to raise awareness on what is meant by child protection and safeguarding, to develop knowledge on the rights and responsibilities of the child with all staff members in our schools and centres. Networking with the government and non government agencies in the region was critical in the establishment of the office.

The major organisation who conducted much of the training for the stakeholders on child protection and safeguarding was ANPPCAN (African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child abuse and neglect.) ANPPCAN completed recent research on child labour and violence in Kenya and demonstrated that Kenya has good and well established laws and policies however they are not implemented. The importance of the Office was to ensure everyone involved is aware of what to do if a case was disclosed to them. For MPC there were dozens of meetings and trainings for our staff and our children during the year.

Over 100 cases were referred to the CPS Office and other cases were handled by the social workers that involved dozens of anti-social and behavioural issues in the different schools.

Referred Cases:



Welfare Services

Songa Mbele na Masomo
MPC Rehabilitation Centre
Sponsorships



Songa Mbele na Masomo:

Songa Mbele na Masomo had a full year with the children, parents and visitors. The five sections of the centre covers therapy, day care services, special coaching, mainstream coaching and social services.

There were great strides with the therapy sessions thanks to the equipment received and full-time physiotherapist and occupational therapist. It certainly assisted with the daily living tasks for the parents. Each child was able to access the services at least twice per week by the physiotherapist and occupational therapist. The children were also taken through the 8 major areas during their rehabilitation process. Also to ensure that the children are in the best possible health all of them received a medical check-up from our doctors at the MPC Clinic. For some children the simple ailments develop into something major and we wanted to make sure that the simple things like sore throats, and nutritional deficiency didn't turn into heart disease or diabetes.

Training was another area that received attention. The community health workers (45) and a number of parents and over 200 community people received some training on disability issues by Special Education Professionals (SEP). These sessions are very important for all concerned as to develop a deeper understanding of children living with disabilities. The Kenyan sign language course is a good example of how people are assisted to learn from each other and communicate with each other.

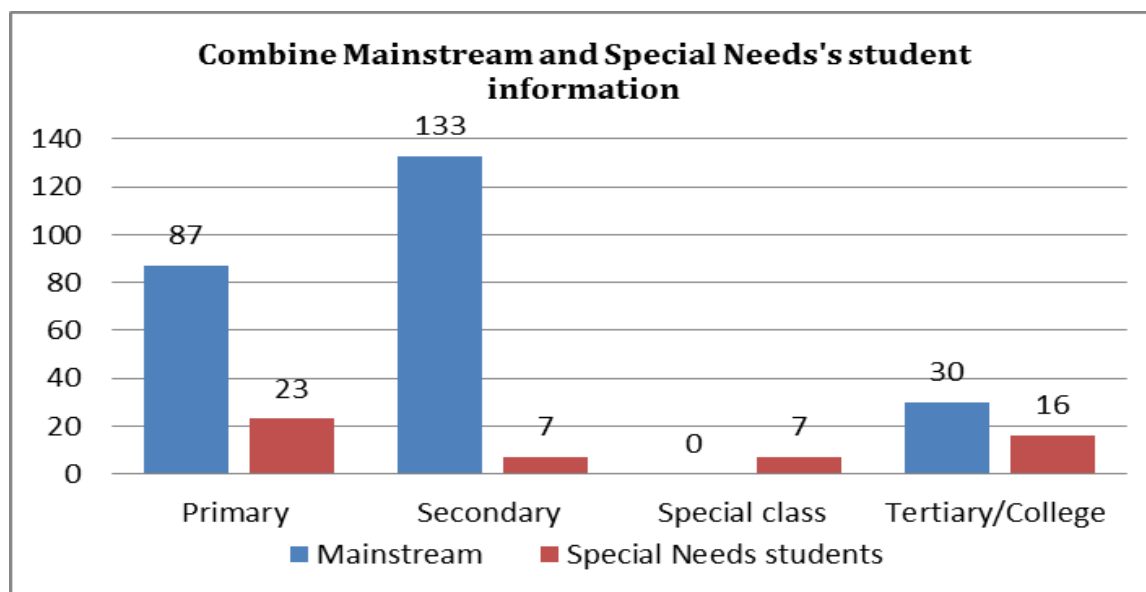
The outreach services continued as well. Mobilization meetings and sessions were delivered to the community to help them understand disabilities. There were many home and hospital visits and cases to follow up.

Working with the children and parents living with disabilities is very time consuming and requires direct personal contact. Giving personal attention to each child would not be possible without the wonderful help from volunteers, both local and overseas, and the different Kenyan corporations. We would like to acknowledge them for their generous donations of materials, equipment, clothes, resources, provisions:

- AJAB Unga Company
- Archangels Women's Group
- Anonymous Private donors
- Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya
- British Airways crew members
- Caroline Cullen—Whistle Group
- ECO Bank Kenya
- Followers of Lord Mahavir Swami
- Minet Insurance
- Miriam who celebrated her child's birthday with Songa Mbele
- Nairobi Water represented by a Church group
- Osho Grain Millers
- Paula Cullen, Irene Plunkett, Catherine Nolan, Vera Smith & Clare Chambers
- Railway Training Institute Students
- Rosslyn Academy
- Sauti Sacco
- SEP
- Star Kids Initiative.
- Technical University of Kenya—Students
- USIU placement students
- Vitabu Vyetu.

Sponsorship:

For 55% of the primary Standard 8 pupils who complete the national exams the quest for secondary education seems like a big dream that won't come true. At the beginning of the year MPC interviewed 79 students from our 4 primary schools who were identified as very needy. The 25 successful candidates joined the other Form 1 students at St Michael's and 3 others were admitted in other schools. The other 278 sponsored students started primary, secondary, vocational training, and special needs at various levels.



There were few cases recorded for absenteeism in 2018 for sponsored students and this in turn enhanced improvement in performance. The important exams for the Standard 8 pupils and Form 4 students are the KCPE and KCSE national exams. The results of these exams will determine the path for the student. KCSE and KCPE candidates sat the 2018 National Examinations and scored as shown in the tables below:

KCPE GRADE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-
No. of Pupils	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

KCSE GRADE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-
No. of Students	0	0	1	0	1	4	4	2	9	23	4

By the end of 2018 there were several students who achieved their dream of a secondary and vocational training by successfully graduating in their field. For a few, the challenges were too great and we hope that our social services will assist them where possible to gain employment.

The Sensitization Days continued in 2018 where the attendances were very good. Our guest speakers Mr George K'ouma from Sada Kenya and Ms Yvonne from Airtel Networks Kenya provided inspiring motivating presentations. The sessions not only helped the students but they try to get the extra support needed from parents / guardians to understand the importance of the roles they play in a person's education. Everyone received tips on how to work well together to help achieve the common goals.

Absentee parenting provided one of the biggest challenges for our students. Mr K'ouma informed parents that children always follow their lead. If they approach learning challenges with confidence, hard work, and a sense of humour, the children are likely to embrace their perspective and will have the knowledge to deal with the challenges they face rather than see them as barriers in life.

Throughout the whole country in 2018 there was a high number of teenage pregnancies and at MPC we had 2 cases, a Form 4 student who sat her national exams and a Form 1 student who delivered during the exams. Unfortunately both cases went upcountry and we have not heard from them.

Name of Institution	B+	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total No. of Students
St Michael's Secondary Day School	1	1	2	4		10	16	2	36
Kinyui Boys Secondary			1				1		2
St Mary's Vivwandani						1	4	2	7
Kiangunyi Girls Secondary					1				1
Karatina Girls Secondary					1				1
Shamata Girls Secondary							1		1
Kathiani Slopes Secondary School							1		1
Kilungu Boys High School			1						1
Total Grades Achieved	1	1	4	4	2	11	23	4	50

Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre:

The year 2018 for Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre was a very special one indeed. There were the normal activities of recruitment, medical check-ups, learning, educational excursions, counselling, family sessions, peer counselling, sporting activities and competitions, all helping the boys to get back on track with their lives and reconnect, for many, with their families. The backdrop to all these activities was the construction of the new educational and technical learning complex, Hekima House. The official opening was held in November with the major overseas donors attending the ceremony. The other overseas donors managed to come during the year before the building was finally completed. We were very grateful to the major donors:

Manos Unidas (*Spain*)
Bank of Ireland Staff Third World Fund,
Damian Curran and Friends
(*Patrick Friel Memorial Trust*)
Frank and Paula Cullen
(*Calary Church, Leinster Rugby, Aiken Productions*)
Kathleen Radcliffe
Stella and Pedro Urieta





“The feature window was designed by Andrew Otieno, a former street boy and current Art Instructor at Our Lady of Mercy Vocational Training Centre at MPC. The rich symbolism invites the boys to reflect on where they can go. The small bent tree represents their state on arrival. From the river of life, with all its depth and fruitfulness, the boys begin a new direction in their life’s journey. They are fearful; the baggage often is too heavy for them; they need help.

The opportunities offered to the boys are symbolized in the round fruits. If they can take full advantage of them, they too can become strong fruit-bearing trees, firmly rooted in the waters of life, flowing towards a bright new future symbolized by the sun”.

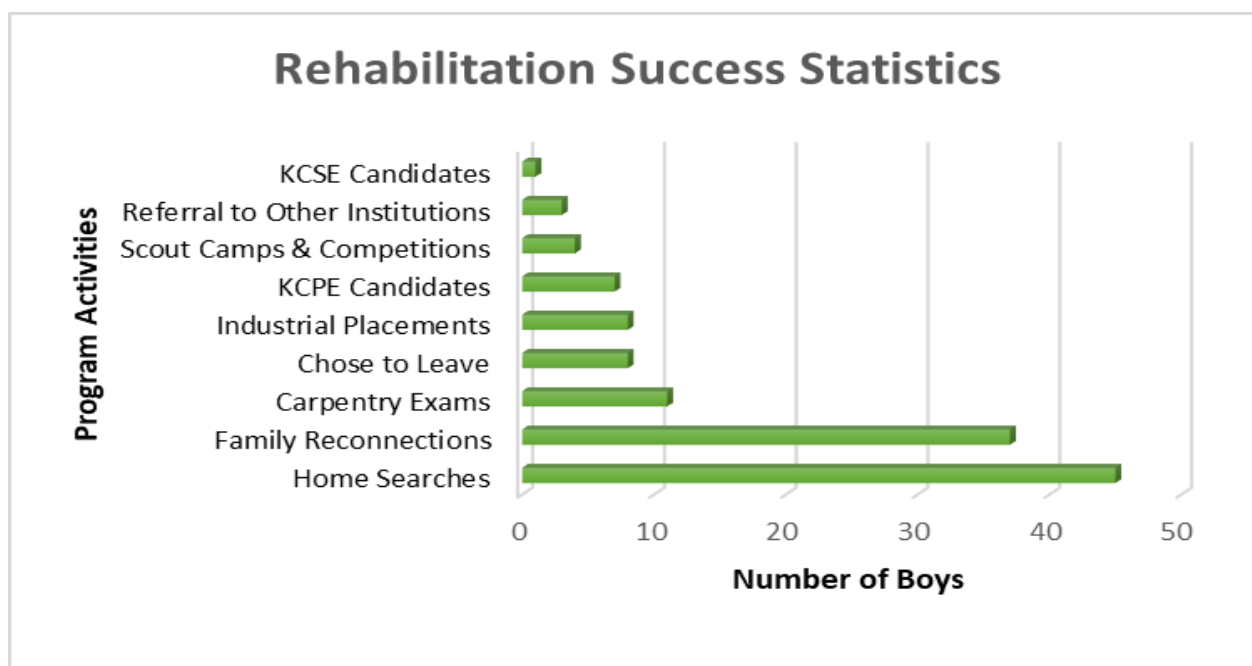
By the end of the year there were many success stories. The recruitment commenced at the end of January and the social rehabilitation continued until the end of December when the boys either completed their informal education classes or NITA exams for carpentry and woodwork. 70 boys were recruited in 2018, with 15 boys leaving within the first month and a few more by the end of April. Three boys were referred to specialised drug rehabilitation centres for expert services: 1 went to Mwangaza New Life Rehabilitation Centre and 2 others went to Kwetu Home of Peace. During the medical check-ups, a number of the boys were diagnosed with tuberculosis and HIV-AIDS. Fortunately, we were able to provide the services needed for them through our Clinic.

All the boys participated in the group therapy sessions, individual counselling, life skills training, children’s rights, peer pressure and effective decision making as a teen. The physical activities such as soccer, rugby, gymnastics and scouts greatly enhanced the stability and retention of the boys in the program.

The boys who were sponsored from the 2017 class performed well at the various schools and many of them emerged top of their classes and were awarded for their exemplary performances.

The Rehabilitation Centre received overseas visitors on 4 occasions in 2018. Caroline Cullen and her Whistle group of 15 from Dublin, Paula Cullen and her group of 5 from Dublin / Wicklow, Damian Curran and his group of 8 from Derry. All the overseas visitors volunteered during the year to help somewhere at the Centre. The Whistle group renovated the old classrooms, kitchen, dining room and the dormitory. It was all hands on deck where the visitors mentored and supervised the boys to accomplished quite a bit of work. Damian Curran's group helped with the finishing touches on Hekima House by painting all the new workshops, offices, classrooms and helped set up the new gym for the boys. Paula Cullen's group helped with the uniforms, shoes, jumpers and sports equipment. The boys were also treated to a recreational day at Uhuru Park where they experienced bike riding, horse riding, merry-go-round and boats for the first time.

The graph below presents the success of the program for the boys. The two most important elements in the program is to assist the boys to get off the streets, provide them with care and attention so that they can be reconnected and reunited with their families. For 2018 there was a success rate of 89% for the boys who completed the 12 month program.



Financial Accounts

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Year Ended 31st December, 2018

	2018	2017
	KES	KES
INCOME		
Contributions & Donations	60,029,547	67,775,033
Other Income	16,231,859	16,829,324
Total Income	76,261,406	84,604,357
Expenditure		
Personnel Costs	36,555,629	38,847,122
Operating Costs	28,186,070	26,050,682
Finance Costs	150,868	193,334
	64,892,567	65,091,138
Balance before Capital Expenditure	11,368,836	19,513,219
Capital Expenditure	15,685,581	12,175,403
Balance (Deficit) / Surplus for the year	(4,316,742)	7,337,816

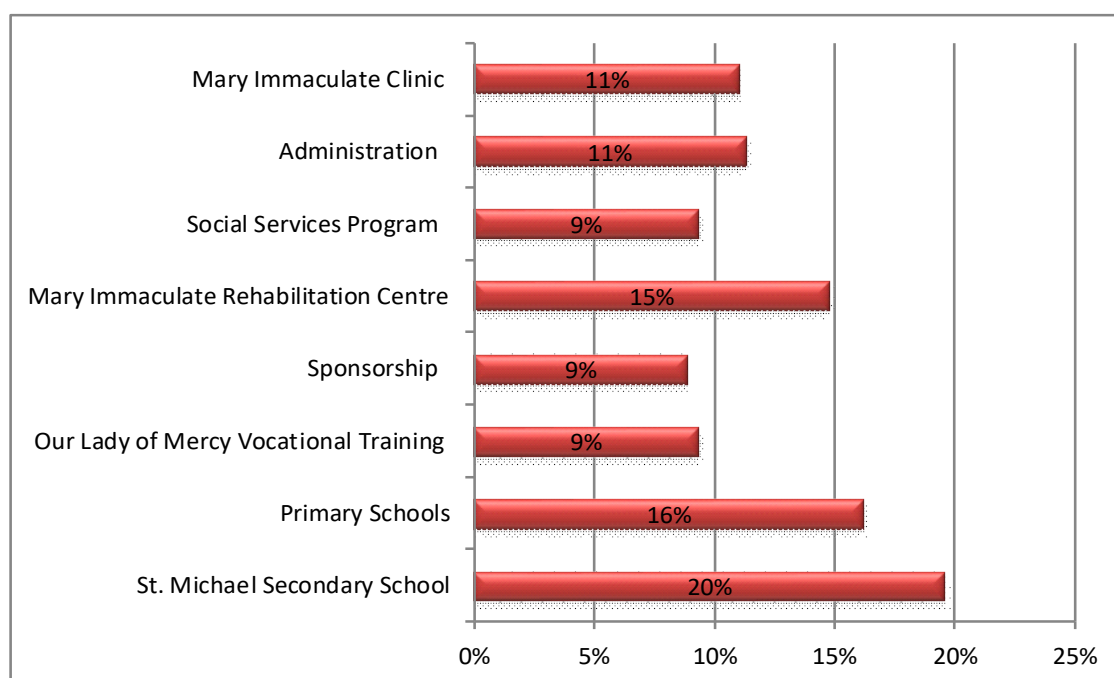
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Year Ended 31st December, 2018

		2018	2017
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	Note	KES	KES
Property and Equipment	5	1,207,823,620	1,198,694,939
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Current Assets			
Receivables	6	2,918,421	2,707,266
Trust Investments	7	13,145,642	13,448,391
Other Investments	8	-	11,821,775
Cash and Cash Equivalents	9	15,136,343	11,716,923
Total Current Assets		31,200,407	39,694,355
TOTAL ASSETS		1,239,024,027	1,238,389,294
FUND BALANCES AND LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	10	7,058,617	10,267,993
Provision for Employee Benefits	11	4,383,033	5,350,861
Total Current Liabilities		11,441,650	15,618,853
Fund and Reserves			
Assets Fund		1,207,823,620	1,198,694,939
Restricted Funds		676,088	11,416,950
General Reserve Fund		5,434,280	(789,839)
Trust Fund		13,448,391	13,448,391
Total Funds		1,227,582,377	1,222,770,441
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		1,239,024,027	1,238,389,294

Major Grants and Contributions Year Ended 31st December

Grants	KHS
Africa Direct	523,383
Anonymous	1,152,000
Brothers and Sisters in Need - Austria	2,954,509
Cheshire Disability Society of Kenya	1,000,850
DKA Austria	5,613,032
Kindermisissionswerk	731,218
Mukuru Child Wellness Centre	2,444,064
Patrick and Maria Farrell	418,871
R Paterson & Friends	2,199,754
Sr Assumpta Walsh & Friends	7,149,512
Trocaire	614,264
Victoria Bank Charitable Trust	1,200,000
Waves Trust	790,165
Whistle (Caroline Cullen)	1,382,765
Total Grants	28,174,387

MPC Operational & Personnel Expenditure 2018



Other Contributions Year Ended 31st December 2018

Other Donors	KHS	
Airtel Networks	550,000	
Calary Church—Wicklow Ireland	592,871	
Donnie O'Shea	232,000	
Edward Coyle	139,740	
Embassy of Ireland—Kenya Small Grant	500,001	
Fr Ger Tanham	113,897	
Friends of Mukuru—Western Australia	731,400	
Garda Siochana Third World Fund	929,184	
HL-Siftung Joachimstry	526,399	
Kathleen Radcliffe	1,415,000	
Manos Unidas—Spain	1,952,480	
Mr Mansukhlal Shah (KD Wire)	1,250,000	
Mrs Mary Killeen & Friends	431,877	
Mater Dei College Western Australia	143,000	
Mercedes College Western Australia	425,000	
Mercy Justice Office—Sisters of Mercy	120,000	
Misean Cara	15,500	
Followers of Lord Mahavir Swami	1,083,540	
Mr Mukeshbai	190,861	
Mr Sujai	172,480	
Our Lady of Missions Parish Western Australia	227,000	
Patrick Friel Curran Memorial Trust	651,412	
Paula & Frank Cullen and Irene Plunket	769,466	
Pedro & Stella Urieta	947,352	
Peter & Ger Sreenan	125,723	
Raja Charitable Trust	120,000	
RTS Family Foundation	200,000	
Salvatore Lobue Carmela	658,865	
Sancta Maria College—Dublin	231,484	
Sisters of Mercy Kenya Province	8,833,665	
Sr Angela Hartigan & Friends	638,000	
Sr Mary Killeen & Friends	1,441,313	
Sr Sally Mounsey & Friends	270,325	
Sr Ann Doherty & Friends	243,688	
St Martin's Church	187,570	
Total Other Donors		27,078,859
Other Grouped Donors	1,736,557	
Donations—In Kind	3,024,245	
Grand Total		60,029,547

Support Empowerment

Donate on-line: www.mercymukuru.co.ke

Below are details of what your donation can provide:

5 Euro

Provide vaccinations for Children
Drawing materials
School Socks

10 Euro

Primary School Uniform
School Bag
School Shoes
School Jumper
Scientific Calculator

20 Euro

Complete School Uniform (uniform, bag, shoes and jumper)
Provide food for a primary child for a week
Stationery items for school
Soccer (football) ball

30 Euro

Eye glasses
Community Health Volunteers Allowance for a month.
13kg Gas bottle – provide 3 months cooking for family
Purchase 2 ring Gas cooker

50 Euro

Primary school “extra fees” for firewood for a year
Provide rent for two months in a shanty

60 Euro

Provide a family of 4 with food for a month

80 Euro

Exam fees for secondary school
Hospital treatment for a child - general

100 Euro

Provide art materials for a term
Provide training for Community Health Workers

125 Euro

Exam fees for Vocational Training courses
Vocational Training Courses: hairdressing, plumbing, carpentry, computer packages and hospitality.

150 Euro

Provide educational textbooks for the year

Paediatric hernia operations

200 Euro

Provide shelter for a “trafficked” child for 1 month (shelter, counselling, food and education).

Provide day secondary education for a year

500 Euro

Provide boarding secondary education for a year

600 Euro

Child Rights Lawyer per month

