





We empower orphaned  
and vulnerable children  
to move **beyond charity.**



## Together, we can end life threatening poverty for good.

One of the greatest humanitarian crises of our age is the almost 385 million children living in extreme poverty. Among these, orphaned and child-led families are the most vulnerable to disease, starvation, and abuses. In partnership with local leaders, Zoe Empowers identifies these young people and provides them with resources and training to pull themselves out of poverty—for good.



# Before Zoe Empowers



*Children go days without food resulting in severe malnutrition causing other physical and mental health complications.*



*Inadequate shelter makes children vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and illness.*



*Limited access to healthcare and a lack of hygiene leads to life-threatening disease and poor health.*



*Education is not accessible or sustainable for children who are sick, homeless and unable to afford school fees.*



*Legitimate jobs paying a living wage are inaccessible to orphaned and vulnerable children.*



*Vulnerable children are unaware of their rights and their voices are not heard because of their social status.*



*Orphaned and vulnerable children have lost hope of belonging because of being isolated and stigmatized.*



*Suffering leads many children to believe God does not exist or has abandoned them.*



# After Zoe Empowers



*Children are able to buy and/or grow food resulting in nutritious meals for households with a surplus to share and sell.*

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*Secure housing is acquired by using business profits to rent or purchase land and building materials.*

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*Hygiene is taught to avoid disease, and access to healthcare is available when young people do fall ill.*

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*Child-led families have the tools to re-enroll in or begin a formal education, with some attending college and beyond.*

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*Children own multiple businesses employing their siblings, orphaned children, widows and other community members.*

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*Human rights training is taught so children can stand up for themselves and those around them.*

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*The sense of belonging to their group transcends into broader society as they move from social isolation to being leaders in their community.*

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*While we are a religiously non-restrictive program, children experience the gospel through words and actions in ways that are always inviting but never coercive.*



# It all starts with a group.

## YEAR ONE

**We unite orphaned children into a peer group within their community.**

Together group members begin setting goals to pull themselves permanently out of extreme poverty within the next three years. Regular meetings and group projects facilitate a sense of safety, connection and trust.



# We train holistically.

## YEAR TWO

**We facilitate group lessons and individualized vocational training to meet each child's needs and goals.**

Businesses begin to thrive. Children find encouragement and support from their group as they apply what they have learned, overcoming individual obstacles.

# Dignity is restored.

## YEAR THREE

**Young people find their voices and transform their lives while community members bear witness to their empowerment journey.**

They begin to see themselves as valued members of the community and are often called upon to teach their knowledge and skills.



# Communities are lifted.

## A BETTER CYCLE BEGINS

**As a child exits the negative cycle of poverty, a new positive cycle centered on kindness begins.**

Graduates actively mentor and adopt additional vulnerable children, lead social change and seek ways to give back, benefiting an entire community in the process.



# Kenya





# Kenya

Reegan Kaberia

Chief Program Officer & Kenya Country Manager

**13,540**

children empowered

**137**

empowerment groups

**\$977,470**

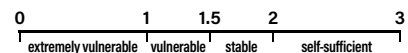
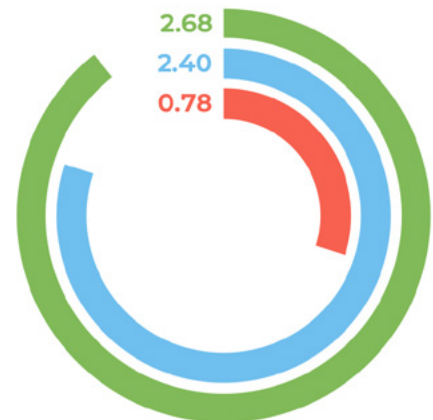
invested in programs, services and grants

**34,946**

children impacted since 2007

## Overall Self-Sufficiency Results

- Incoming Groups
- Midpoint Groups
- Graduate Groups



## Gentil, 23 (Graduate)

Gentil has worked in the food business since beginning his empowerment journey five years ago. During that time, he has raised hens, made and sold donuts, traded commodity goods and farmed vegetables. His success as a farmer earned Gentil a generous income.

In addition to building a new house for his family, Gentil used his profits to buy a sewing machine for his wife. When the pandemic increased demand for his crops, he adjusted quickly to capitalize on the growth. Gentil's siblings, along with others in the community, have continued to help him grow and harvest food. He is proud to pay them a fair wage.

