

Monica Memorial Development Center



WHAT IS MMDC?

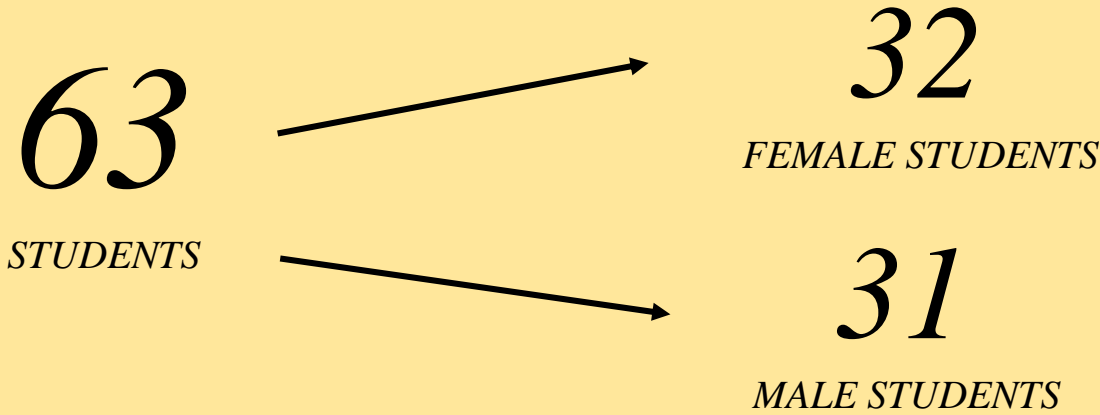
On the edge of Naivasha, where this small town meets the enormous, industrialized city of Nairobi, lies a primary school located in a small, cosy building with volunteers enthusiastically working to educate children of the neighbouring slums. Monica Memorial Development Center,



MMDC ex-students currently in government schools having lunch.

is a non-profit making and a non-denominational project, founded in 2003 with the sole motive of providing standardized education to less privileged Kenyan children. The school, however, also provides food, including breakfast and lunch, to all its students. Today, MMDC has 63 registered students aged between 3 to 12 who actively attend the school with total teaching hours per month equal to 1050 and meals served about 3780 plates. Moreover, the school has its teaching methods based on the curriculum design provided by the Kenyan Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD). With its strong focus on education MMDC hopes to grow its efforts with the hope of serving as many deserving students as possible.

Vision: *“Providing every child the gift of education”*



History and development of MMDC



Marevest member, Markus, cutting the tape to declare official re-opening of MMDC on 19th September 2017. Mr. Ngugi and the children look upon a new beginning.

In 2003, free and compulsory education was reintroduced in Kenya resulting in a high influx of students in the schools that year. However, by the second term a large proportion of the students failed to continue their education due to the inability to afford school uniforms, stationary items, textbooks, food, shelter as well as social support.

Mr. Daniel Ngugi, a retired government official, realized this devastating situation as he witnessed children, of school going age, loitering and playing around the streets of Kabati, his hometown. With the help of his wife and other family members Ngugi began a project in a small rented room near his house,



Volunteer Nancy Milka assisted by volunteer teacher in de-worming the project children.

personally teaching and providing food to 10 students. He named the project “Monica Memorial Development Centre”, in memory of his late mother Monica.

By 2010, MMDC and its cause grew extensively to serve almost 60 students. A formal management team was established with the move to a new larger building was made. Four volunteering teachers were recruited together with a cook and support staff. Moreover, by this time, MMDC supported 39 external participants registered in government primary and middle schools as well.

Everything seemed to be perfectly running and the school was increasing its size with increased admissions each year, until 2015. Unfortunately, towards the end of 2015 the lease for MMDC’s plot ended and the owner refused to extend it further. This rose a crisis situation for MMDC. The school needed to relocate, but funds were limited. Mr. Ngugi was left with only two choices, either to find sponsors as soon as possible or to close down the school. Soon enough, MMDC received funding from Marevest (Hamburg), local donors and

Marevest member, Arpad, teaching students during the team’s visit to the school.



Mr Ngugi, in his efforts to continue MMDC, identified Marevest (<http://marevest.com/>) – a Hamburg based investment company with the focus on investing in non-profit organizations fostering people's strength that was willing to help. MAREVEST has since been a reliable partner of MMDC.

volunteers from UK and USA. This helped MMDC relocate to a new place close to the Nairobi-Naivasha highway. After, purchasing the plot and making it a permanent property of the school, constructions began to optimize the place and



MMDC children playing outside the school campus.

make it the best possible fit for the needs of its students & volunteers. Today, MMDC has four classrooms, adequate sanitation facility, a management room, a dining room and kitchen, as well as an open play area right in the center of the structure. Since the school, now, is located slightly away from the city congestion the children have enough space to play sports outside and around the school building as well. MMDC is now capable of actualizing its cause.

MMDC children and staff inside the building.



End to end Loop



Marevest team, Markus, Aleks & Hiba, spending quality time with the children during their visit to MMDC.

The concept of *End to End loop* is primarily based on the notion that all members of the MMDC community, including the students, teachers, management as well as the donors formulate a closely knitted family that work for the good of one another.

The teachers provide the children quality education as well as psychological and physical support, the management works to maintain a smooth ongoing process, helping children and teachers outside their professional realm, while, the students reciprocate by assisting the teachers in cleaning up the school at the end of each day. The loop continues to involve the donors/sponsors as well. The donors and/or sponsors in return for their contributions receive thank you letters, ‘pen-friend’ letters, videos and pictures from the children and the school.

Marevest team member, Arpad, playing with MMDC children.



Activities & Teaching Initiatives

Classes at MMDC

- Baby Class
- PP1
- PP2
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3

Teaching Objectives & Expected Outcome

Baby class



Grade 2 & 3 students in session with volunteer teachers Jennifer and Anne.

Aim: Get children used to the school routine, to feed them and to enhance their creative capabilities.

Teaching: Participants are mainly taught how to hold their pencils with the motive of building stronger grip before they can begin writing or learning. In case, a child has any disability in his/her either of the hand, then he/she is taught to write with the alternate hand. Children are also heavily involved in arts and craft activities to boost their creative abilities and create an understanding of shapes and objects.

PP1

Aim: Learn alphabets, pronunciations and sounds of the letters



MMDC children making poster with Volunteer teacher Gladys and Marevest member, Hiba.

Teaching: This is the foundation year. Students are taught alphabets in English and Swahili as well as numbers. The focus of teaching is to develop sound recognition of letters, so they learn to develop words and match sounds at a later stage.

PP2:

Aim: Prepare students for Grade 1 and learn words.

Teaching: Continuation of PP1. Emphasis is still placed on teaching sounds and joining letter sounds to form words. Additionally, children are taught three- or four-letter words. Basic math is also introduced with addition and subtraction. Moreover, students learn how to write and spell their names.

From grade One through Three, the course is quite intense and is based on the curriculum provided by the ***Kenyan Institute of Primary Education***



MMDC children having lunch together in play area.

Subjects include: English, Religion, Math, Swahili, Natural Science & Social Studies

Grade 1

Aim: Teaching words, sentences, grammar as well as basic mathematics and an introduction to other courses.

Teaching: Practice includes matching sentences with words or other sentences, filling the blanks, learning more difficult words, more indulgence in addition and subtraction and introduction to

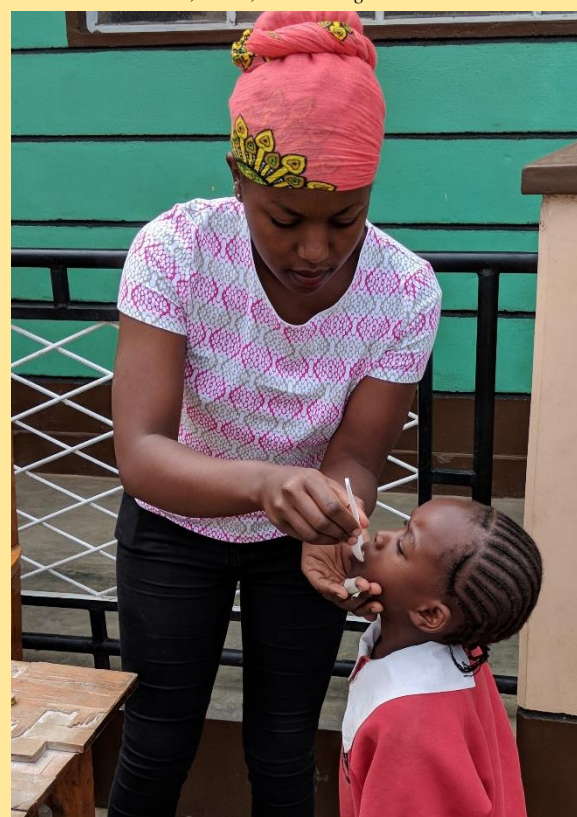
multiplication and division. A basic sense of grammar is established as well.

*Focus of **Grades Two & Three** is to prepare children for public school after completion.*

Grade 2

Aim: All courses are equally taught: English, Math and Natural Science taught daily while Social Studies and Swahili on alternative days.

Volunteer, Milka, de-worming the center children.





MMDC teaching faculty. The smiles say it all!

Teaching: Writing small paragraphs, learning words for vocabulary, learning about animals and geography. Activities focus on establishing a reading habit and improving reading comprehension.

Grade 3

Aim: English, Math and Natural Science taught daily while Social Studies and Swahili on alternative days. Prepare children for starting public school from grade 4 onwards.

Teaching: Focus is on writing short essays and building stronger grammar sense. Natural sciences and geography are more in focus this grade than in the previous ones.

What can you do?

MMDC strongly holds the believe that good is not constrained to one's financial capability. Therefore, any thought, emotion or intention to help holds high value and regard for MMDC family. MMDC welcomes all sorts and sizes of contributions from its generous donors. To do so one may follow the steps below:

To donate money

- Donate through the weblink or using the QR code

www.marevest.com/social-projects/

- Transfer your desired amount
- Receive confirmation



Volunteers Milka and Roberto, making breakfast for children.

To donate physical items or send letters and cards

- Visit www.marevest.com/social-projects/
- Write an email to the contact person

Contact Person: Hiba Khan,

Hiba.khan@marevest.com

- Confirm an appointment
- Send your gifts





MMDC Children received gifts from friends in Hamburg.

- Receive a response after shipment departure.
- Receive a final response from MMDC (this may take longer depending on the shipment time and other external factors that may affect freight).

Help generate awareness

- Follow **mmdckenya** on Instagram 

www.instagram.com/mmdckenya/

- Talk to people you know so that more and more people get to know about MMDC.
- Generate possibility of higher donations for the children.

Children having lunch together in the center.



Statistics

Meals served per month:

3780



Baby class and PP1 children with Marevest member Hiba.

Female/male ratio:

1 : 1

Students to teacher ratio:

7:1

Teaching Hours per month per student:

1050

Number of Subjects taught:

6



$7 \times 3 = 21$
 $2 \times 4 = 8$
 $8 \times 3 = 24$
 $4 \times 4 = 16$
 $1 \times 5 = 5$

girl
boy
flower
door
flower