

## NextAid's Current Program Initiatives: Summer – Fall 2011



### Youth Enterprise and Eco-construction Training at Kawangware Vision Centre, Kenya

Since 2008, NextAid has collaborated with the Kawangware Vision Centre (KVC) located in Nairobi, Kenya. KVC is a locally created and managed organization started by a former street child to provide positive opportunities to get kids off the streets and to support vulnerable children. The organization runs a micro-business making silkscreened gift bags out of recycled paper. NextAid partnered with KVC to build a new "green" workshop and multipurpose facility to expand their operation and serve more youth. Started in 2010, our Youth Eco-Construction Training project aims to provide a model to alleviate youth unemployment, while gaining useful skills in ecologically smart construction methods. NextAid's approach to community development maximizes sustainability and community involvement. 22 youth are now trained in construction theory and practice, and equipped with the tools they need to carry on their own eco-construction business.

### Kibera Girls Soccer Academy, Kenya

NextAid partnered with the Kibera Girls Soccer Academy (KGSA) in 2011 to help raise funds and awareness for this incredible community-run school that provides free high school education and soccer training to girls in the slum of Kibera. This school is the only option for many girls in the slum to further their studies because in Kenya, only primary education is free and compulsory. In five years, KGSA has passed 266 girls through their high school. Their current enrollment is at 130 girls, ages 14-18, across four grade levels. This partnership aligns with NextAid's programmatic focus on girls and women. Donations to NextAid can be designated to support KGSA and the funds will support the school's greatest needs, such as teacher salary stipends for \$50-\$100 per month.

### Education Access for Orphans, South Africa

Although primary and secondary education is technically free for children in the government school system, many are deterred from attending due to the costs of required uniforms and supplies. Working with trusted South African partner organizations, NextAid's school kit vouchers provide the most vulnerable children with a full uniform, shoes, backpack and stationary supplies. We believe that education is one of the most vital opportunities that will enable orphaned children to rise out of poverty. In 2010, working in partnership with the loveLife goGogetters program, NextAid ensured that over 100 children would not be barred from receiving the important education they deserve because their caregivers cannot afford the cost of uniforms and supplies.

### Maternal and Reproductive Health, Sierra Leone

In collaboration with the First Ladies Initiative, NextAid is helping to bring much needed resources and support to girls and women in Africa by supporting existing programs and establishing new projects that target their reproductive health. These programs, supporting the global movement towards achieving Millennium Development Goal #5 (reduction of maternal mortality), engage grassroots activism, high-level advocacy and creative design to show impact and inspire change. NextAid is supporting design and planning costs to begin the first phase of constructing a Birth Waiting Home/Resource Center that will serve women and girls in the Matru Jong area of Sierra Leone, where timely access to maternal care, can be a matter of life and death. Sierra Leone has one of the highest rates of maternal mortality in the world.

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