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Tecklenberg Farm Accommodation

Brief Summary: We are currently in the process of buying a one-two acre micro-farm (land purchase already funded) 30 kilometres north of Mombasa where we will give ex-street children the opportunity to work growing tomatoes and keeping chickens, as a commercial enterprise. *It will also serve as a home for the 24+ Glad's House caddies we have working at the nearby Vipingo Ridge Golf Course.*

Project Details

One of our key objectives is to create meaningful work for young people who want to leave the streets and return to a normal way of life but are unable to re-engage in the formal education system. Another objective is to make Glad's House Kenya as financially independent and self sustaining as possible. The purchase of land (near Vipingo, a village around 30 kilometres north of Mombasa) addresses both of these objectives.

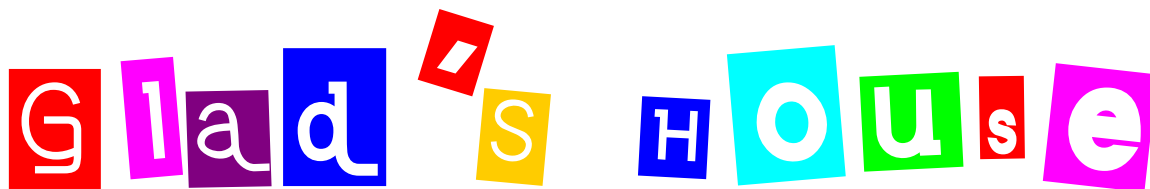
The land purchase (which is currently in process) is for one - two acres of fertile farming land where we intend initially to intensively but organically grow tomatoes. We plan to keep chickens (mainly for egg production but with occasional meat sales). Finally we plan to keep bees for honey and beeswax for candle making. The farm will firstly provide foodstuff for the charities feeding programme and then sell any other produce commercially.

About 20% of the land will be for essential storage and office space with living quarters for a farm manager and farm workers, who will be ex-street children plus accommodation for up to 30 golf caddies who are part of Glad's House and work at the nearby Vipingo Golf Resort. This area will also have leisure facilities such as 5-a-side football pitch and a basketball court. We will also provide adult literacy and numeracy classes, during the day for local people plus evenings and weekends for our own workers and caddies. Living accommodation will be in a number of 'pods' where there will be 6 single rooms and a small living area. The central facilities will house kitchen, dining/leisure area, classrooms and bathrooms/toilets.

The land for farming.

- We intend to buy an Amiran Farmers Kit for intensive tomato growing which once established, will yield 200 kilo's of tomatoes a week. This will cover half an acre of land. (Already funded)
- A further half-of-an-acre will be utilised for free range chickens. This should produce 2,200 eggs every 4 weeks. We will rotate a third of the chickens every 6 months which will provide meat sales twice a year.
- The remaining farm land will be utilised to grow a variety of vegetables which are dependent upon the season and for our bee-hives.

We will be employing a farm manager with a wife and possibly family. The farm manager will obviously oversee activities on the farm, whilst we will employ his wife to cook and wash clothes for the farm workers and the 25+ golf caddies who will also reside on the farm. We will need 6 young people working on the farm initially.



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Funding Requirement

Building construction – accommodation for farm manager and family plus farm workers and caddies, bathroom block (including biolatrines*); office, produce store, tool store. We will use our own Glad's House carpenters and labourer to build the farm.

NOTE - *Biolatrines are dry toilet facilities which produce methane gas which will be used as the fuel source for cooking and possibly some low level, external lighting.

We intend the farm to be as 'green' as possible using wind turbines, wind pumps, rainwater harvesting and solar panels to make the site as self-sufficient as possible.

Beneficiaries

Direct

Farm Workers (ex street youths) initially 6 later up to 12.

Farm Manager and Family

Indirect

24+ caddies working at Vipingo Ridge Resort

1 x additional social worker

1 x teacher (literacy and numeracy)

Local villagers (Adult literacy and numeracy classes, purchase of locally grown produce plus possibly some seasonal casual work)

Glad's House – 60 – 70 young people per day on our feeding programme.