



MAMA IBADO MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

JUNE 2021

MIC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF RESTORING DIGNITY TO THE SENIORS THROUGH IMPACTFUL STORY TELLING

June 2021 marks mid-year as MIC continues to celebrate 10 years of restoring dignity to the seniors. This month, our digital team known as studio 63 travelled to Kakamega County to collect more intriguing tales from our beneficiaries to add to the Wazee Wa Kenya collection.

The digital team also got a chance to interview one of our Directors, Dr. Mohamud Said who has been part of the organization since its inception.

Additionally, the team covered the school feeding programme whereby they had in depth interviews with students, teachers and parents to highlight the impact of the programme.

All these stories and many more will be displayed on our social media platforms.

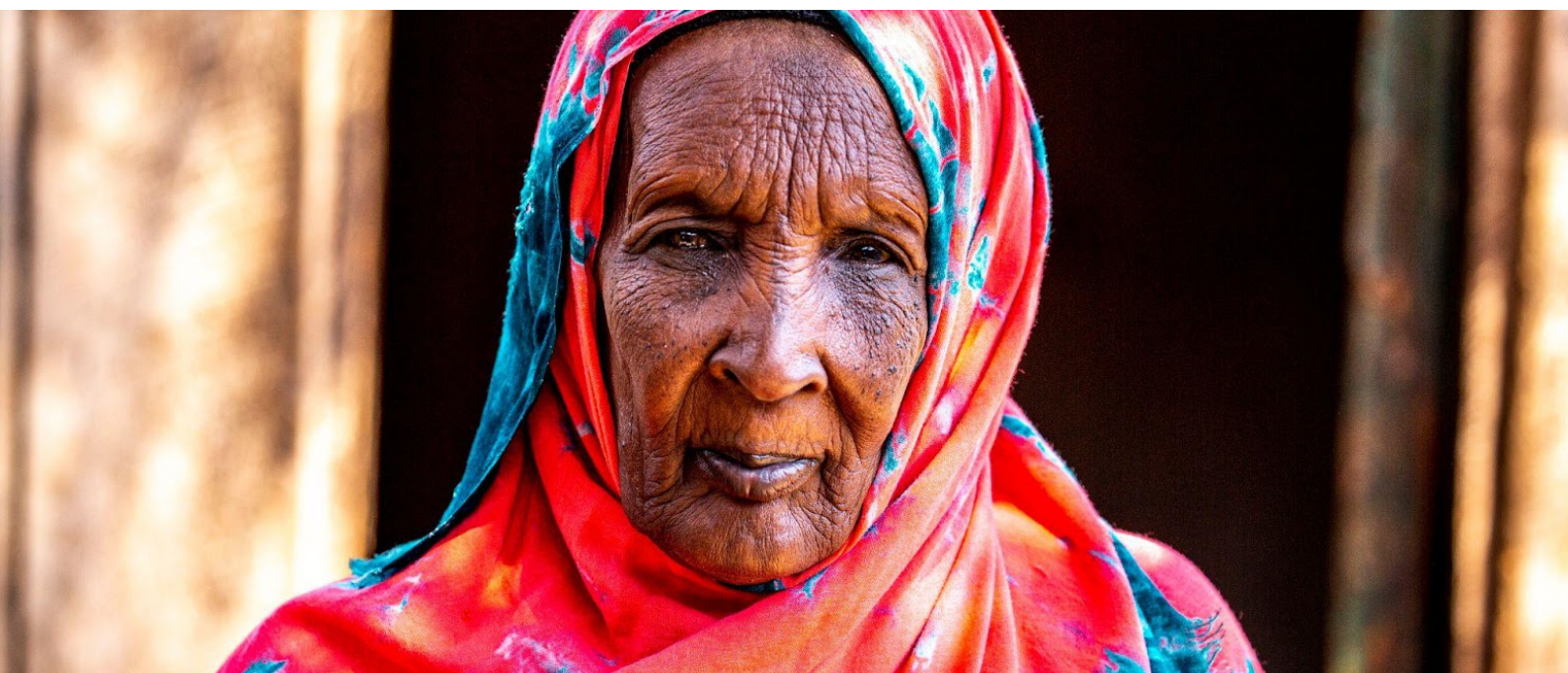


Since Abel and Cain, there has always been a disparity between siblings. Stories of individuals sharing the same genetic makeup yet possessing extremely different characters are as old as the history of mankind. Awo Mohamed and her older sister were the perfect example of sibling contrast. While her sister exerted control over her life by actively trading in khat, Awo had no clear conception of what she wanted in life. As her sister travelled all the way to Meru town to purchase fresh produce of khat and sell it to the locals of Isiolo, Awo would drift passively through life. Introverted, Awo rejuvenated herself through moments of solitude. She disliked socializing and her distaste for men in particular was prominent.

When she was 20-years-old, Awo's personal value system of despising the male gender would shatter courtesy of an unlikely love spark. A 70-year-old man surprisingly brought out a palpating feeling of desire in her. He frequented Awo's neighborhood and whenever he saw her, he would woo her in ways men half his age could only dream of. Behaving with uncharacteristic spontaneity, Awo got married to the flirty septuagenarian.

No sooner had this unlikely wedding occurred than her sister, the caterer of her life died suddenly and without cause. Within a year of her sister's demise, the chains of unfavorable economics and hunger choked her husband to death.

In a very short duration, Awo lost the only two people who mattered in her life. She was showered with morbidity and despair. A pathology of emptiness swallowed her and she vowed never to love again. Death, the ultimate destroyer of all pleasures shattered all hope in her. From the debris of her broken heart, Awo found an antidote to her loneliness. She established a business of selling African donuts and stuck with it ever since. In the past year, still in her efforts to shatter her loneliness, Awo has begun trading in powdered detergents. Every day from mid-morning till about 6PM in the evening, Awo sits outside, wrapping up powdered detergents into small sachets and selling them for Ksh,10. Although she gets enough to just buy some sugar and salt to add flavor to her food, Awo nonetheless sticks to working in order to keep her mind busy from the decomposing plague of idleness.



Born into an economic underclass of farmers, Mirera Dickson spent his early life with a singular purpose of working on his father's farm. The family planted maize for subsistence use and in order to remedy the financial anguish they were in, Dickson's father grew coffee in order to sell it to processing factories. As a cash crop farmer, Dickson's father suffered a structural inequality in which factory owners exploited the farmers by paying them a miniscule amount as they earned obscene profits.

Dickson took the initiative of pursuing a different means of earning. He became a woodcutter. For each foot of timber that he split, Dickson was paid 50 cents. As he continued with this job, he was informed of better opportunities across the border in Tanzania. Far from being hostile to change, Dickson travelled to Tanzania in an attempt to challenge the edifice of poverty. Dickson was misled. In Tanzania, he lived in a climate of joblessness and lack of any progression. His parents were in a broad consensus that he was wasting his time. Dickson yielded but he did not return to Kenya empty handed. While passing Kilimanjaro, he met and fell in instantaneous love with a Tanzanian girl. Without wasting any time, he approached her parents and brought to the forefront his desire to marry her. They willingly blessed their marriage and Dickson alongside his bride made their way to Kenya.

Dickson's older brother's heart was saturated with sympathy for his jobless younger brother and his nascent family. He organized Dickson's arrival in Kakamega and linked him to a security company named Securicom. With a salary of Ksh. 4000, Dickson's job description involved guarding various factories. For eight years, he loyally served at this company.

After his final contract, Dickson settled for working as a personal security guard in households earning Ksh. 2,500 per month. To this day, he heads to work from 6pm to 6am. After work, he goes around pursuing odd jobs especially farming and earning Ksh. 150 per day. In order to ascertain a balanced physical excellence, he stops farming at 10am and heads over to rest until his shift in the evening. Belonging to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dickson religiously looks forward to Saturdays where he spends time with fellow believers and prays for a better life. "I have diabetes, hypertension and arthritis and even though I take medicine from the general hospital, I also pray a lot for God to make it easy for me," he said.



BENEFICIARY MORTALITY

Unfortunately, in June 2021 Isiolo County we lost one of our beneficiaries from Isiolo County. This brings our total mortality since inception to 186 from both counties.

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Mzee Adan Abdul (C/016) was 91 years old and lived in Maisha Bora with three dependents. Mzee Adan succumbed to age and health complications on 15th June 2021.



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