

## **Project title: Construction of Nursery and Primary School at Bulimbo, Kakamega diocese, Kenya**

### **Introduction:**

With the cordial invitation from the Bishop of Kakamega Diocese, we arrived in the Parish of the Holy Spirit, Bulimbo on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Having spent some days in meeting the people, visiting their houses and discussing with the authorities we felt the need of giving education to the children. We renovated the old church building and began teaching the children. Gradually the number of children increased.



### **Background:**

Bulimbo is in Kakamega diocese in Kenya. It was attached to the land of King Mumias in the past but now it is under Presidential rule. The people of this area are mostly farmers and traders. Their main cash crops are maize and sugarcane. The poor management of the Sugar Company delays people's income so many people are concentrating in cultivating only maize.

### **The Present Situation:**

The present building (the old Parish Church) is not very strong and safe for the children to continue their studies for a longer time. The roof is leaking and the floor is dusty which is not hygienic for the children to study. They would need spacious classrooms with all the

modern facilities and arrangements so that they may be interested to come to school. The teachers also will have proper set up. To make their teaching more interesting. A proper well-built school structure will enable the students to be secure and come to school regularly and do their studies with future goals.



## **Primary education in Kenya**

Primary education in Kenya begins at the age of 5 to 7 after completion of 2 years of Nursery and pre-unit. The first class or year of primary school is known as Grade 1, the final year as Grade 6. Primary school children are known as pupils. In Grade 3 there is a national assessment after which the pupil is promoted to Grade 4. In this new curriculum not only the academic excellence is considered but values like collaboration, cooperation, respect, love, peace, trust and unity are upheld. In this system all the pupils are promoted to the next grade. Primary education is partially free and compulsory. All primary school pupils attend the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination at the end of the school year in Grade 6.

### **Purpose of Primary Education**

The main purpose of primary education in Kenya is to prepare pupils to participate fully in the social, political and economic well-being. The government of Kenya recognizes education as the primary means of sustainable economic development, social mobility, national cohesion, and social development. This has led to the implementation of programs that rapidly expanded the education sector. Educating girl child contributes significantly to the growth and development of the society.

**Objectives of primary education: To attain education for all**

## **Challenges**

- Children dropping out of school, simply because their parents often lack personal experience of formal schooling, or they have no resources to keep their children at school.
- Overcrowded classrooms and shortages of text books and other materials continue to affect the quality of teaching.
- Lack of adequate facilities for children with special needs.
- High number of HIV/AIDs orphans. They have nobody to give educational assistance.
- High Poverty Levels: Poverty has been recognized as one of the main factor that affects education which results into low payment of the staff.