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REHEMA, LTD
(NGO)

Rejema stands for Rejasha Heri Maishani, Ltd., which means putting happiness back into life.

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BACKGROUND

REHEMA is a non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 1992 by three rural community development workers, Catherine Mboya, Margaret Ogembo, and Geraldine Robarts, who have a total of 36 years experience in rural development programmes in East Africa. They have come together with their complementary extensive experience to be more effective in developing small scale rural development projects, particularly among women.

Rehema aims to improve the life of the poor regardless of religious affiliation. Rehema enjoys a close association with and has received the encouragement of the Bahá'í International Community and the Bahá'í communities of Kenya and Uganda. But it is not under the authority of any Bahá'í institution. Rehema works with and helps develop strong communities by creating a spirit of service where everyone has the opportunity to work.

The success of Rehema projects comes through its balance approach combining expertise in health care and human rights. Our NGO provides the human and physical resources needed to plan, develop and implement community and self-help programmes and projects which are income generating and sustainable.

OVERALL GOAL

To assist in advancing the future of East Africa which depends on building strong communities especially from the grassroots up, with new values systems involving the whole person as a mental, physical and spiritual being.

OBJECTIVES

To transform the lives of participants in order that they may live more socially, economically and spiritually productive lives which will benefit children and families.

To help strengthen the management expertise of local community organizations.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Rehema approach to development is based on the principle of individual self reliance with community support. Believing that the future of the 21st Century is in strong communities.

THE REHEMA APPROACH TO PROJECTS

Our theme is the integration of the practical and the spiritual to restore and sustain human dignity through economic independence.

Rehema is currently working with a number of community groups producing handicrafts and other income generating activities and offering group members training to facilitate economic self-reliance.

Its income generating projects include solar drying, weaving, bakeries, posho mills, oil pressing, water harvesting, the building of sub-surface dams and wells, nutrition and Primary Health Care and the immunization of children.

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