

Building Promise from Poverty

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SHOFCO helps communities in Kenya tackle the challenges posed by increasing urbanisation

By 2045, the world's urban population is projected to reach six billion. Emerging economies, like Kenya, will have to endure this rapid growth but without the capacity to handle these challenges, urban poverty will explode.

Poverty can't end unless the systems that hold it in place are broken.

Picture life without access to healthcare, affordable clean water, the platform to voice your rights, or the ability to provide opportunities for your children.

SHOFCO works to address these key issues by providing critical services, operating community advocacy platforms, and building female leadership to create lasting change.

Our work is focused on giving power, dignity and hope to vulnerable communities, creating opportunities for them to thrive. We organize and strengthen community groups so that they are equipped with the knowledge, skills and organisational knowhow to identify appropriate solutions to the problems they face.

To ensure communities are properly supported, we work with the public, private and third sectors to deliver affordable and high-quality essential services.

Those services range from health and education to economic and social empowerment programmes.

SHOFCO Urban Network (SUN)

With a network of 1.4 million members, on track to 2.4 million (or 25% of all slum residents in Kenya), we are providing the urban poor with the vision and power to engage with government.

Essential services

We are breaking survival mode by listening to vulnerable communities and providing them with access to affordable and high quality essential services that meet their needs.

Girls Leadership and Education

We provide free education for girls in informal settlements through a curriculum that enables young girls to reach their full potential.

Future Education

We provide young girls with the tools and resources to thrive so that they can become leaders who give back to their communities.

WASH

We provide accessible, affordable clean water and sanitary pit latrines to keep our communities healthy and safe.

Health

We build thriving communities by providing primary health and preventative care and gender-based violence response.

Sustainable Livelihoods

We enable slum residents to plan for the future through business and entrepreneurship skills training, vocational skills development, internships, and job placement.

Women's Empowerment

We help vulnerable women in slums earn a living by providing training in incomegenerating activities and linking participants to business trainers and mentors.

Financial Services

We empower individuals to break the cycle of poverty through access to financial programs

Gender

We addressing domestic and community violence through prevention, mitigation, and response services.

Libraries

Our community libraries aim to enrich communities by providing access to knowledge, lifelong learning, and literacy.

A snapshot of our results

- In 2022, our unique aerial piping system supplied 13.6m liters of clean water at lower cost than private vendors
- Our clinics have a 0% mother to child HIV transmission rate, compared to a national average of 15%
- 100% of our students pass the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education
- Over 1.4 million SUN members, growing 182% since 2020