

CASE-OVC Programme Briefing



Above in the centre of the photo Alice Wamuhu and her granddaughter at their tailoring shop in Kiambu County Kenya. They are both enrolled in the CASE-OVC programme. Alice was given the sewing machine to boost her income and allow her to better care of her grandchildren.

About CASE-OVC

The Comprehensive Assistance, Support and Empowerment of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (CASE-OVC) programme is a five year, USAID funded grant implemented by Christian Aid in Kenya.

The 2018 project milestones include:

- 91,940 OVC received services on health and nutrition.
- 53,118 OVC received services on child protection and legal support.
- 12,043 OVC received education support.
- 112,272 OVC received services ranging from health, nutrition, education, protection, psychosocial support and economic strengthening services for their households.
- 53,227 OVC were reached with age-appropriate child-protection messages on child abuse and reporting procedures.

Case study

Alice's story

"One Monday morning on my way to my tailoring shop, I arrived to find my shop broken into. Everything had been stolen," said Alice Wamuhu. This incident set Alice back financially as she lost her main source of livelihood. She also had to repay some clients whose clothes and items were stolen along with hers.

It was on the premise of her financial situation and her inability to properly care for her grandchildren that Alice was enrolled into the CASE-OVC programme. "The burden of caring for the children was heavy. I was unable to take them to school as I had no money," said Alice.

Alice Wamuhu has three grandchildren. Their father her son passed away and their mother left Alice with the children when she remarried. Since then, Alice has assumed the role of guardian for the children.

To boost her economically, Alice was given a sewing machine as a start-up kit to enable her grow her tailoring business and subsequently better care for her grandchildren. She now makes between £22 to £30 a week, with her dresses priced at an average of £7.50. She saves some of this money and uses the rest to buy food and pay school fees for the children.

Alice is also part of a Village Saving and Lending Association (VSLA) called Kirenga Market Self Help Group. To date the group has been able to invest in a tent and chairs which they rent out.

Alice's household is part of 52,000 households enrolled in the CASE-OVC programme.



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