Human Needs Project is improving the livelihood of people living in the urban slum of Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya. Every day, hundreds of people walk through the doors of the Kibera Town Centre to buy our services. Since 2015, hundreds of thousands of people have made 700,000 purchases of products and services at our Kibera Town Centre in Kibera.
OUR APPROACH: Human Needs Project is working towards a world where the poorest can access prosperity through local centralized centers offering basic services, education, communications, and credit. We opened the Kibera Town Centre in July 2014 in the slums of Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya. Our facilities are designed to be replicated throughout the world, adapting to each circumstance through a strong partnership with the local communities served.

WHO WE ARE: Human Needs Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in 2010 in the United States. We build sustainable community centers that provide slums with clean water, toilets, and showers, as well as adult education, skills training, micro-lending, and Internet access in poverty-stricken areas of the world. Human Needs Project is a collaborative effort among academic, industry, and local leaders to address the lack of basic services common in slums.
Transforming the OPPORTUNITIES in SLUMS WORLDWIDE
Human Needs Project offered 11 different education and empowerment classes at the Kibera Town Centre in 2017. These include: Basic IT courses, Sama School’s computer skills training course, Videography class, Solar Installation training, Music classes, Adult Education classes, Saunders Business class, Entrepreneurship courses, Digital Marketing classes, International Labour Organization’s (ILO) Financial Education course, and the upcoming Cisco’s Computer class. Sama School’s partnership with Human Needs Project has helped nearly 1,000 people in Kibera attend computer courses. Nearly 100% of all graduates have been invited to a job interview and more than 50% have been hired within one month of graduating.

More than 174 Kibera entrepreneurs have attended Business and Finance Training courses at the Kibera Town Centre on how to better manage personal and professional finances. Following the course, Abraham Ishiaho scaled up his briquette-making facility and is producing three times more than in previous years. Abraham now supplies the Kibera Town Centre’s Eco Shop with his products for resale.

Many graduates have launched new businesses or scaled up their production within one year. (1) Carol Lusinde has opened three baby day-care facilities. She founded WeeCare to teach early childhood education and educate young mothers on the importance of early childhood education. (2) Antony Kiema started Chicbanda. He is supplying one of Kenya’s largest international chains with free-range chickens as well as teaching poultry farming in his community. (3) Rita Omukhango is working to improve school feeding programs in Kibera by supplementing indigenous Kenyan vegetables for ugali and rice.
CLEAN WATER SERVICES

Kibera’s water is heavily contaminated from illegal piping passing through sewage. Two mothers, Mary Akinyi and Evaline Moraa, who started buying water from the Kibera Town Centre have shared that since using the water, their children stopped having diarrhea. The women are now committed to only using Kibera Town Centre water for drinking in their homes.

SHOWER AND BATHROOM SERVICES

We offer women and men modern bathroom facilities and clean showers as they commute to work. Since 2015, we have tracked over 460,300 paid purchases from repeat customers using our toilets and showers. Our women customers started to appreciate the cleaner, modern, and more secure facilities offered at the Kibera Town Centre. Since January 2017, we have seen 48,500 women using our bathroom facilities and 12,000 enjoying our clean showers.

LAUNDRY SERVICES

The Kibera Town Centre’s laundry services are popular with community members. Since opening, we have tracked over 10,200 repeat customers paying over 11,000 times to use our laundry facilities. With limited space to dry clothes in Kibera, especially during the rainy seasons, the machines have offered a tangible solution. Zipporah Mueni says she has been taking computer classes as she waits for her laundry to finish. Some of the cleaning ladies, such as Mary Akinyi, now collect clothes and duvets from local families and hotels and bring them for washing to make an extra income.
CUSTOMER TRANSACTIONS
2015 – 2017
Total 2015: 137,464
Total 2016: 263,314
Total 2017: 302,982
Total 2018: 103,585
TOTAL: 807,345

EARNED REVENUE
2015 – 2017
Total in 2015: $54,563
Total in 2016: $77,320
Total in 2017: $83,351
Total in 2018: $17,246
TOTAL: $233,481
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