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The Earth Angels (Kenya) team: Paloma Fernandes, Marion D'Souza, Renee Rodrigues, Sharmila Braganza are a group of women based in Nairobi, working to help abandoned, physically and mentally disabled, orphaned and the poorest of poor children, living in orphanages and homes run by non-governmental agencies as well as assisting with educational needs for these children. They are assisted by a team from Canada: Fleming Viegas and Elaine Vitor. The teams' reach has grown tremendously and have been able to reach all the Mother Teresa homes in Kenya as well as 15 homes and schools with their yearly requirements. They also run a daily feeding programme a school they built in the slums which they built for 200 children. Their monthly feeding programme is able to reach over 12 homes mostly in Nairobi and Machakos.

In keeping with the theme of putting a smile on the faces of our special children, they have Christmas parties for the children of Mother Teresa Otiende, Mother Teresa Kasarani, Vincentian Prayer house and most recently for almost 600 street children at the Mother Teresa Home in Huruma.

Education is key to commitment as the Earth Angels and they have sponsored almost 20 children to carry on with their education. They provide exercise books and stationery to 18 schools across the country annually.

During the Covid Pandemic, the Earth Angels were able to reach over 4000 families in the Slums, Tana River, Kilifi, Kwale, Nyatike, among others.

In Kilifi and Kwale and Tana River, the Earth angels were able to buy 15,000 kgs of cassava, 2500 coconuts, 3000 mangoes from vulnerable famers and distribute to vulnerable families. They were also able to supplement these donations with mosquito nets, blankets, sanitary pads, masks, cooking oil, wheat flour, maize flour, rice, soap and other assorted items reaching over 2500 families.

In Nyatike Migori, the Earth Angels were able to provide 200 vulnerable and elderly people with food rations including maize flour, wheat flour, porridge flour, sugar, salt, soap, cooking oil, rice, beans, long life milk as well as blankets and mosquito nets. Phase 2 of the project is underway to provide mattresses as well as food rations for another 300 families affected by the Covid pandemic.

In the slums of Githogoro in Nairobi, the Earth Angels team were able to reach 702 families with emphasis on pregnant, elderly, HIV positive and vulnerable people with food rations for 3 weeks including maize flour, wheat flour, rice, sugar, cooking oil, bar soap, porridge flour, soya, assorted vegetables as well as masks. They were also able to provide 500 buckets for storage of water during this time.

As the numbers of those affected keeps increasing, the need for assistance is also increasing at a tremendous rate and the Earth Angels Team will carry on looking at ways to assist the less fortunate members of our society.

For the COVID Response Video, see <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vTT6i4QG68</u>

See Also: FUSIA (Canada): Will Nairobi's Earth Angels' Story Inspire You to be Compassionate? ... By Renee Fernandes-Coutinho. Full text at <u>http://fusia.ca/will-nairobis-earth-angels-story-inspire-you-to-be-compassionate/</u>

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