



ACARE ASSOCIATION

**RISING
AFRICAN
GIRL**

COMPANY PROFILE



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ABOUT ACARE ASSOCIATION

ACARE Association (AA), a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) duly registered as an association under the Societies Act of Kenya (CAP 108) which was formed in response to the literacy needs of the people of Turkana with the aim of improving the correlation between the refugees within the Kakuma refugee camp and those in the host community by breaking the communication barrier.

Education is a fundamental right. There is not just one advantage of education but many. It broadens a person's ability to think and makes them understand the world better. Other than this, it also empowers a person and opens up avenues of livelihood as well. But not everyone gets this right to get educated due to poverty and a lot of other constraints.

With this in mind, ACARE promotes the development of a literate, secure, healthy, gender-sensitive and peaceful society that fosters sustainable grassroots development. To this end, ACARE's primary aim is to use literacy to promote socio-economic development and transformation in rural areas by addressing core community problems and challenges such as:

- High levels of illiteracy, poverty and socio-Economic Empowerment
- Limited access to healthcare services in rural areas and rural people's limited ability to promote and maintain their own healthcare systems;
- Psychosocial and economic effects of Communicable Diseases, Gender based violence, drought and hunger on rural communities;
- Child Protection -The plight of orphans and vulnerable children
- Food insecurity and malnutrition.

In order to empower the Turkana Community and achieve these goals, it was necessary to foster literacy skills across the target age-groups, while paying particular attention to socially disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as non-literate women and girls, HIV-positive people, out-of-school youth, orphans, vulnerable children and primary school pupils with poor literacy skills. Hence, the **Integrated Literacy Project (ILP)** was conceived for the key purpose of promoting literacy skills and socio-economic empowerment.



VISION

To provide the vulnerable in ASALs with basic educational and training facilities.

MISSION

To transform the illiterate; And to restore their dignity, equity, stability and socio-economic justice.

CORE VALUES

- Humanitarian service
- Outreach mobilization
- Integrity and accountability
- Gender equity and transformation
- Equitable resource-allocation





OUR PROGRAMMES

1) Education Program

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Turkana leads with 82 per cent illiteracy in the country and individuals living in Turkana County are seven times less likely to have access to any secondary education than an average Kenyan.

2) Sanitary Pad Distribution

The situation is even worse amongst the many young mothers. Young girls get married off at a tender age hence they have to handle responsibilities they are not prepared for. Affording a basic pad is hard for them.

3) Feeding Program

While the girls get to learn, Acafe provides mother-child health and nutritional education that equips mothers with the skills needed to improve both their own health and that of their children.

4) Tailoring

Empower girls to engage in sustainable livelihood activities to help generate income and overcome poverty. Promote social empowerment in order to prevent domestic violence and to foster inclusive community participation in decision making, leadership and environmental conservation.



PORTFOLIO



Acare staff issuing uniforms.



Graduation ceremony



Learning in progress



sanitary pad distribution



Feeding time



tailoring class



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