

What we have achieved so far...

In the first three and a half months of 2006, Nuru Ya Jamii:

- Enrolled **682 families**, including **2,010 children** and **1,301 adults**.
- Provided supplemental food to **106 clients**.
- Provided educational support to **381 children**.
- Provided ART services to **312 clients**.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

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Light of
the family
Keeping Families Affected by HIV Together



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Hunger, poverty and stigma.

Children orphaned because of HIV/AIDS in the developing world encounter these daunting problems every day. And the number of orphans is expected to increase from 18 million in 2006 to 25 million in 2010.

Organizations addressing this public health and social crisis typically focus primarily on the children. But Family Health International (FHI) is pioneering an innovative, family-centered approach called **Nuru Ya Jamii** (Light of the Family in Kiswahili). The initiative provides these vulnerable children and their HIV-positive parents and caretakers with wide-ranging care and support services. This will enable the adults to live longer, thereby **preventing their children from becoming orphans**.

FHI is conducting the pilot project in Nakuru, a populous city in Kenya's Rift Valley with a high HIV prevalence. The initiative complements FHI's existing comprehensive care and treatment services funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief through the U.S. Agency for International Development. An estimated 26,000 orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) live in Nakuru, 11,000 of whom are under 15 and living with HIV. Overstretched families and community social networks are struggling to care for these children. Programs serving the children are limited and do not address their families' needs.



THE APPROACH

Health care professionals at FHI-supported clinical sites select HIV-positive adult clients who are either parents or caretakers as program participants. The health care centers refer them to drop-in centers, which enroll the clients' families in the project. The drop-in centers provide counseling and support to the enrolled families, and refer them to health facilities and community organizations for vital services such as antiretroviral therapy, home-based care, psychosocial support, nutrition, vocational training, education and legal protection.

FHI plans to assist 3,000 children belonging to 600 families in this program. We will document the outcomes with a video, recorded case studies, data base, evaluation report, cost analysis and lessons learned report.

“ *I feel like I have married my wife afresh. We will continue to protect ourselves as we have been advised so we can take care of our children. We also want to encourage others so they know they are not alone.* ”

Project enrollee **Peter Njuguna**, who said the program is helping to keep his family intact.

Nuru Ya Jamii is making a difference — but the need is still great! Your support is needed!

FHI launched the project in October 2005. It grew out of FHI's extensive OVC and HIV/AIDS expertise and its strong relationship with communities, community-based and faith-based organizations and governments around the world.

THE PARTNERS

FHI is coordinating the broad coalition of community organizations providing support services to the families. FHI is funding the following members of that network:

Kenya Ministry of Health
(home-based care and ART)

Kenya Girl Guides Association
(educational support)

Society for Women and AIDS in Kenya
(psychosocial support)

Child Care International
(educational support)

Appropriate Grass Roots Intervention
(communal gardens and food support)

Learning and Development Kenya
(educational support)

Tumaini na Fadhili
(nutritional support)

Baraka Farmers Agricultural College
(gardens)

Safe Water Project
(safe water and malaria prevention)

Muslim Association of Nakuru
(psychosocial support)

World View Kenya
(program documentation)

