



THOMAS PASSED HIS EXAMS BUT CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO UNIVERSITY











POVERTY IN KENYA

ABOUT 48 PER CENT OF KENYA'S 40
MILLION PEOPLE ARE POOR, OR UNABLE TO MEET THEIR DAILY NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN POVERTY LIVE IN RURAL AREAS BUT, BY 2020, URBAN POVERTY WILL REPRESENT ALMOST HALF OF THE TOTAL.

MORE THAN A THIRD OF CHILDREN
ARE STUNTED TO DUE CHRONIC FOOD
INSECURITY, REPEATED INFECTIONS
AND INADEQUATE ACCESS TO MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES.







POVERTY IS A PARADOX

KENYA HAS ONE OF THE BEST-DEVELOPED ECONOMIES IN EASTERN AFRICA. IT HAS RELATIVELY ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FROM AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AND TOURISM.

YET IT IS A LOW-INCOME COUNTRY AND RANKS 145 OUT OF 187 COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME'S HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX FOR 2012. THE INDEX MEASURES DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF LIFE EXPECTANCY, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND STANDARD OF LIVING.



WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE POOR

RESILIENT I will continue carrying firewood until blood comes out of my head. **ASHAMED** I do not go to church because I do not have a dress to put on. **FRUSTRATED POWERLESS** Because there is a lack There is a feeling of of alternatives, we try powerlessness to hard and nothing influence things around changes. **DETERMINED** you - what can I do? A As long as one is poor person can do healthy, thinks nothing! properly for the DEPENDENT family, is able to If nobody gives travel... to do business, can anything, I just sleep without food. cultivate land. construct a shelter and work harder. VOICELESS A person in poverty does not have a voice in the LOST PRIDE community....No-one will listen to Some of us (youth) give sexual favours to older women in return for money. **SELF PITYING** UNSUPPORTED Pitying oneself and not doing Child's drawing Having no relatives is a anything about one's situation. hopeless state of life. LONELY DESPISED HELPLESS My most pressing need is People in If I fall sick, I just loneliness. I have no husband, no poverty have to stay like child, no love. that, just like a are dog. thought of as vermin. **UNHAPPY** We are not happy if we are RESIGNED not staying ...to our situation. without mothers.

WOMEN IN POVERTY

RURAL WOMEN ARE A PARTICULAR-LY VULNERABLE CATEGORY BE-CAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSETS. SUBSISTENCE FARMING IS THE PRIMARY - AND OFTEN THE ONLY - SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD FOR ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THESE WOMEN.



POVERTY AND CHILD DEATHS

MORTALITY BEFORE THE AGE OF **FIVE IS 16% HIGHER IN URBAN** AREAS (86 PER 1,000) THAN IN RURAL AREAS (74 PER 1,000). BUT, IT IS 47 % HIGHER AMONG THOSE IN THE POOREST 40% OF HOUSE-HOLDS (100 PER 1000) THAN AMONG THOSE IN THE RICHEST 20% (68 PER THOUSAND).

REASONS FOR KENYA'S POVERTY

Factors beyond our

control.

- KENYA'S POPULATION HAS MORE THAN TRIPLED OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS GREATLY INCREASING PRESSURE ON THE COUNTRY'S RESOURCES.
- KENYA HAS A WIDENING INCOME GAP. THIS HAS ERODED GAINS IN EDU-CATION, HEALTH, FOOD SECURITY, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME.
- POOR WATER MANAGEMENT, SOIL EROSION, DECLINING SOIL FERTILITY AND LAND DEGRADATION ALL ADD TO POVERTY IN RURAL AREAS.
- CLIMATE CHANGE IS UNDERMINING AN ALREADY FRAGILE RESOURCE BASE, CONTRIBUTING TO DECLINING AGRICULTURAL YIELDS.
- HIV/AIDS MALARIA AND OTHER WATERBORNE DISEASES REDUCE INCOMES, INCREASE FOOD SECURITY AND CURTAIL DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL.

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