




**GARDEN OF HOPE**  
FOUNDATION



**2018 Annual Report**



## Our Mission



To develop holistic communities through social and economic empowerment among youth, women and children in marginalized environments.



## Our Vision

We aspire to become a premier youth leadership development and entrepreneurship organization in urban slums and rural communities in Kenya.



## Mentorship

The Garden of Hope Foundation school mentorship club supports students through guidance and counselling.



***“Some of the areas I have improved on are: public speaking, good leadership skills and stress management’ Austin.***



## Mentorship

Austine Joined Garden of Hope Foundation school mentorship club in February this year. For about two months, she used to sit at the back and rarely participated in group activities or even answer questions. Upon realizing this one of our team members took it upon herself to have a conversation with Austine. She was opened to our team members and explained to them about the difficult background she came from and the pressure she was receiving from home. Austin was taken through one month of guidance and counselling. Currently, her public speaking skills have not only improved, but she was also elected as the club's leader.

The Mentorship program has impacted the lives of over 1,100 this year. The program addresses challenges young people face such as low self-esteem, drug abuse and gender based violence.

95% of students in this club successfully graduated from high school in 2018.



## Volunteer and Internship



***“Garden Of Hope Foundation through the Mentorship Department has given me a great opportunity to give back to the community as well as enhance my skills. Through volunteerism I have gained much knowledge on issues to do with menstruation, a topic that is rarely discussed by men and the society at large. Through volunteerism I have also been able to view life from a different perspective; that I should be strong, patient and stay put to achieve my goals in life. I have also been able to gain a lot of work experience which I believe will help me in the future.”***  
**Eric Omondi.**



## Volunteer and Internship

*"I have gained practical skills during my volunteer time at Garden of Hope Foundation which has enhanced my competence in social work,"*  
**Kenneth Otieno**



Internship and Volunteer Program seeks to build professional competency in community development among youth in formal and informal set-ups through creating volunteer opportunities. It also promotes the art of giving back and supporting the community.

**We have hosted 19 volunteers this year. The volunteers and interns have come from around the world to offer their services and skills in order to better serve our community.**

*"None of us got to where we are on our own. Somebody believed in us, someone held our hands and encouraged us"*  
**Floridah Anyango, Programs Coordinator, Garden of Hope Foundation.**

**3 in 5 young people who successfully complete the volunteer and internship program are employed within one month.**

## Leadership Development and Entrepreneurship



**70 young people graduated in 2018**

*"I can comfortably start my own business with the skills gained in the program"*

**Naomi**

In the year 2018 we have been able to train 50 young people in Kibera, aged between 17 and 35 years. The training included basic computer skills, entrepreneurship and leadership skills. The young people have graduated from our program with skills that have enabled them start small businesses, gain employment, take part in volunteerism and pursue higher education.

As a result of this partnership 11 young people in Kibera were able to implement three projects in their community. The projects included:

- A mobile library which benefited 10 pre-schoolers in Kibera
- A Kibera clean up project which engaged the local youth through weekly cleaning in Kibera.
- A women and girls empowerment project that benefited 11 girls living in Kibera.

This project has partnered with key stakeholders who offer the youth entrepreneurship skills, job shadowing opportunities and grants for their projects.



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH)



*"I can now walk in the supermarket and buy sanitary towels for my sister"*  
James



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH)

***"I have experienced reduced rate of absenteeism due to illnesses related to poor hand-washing practices. I have also observed the students adapting to the practice of safe and hygienic hand-washing."***  
**School principal, Platinum Education Center.**

The WASH program aims to promote positive behavior change and WASH knowledge to the under served locals in the urban slum environment. This year we have done this by focusing on:

**Menstrual hygiene management  
&  
Safe and hygienic hand washing practices among primary school children.**



**"1,500 Girls received menstrual products and menstrual hygiene information".**



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH)



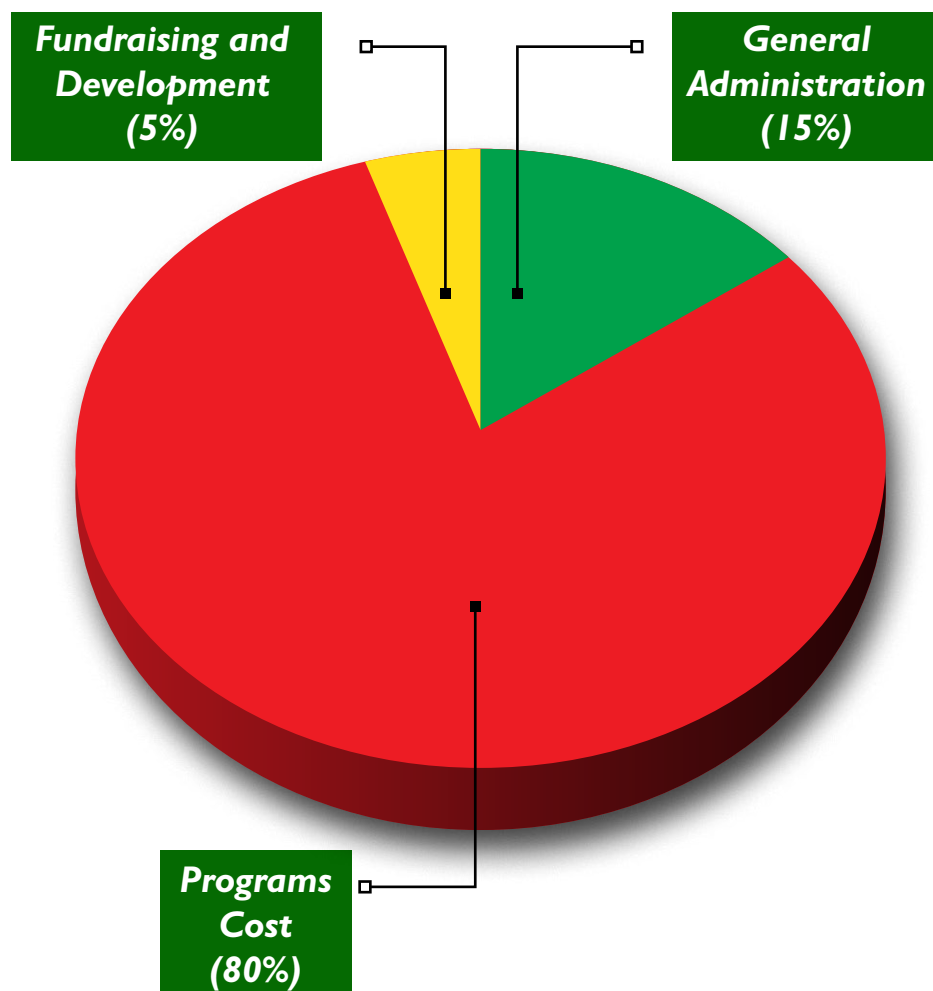
*"I joined Garden of Hope Foundation club four years ago, I was then in Form One. Since the inception of the program in our school I have acquired knowledge on usage of sanitary towels through Project Period Club and sanitary towel distribution. Most girls come from families where they cannot afford the products. This leads to my school mates missing school during their period. The project, however, has helped in reducing the rate of girls' absenteeism in our school. I have also acquired knowledge about menstrual hygiene management and now I can teach my fellow students."*

*"As a man, I now understand the role I should play to support my female colleagues during menstruation. I will not use the words they are not comfortable with. I know that women and girls need to be treated with dignity."*  
**James, student.**

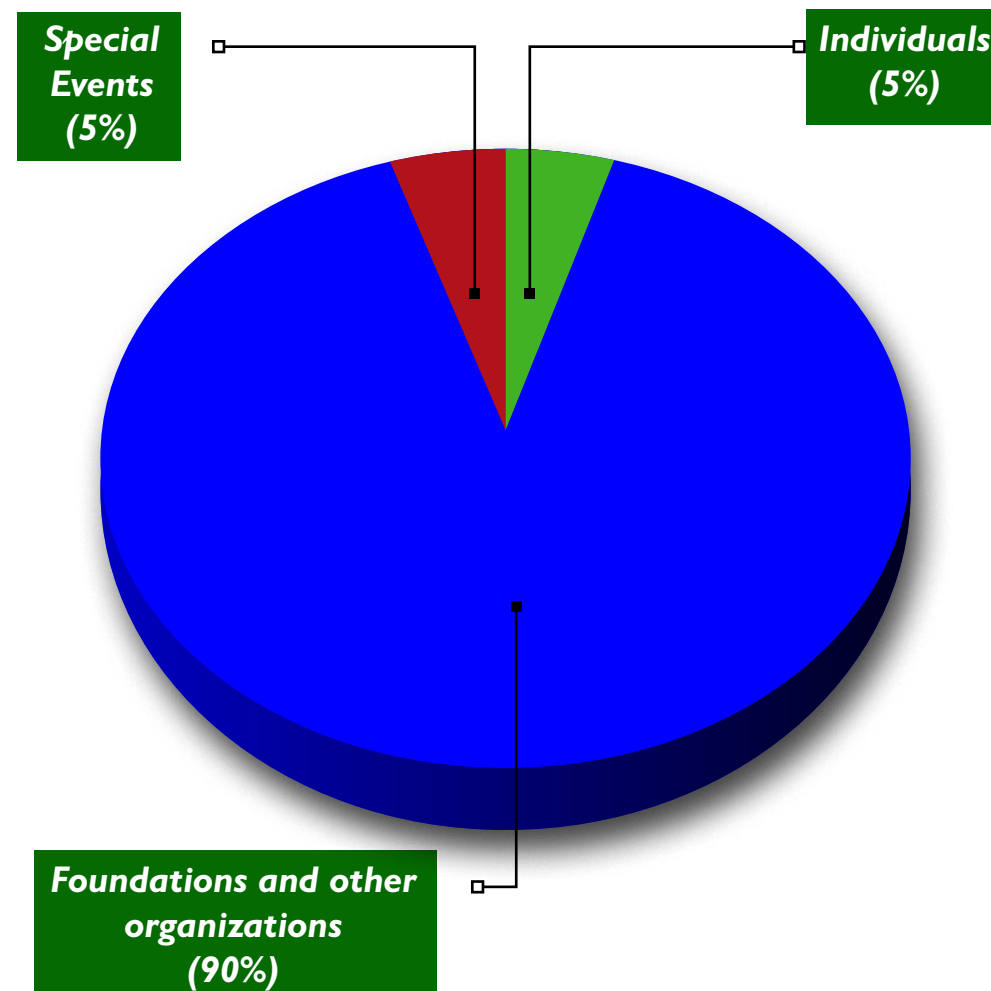
1,365 The number of youth reached by this program in 2018.



## Operating Finances



## Revenue





2018 marks four years since Garden of Hope Foundation started. I am grateful for each of you who has believed in the mission and vision of this great organization. During our end of year planning in Dec 2018, one of our major goals was to impact the lives of 1,000 youth in Kibera through the various programs we run. During the 2018 review, I learnt from our programs manager that we have surpassed this goal; by end of 2018 we had impacted the lives of 2,500 youth.

In 2018 we had 3 students from our Leadership Development and all entrepreneurship program who came up with various ideas and won grants to start their own social enterprises.

We are grateful to individuals and organizations who believed in our work and partnered with us in 2018. Thank you to Her Passion Ministries for supporting us the last 3 years. Our girls mentorship program could not have been successful with your support. We also appreciate our board members for always challenging our ideas.

Happy New Year.  
Victor Odhiambo  
Founder and Executive Director.





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