

VIARA JUNIOR ACADEMY

AN EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

Viara Junior Academy was started by Violet Anyoso in January 2005 as an educational centre for school going children and day care for working parents. It is registered under the Ministry of Gender, Sports, Culture and Social Services. This certificate allows school to engage in any activity that is beneficial to the community.

Violet died in May 2011 at the age of 34.

The school is sited in Nairobi Huruma with a total of 160 children's running from baby class to standard six at the age of 2½ years to 14 years. About three quarters of the children are vulnerable due to the poverty level within the community. Even the working parents often cannot meet their basic needs such as school fees. Most of these children cannot join the government schools since they cannot meet the requirements such as uniform, tuition fees and desks. Approximately one third of the children living around our school do not attend school because they are orphaned and or their poverty level.



The Academy staff consists of eight teachers and one support. Their monthly salary ranges from KES 2,500 to 4,500 monthly. It is the teacher dedication and faith in the school that has allowed it to remain open but they need more recognition financially for the time and effort invested.

SCHOOL FEES

Each child is charged KES 1,400 to 1,600 per term which covers 3 months, or KES 4,800 per year for nine months. About 75% of the children are not in the position to pay this due to difficult conditions they are facing. This makes it difficult to run the school since we depend on this amount for rent and teachers' salaries.

Below the teachers and a few of the children introduce themselves.

TEACHERS' STORIES in their own words.



1. Linet Mugami

I am a female 33 years old. I am single. My parents passed away 12 years ago. I have been working at Viara for the last six years as an experienced teacher. I enjoy being a teacher and dealing with children's from different backgrounds. I earn KES 4,500 monthly. I teach pre-unity class.

Since Violet's untimely death, Linet is now the Head Teacher.

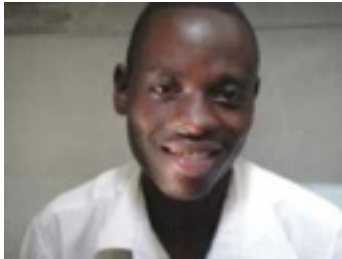
2. Caroline Anvango

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I am a female 25 years old. I am married with two children. I have been at Viara for the last two years as a class two teacher. I am an experienced teacher. I love my school and my job. I earn KES 3,000 per month.



3. Mosses Opiyo Maketso



I am a male 23 years old. I have been at Viara for 1 /3 year as a class four teacher. I am single and I belong to a family of nine. I am trained in early childhood development (ECD). I earn a salary of KES 3,000 monthly.

4. Pamela Anyango Otieno

I am female married with five children's. My husband is a casual worker. Am 34 years old. My two children's will do KCPE this year hoping to join secondary next year. I have been at Viara for One year and I earn KES 3,000 monthly. I am trained in early childhood development (ECD).



5. Titus Okoth



I am male 22 years old. I have been at Viara for one year and I earn KES 3000 monthly. My parents passed away some years ago and I am left with three siblings. I am experienced in teaching. I love my job.

6. Mary Mueni Musiu

I am 22 years and am single in a family of nine, my parents and seven sisters and my brothers. Am trained in early childhood education (ECD) I have been at Viara for one month and I earn KES 3000 monthly.



7. Evelyn Achieng

I am female 21 years old and married with two children's. My husband works as a carpenter. I have been here for one month and I earn KES 3,000 monthly. I enjoy my work.

8. Bety Mano