

CHepS Kawangware Mentorship Centre

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There are many students in Kenya who fail to enter secondary school and university due to low grades in primary and secondary level exams respectively. This leads to many failed opportunities at alleviation of poverty. To improve this situation CHEpS has embarked on a project to guide some promising students through mentorship and tutoring by university students being sponsored by CHEpS. The first such Tuition Centre was opened in the Kawangware slum in Nairobi. Underprivileged students from the local government primary schools are mentored on examinable subjects every Sunday morning. It is hoped all these students will be able to get grades adequate for entry into secondary school.

The abandoned, old clinic sits in one of the remote and rural areas in Kenya. It is surrounded by an old wooden fence that makes the effect of ancientness more pronounced. It consists of four main rooms and two bathrooms with the only source of water being a 10 liters bottle in one corner.

This very building has been converted into the Kawangware tuition centre by the CHEpS through the hard work of Dr. Muhsin Sheriff and Dr. Munir Merali, among others. It now has the ability to give a chance to the struggling students to achieve their maximum potential. With the dedicated work of five volunteering teachers, the students will have a better chance to succeed in life. By the grace of God the centre has been operating smoothly and has successfully boosted the morale of the students. These students cannot afford such facilities as tuition classes and thus this initiative will help them succeed in their most important goal in life at the moment: passing their exams.

The subjects taught include Mathematics, Islamic studies, Sciences and Social studies. These are basically the most important subjects for K.C.P.E (the local exam) students. Although the place of study may seem below standard, the will and passion of the students and teachers make it seem as good as any luxurious school, if not better. This is seen by the smile on their faces and their discipline in class which guarantees speedy progress.

The students now have a wonderful opportunity to achieve great grades and get accepted into the best secondary schools in the nation and all they have to put in is hard work and dedication. This project is an amazing milestone in giving the students of poor backgrounds a chance to achieve their true potential and succeed in life. We pray that CHEpS keeps doing such projects and continue to make the lives of the future generation brighter.

Below are some pictures:



Venue for the Tuition Centre



Tutors planning for the centre



Initial students during orientation session



Orientation session in progress



Students eager to start



Dedication & confidence on the tutors faces



Tutors sharing a light moment with students



Students and tutors



Maths class in progress



Science class



Social studies class



Islamic religious education