



Unblocking Hope

An investment case

on the future of children affected
by parental incarceration

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BACKGROUND

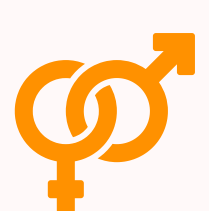
Prison Fellowship Kenya (PF-Kenya), established in 1986, operates under the auspices of Prison Fellowship International (PFI) and is dedicated to addressing the holistic needs of prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families in Kenya. With over 34 years of experience, PF-Kenya has cultivated strong partnerships with the Kenya Prisons Service, the Christian community, and other stakeholders to pursue justice, healing, and restoration in response to crime. The organization has two flagship programs. These two transformational initiatives focus on rehabilitation of the incarcerated and providing educational support for the Children of the Incarcerated.

INTRODUCTION

Children affected by parental incarceration face significant obstacles that can hinder their overall well-being and future prospects. According to recent statistics from the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government in Kenya, approximately 33,000 children have experienced the incarceration of a parent, highlighting the pressing need for targeted support programs. In response to this, PF-Kenya, supported by PFI, has developed the Promise Path Program (PPP). This comprehensive initiative aims not only to provide educational support but also to expand the scope of impact. Through PPP, PF-Kenya engages beneficiaries directly to share outcomes, ensuring that the program addresses their unique needs and challenges effectively.



THE CHILDREN



Both Male and Female



0 - 18



Stigma
Lack of Father Figure
Financial Instability
Academic instability
Nutrition
Early exposure to crime



THEIR GUARDIANS



Typically a siblings or spouse



Most are doing odd jobs



Stigma
Lack of support system
Financial Instability
Nutrition

58K

Incarcerated
parents in Kenya

THE UNSEEN

33K+

Children Left
Behind



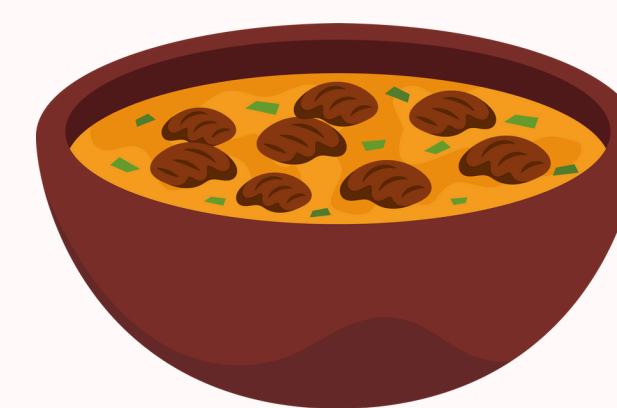
81%

Missed School



63%

Need Stationery



38%

Have Trouble
Accessing Food



31%

Reported
Depression

Family Dynamics & Aspirations

Children affected by parental incarceration aspire to pursue fulfilling careers despite their circumstances, expressing dreams of becoming doctors, engineers, or police officers. However, their aspirations are often overshadowed by the absence of a parent and financial constraints,

Exposure to crime & discipline issues

These children are frequently exposed to the harsh realities of crime and often face stigma. Some have experienced bullying or punishment at school due to financial constraints, while others have been victimized by neighbors or community members due to the stigma of parental incarceration.

Education & Support

Accessing education poses significant challenges for these children, with many struggling to afford school fees and supplies. The introduction of the new CBC education curriculum has added to their financial burden, making it difficult for caregivers to meet the requirements. Additionally, the absence of essentials like school uniforms and lunch money further impedes their academic progress

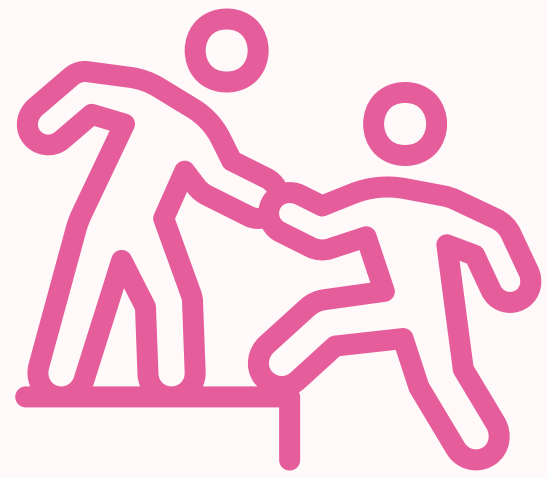
Health & Well- being

The emotional toll of parental incarceration weighs heavily on these children, with many experiencing feelings of depression, stress, and loneliness. The absence of a parent leaves them longing for connection and support, impacting their mental and emotional well-being

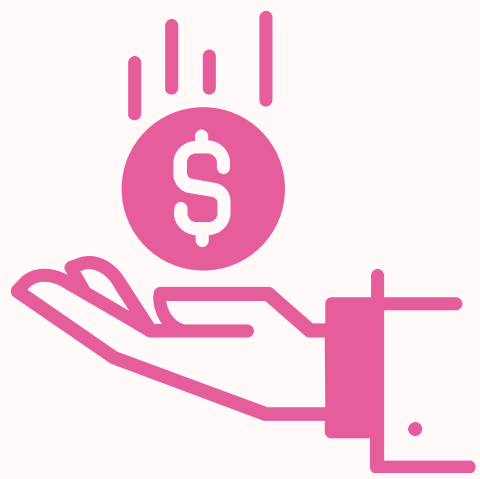
Demographics & Living Conditions

Children affected by parental incarceration come from diverse demographic backgrounds and living conditions. Some have experienced housing affordability issues, leading to frequent relocations in search of lower rent and manageable school fees. Others live in households with limited resources and food insecurity, relying on assistance from relatives or community organizations.

ABOVE & BEYOND



You can contribute to the program by providing in-kind support such as educational materials, school uniforms, and nutritious meals for the children. Additionally, offering mentorship, counseling services, or volunteering time to facilitate extracurricular activities



Donors, philanthropic organizations, and corporate partners can contribute funds to cover educational expenses, healthcare services, and operational costs. Moreover, investing in staff training, program evaluation, and infrastructure development will ensure the sustainability and long-term impact of the program.

12 MONTHS **25** MILLION **500** CHILDREN **50K** PER CHILD

- SCHOOL FEES
- FOOD
- STATIONERY
- TRANSPORT

Investment in covering basic needs such as food, transportation, stationery, and school fees is essential to addressing the immediate challenges faced by children affected by parental incarceration. Financial assistance programs can help alleviate the financial burden on caregivers and ensure that children have access to essential resources for their education. By providing transportation support, we can ensure that children can attend school regularly without barriers. Additionally, initiatives such as art therapy programs and sports activities can promote their emotional well-being and social integration.

Beyond addressing basic needs, initiatives such as mentorship programs, vocational training, and career counseling can empower these children to build meaningful futures and break the cycle of intergenerational incarceration. By providing access to diverse educational and extracurricular opportunities, we can broaden their horizons, instill confidence, and equip them with the skills and resources needed to pursue their aspirations



SPORTS & ARTS

Sports and arts programs offer valuable opportunities for children affected by parental incarceration to express themselves creatively, develop new skills, and build self-confidence.



THERAPY

Access to therapy services is essential for children affected by parental incarceration to address their emotional trauma and psychological distress.



SACCO

SACCOs play a vital role in providing financial stability and empowerment to communities, including those affected by parental incarceration.

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