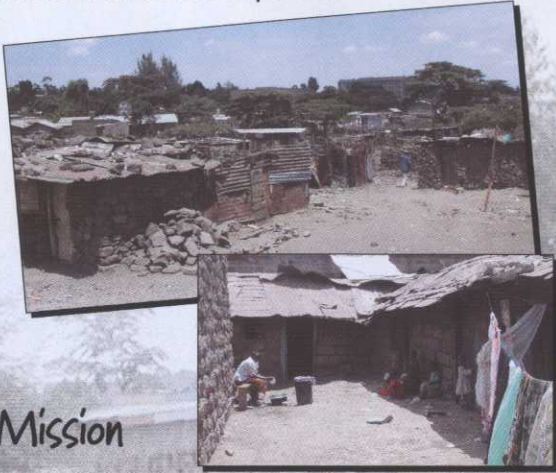


Vision

The vision of VICODEC is to assist the community to recognize and pursue its basic human values, and thus enable its members to address their issues of poverty and gender equality and work toward the elimination of those social and economic divisions, which hinder human development.



Mission

VICODEC, in its effort to achieve this vision, is committed to caring for and rehabilitating those vulnerable, marginalized members of community, especially the weakest among them. Recognizing their need for those basic necessities essential to a life of dignity and health, the Center strives to extend the love of Jesus Christ, thereby inspiring hope for a brighter future. This mission will be accomplished only by working together with community leaders and indeed with all its members.

Aims

- Education for the most disadvantaged
- Facilitation of community awareness
- Vocational training
- Nutrition and healthcare

Objective

The overall objective of VICODEC is to build a stable society, committed to the restoration of Africa's traditional sense of community. Consequently, VICODEC embraces the following **core values**: interdependence, respect for the dignity of every human person, responsibility, accountability, care for the earth and gender equality.

Activities

1) Education

The Center aims at providing basic education to poor children who cannot afford to attend expensive schools in the area. After equipping the children with an intensive pre-school formation, they are enrolled in various neighboring public primary schools.

2) Feeding Program

The Center runs a feeding program for less fortunate children. This includes both those enrolled in VICODEC's pre-school program, as well as those needy children in the surrounding public primary schools. The Center's *shamba* provides most of their diet's fresh fruits and vegetables.



3) Community Outreach Programs

The Center, through the social workers' office, conducts outreach programs aimed at assisting both the social and spiritual development of the community



through seminars and workshops in such areas as family life, nutrition and health care, entrepreneurship, and civic education.

4) Collaboration

In an effort to serve the community adequately, the Center collaborates with other local and international organizations and institutions to more fully promote an effective way of creating community awareness.



5) Training Programs

The Center offers courses in garment cutting and making, pattern drafting,



textile science, fashion design and sketching, knitting and embroidery. Training courses in weaving, spinning, culinary

skills and various other courses are being planned for future development.

6) Medical Services

A small clinic is dedicated to maintaining good health, both for pre-school children in our program, as well as for members of their extended families within the community.

7) Study Resource Center

The Center is equipped with resource materials in various disciplines to assist community educators, secondary school and university students to broaden their education in fields of their respective interest.

