Vision
A self-sustained community that enjoys quality life

Mission
To build community capacity to facilitate sustainable development to support vulnerable groups.

Values
The organisation is guided by, Partnership, Professionalism, Integrity, Empowerment, Communication, Respect and Quality Service.

a) Background

HHCDO was founded in 1980 by the Norwegian Save the Children (Redd Banna) as an Agricultural and Technical Training Centre and registered as an NGO in 1994. It is situated at the Western Shores of Lake Victoria in Kenya, where it occupies 158.4 acres of leasehold land, in a collegial setting. This makes HHCDO a unique NGO with a special opportunity for community development due to its mix of both social and enterprise projects. The Redd Banna however, phased out in 1999, due to deteriorated diplomatic conditions.

HHCDO is a local NGO and an active member of the NGO Coordination Board as well as Homa Bay county CSO network. Its governance structure draws membership primarily from professionals and local community members within Nyanza. This membership of 28 people constitutes the Council, which meets annually during AGMs.

The Council appoints Board of Directors which currently stands at 9 members including the CEO as an ex officio representative of the Management. This body meets at least quarterly and is assisted by 5 committees handling Finance, Tender, Resource Mobilization, Human Resource and the Executive Committee. The Board appoints senior members of management and informs the policy direction for the Organization.

To effectively implement these policies is a management of consisting of 9 staff headed by a Chief Executive Officer who meet weekly. These represent diverse expertise in line with the current community
and project needs basically to support social-economic projects and general administration. To strengthen compliance and policy, we have an Internal Audit unit and regularly engage external Auditors to prepare our annual Audited Accounts.

HHCDO further encourages potential partners to assess its financial and other internal capacities at any time.

**b) Program description and Status**

HHCDO is a multi-donor funded organization. Currently we are implementing projects to the tune of Approx. 45 million.

1. **The Enterprise Department**

Homa Hills runs programs within the Centre to strengthen its economic capacity through fundraising in entrepreneurial activities that include:-

1. Poultry farming
2. Horticultural production under Irrigation
3. Catering and Accommodation Facilities
4. Health care services
5. Cereal production

2. **PROSPER Project in partnership with Catholic Relief Services**

PROSPER project funded by the Catholic Relief Services currently supports 3433 Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) in 1603 households in East and West Karachuonyo Divisions as well as East Kochia, East and West Kagan Locations in Rangwe Division, Homa Bay County. The new phase of Prosper project is a transition from TCB project whose goal is to ensure OVC households have improved quality of life. The main focus is on livelihood activities, WASH, Malaria and Nutrition.

3. **THRIVE II Project**

HHCDO in partnership with CRS is implementing THRIVE II project targeting 1920 households whose goal is to ensure children under two year in West Karachuonyo thrive in a sustainable culture of care and support. The project will focus on activities geared towards increased attainment of age-appropriate development milestones through adoption of key ECD practices like IYCF, early stimulation, WASH and positive parenting and improved maternal mental wellbeing among mothers of children under two years.
4. **The Kenya Aids Response Program (KARP) in partnership with Kenyan Conference of Catholic Bishops**

The KARP project’s objective is to offer accessible, quality care and support to HIV+ clients & their families. The project continues to impact positively in the lives of many families infected and affected by providing life-prolonging medication and psychosocial support.

5. **APhia Plus-Funded OVC Program**

APhia plus supports 3931 OVC and 1160 households in both West and East Karachuonyo Divisions.

The projects main aim is to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS among the communities of West and East Karachuonyo division.

6. **DREAMS Project**

DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, Aids-free, Mentored and Safe) project funded by PATH is in the initial stages and intends to support 1000 adolescent girls and young women aged 10 -24 years with the aim of reducing and eliminating HIV/Aids infections among the target groups in Central and West Karachuonyo wards by 40% over two years. The services that shall be offered are based on age cohorts and include education, health and family strengthening.

7. **NACADA (Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among The Youth)**

The Project Targets 5000 youths and young adults with the aim of enhancing knowledge on prevention of alcohol and drug abuse to contribute to reduction of the effects of alcohol and drug abuse among the fisher folk communities and their families in North Rachuonyo District.

Areas of intervention are:

1. Public education and awareness
2. Specific life skills for youth and children

**c) Strategy**

The nature of our interventions revolves around the following approaches;

**Direct poverty alleviation**

Here, we directly bridge the gap of essential or basic services like food, medication, Anti-Retroviral drugs (ARVs), vaccinations, and de-worming to the very vulnerable and especially during the initial stages even as we later mainstream them into the broader society.

**Support to Civil Society**
At this level, we engage the community through groups to take up their responsibilities to one another. We therefore provide skills for various groups like School Management Committees, PLWHAs, Youth, Women, farmers and fishermen groups. All these groups, especially women, are also eligible for our Microfinance program SILC which encourage them to start or improve small businesses through consistent savings and loan.

- Currently 921 groups with a combined membership of 20,262 and a savings level of Kshs 68,000,000 receive loans within Homabay County and parts of Kisumu County. They hope to grow into an MFI or a SACCO by 2016.
- A group of 5 rights groups have come together and formed a network that has opened an abuse reporting and abuse counselling desk in the community.
- PLWHAs have been organised into 7 peer support groups which also help with HIV/AIDS campaigns and stigma reduction.
- Over 3000 PLWHAs access care supported by HHCDO’s partnership with Kenyan Conference of Catholic Bishops KARP.

**Advocacy and Campaigns**

At this level the community groups engage their leaders and petition other stakeholders to confront human rights violations afflicting the vulnerable groups. Here the approach to poverty is rights based and small groups are encouraged to coalesce and network into thematic advocacy groups. This has led to the establishment of a community managed reporting desk handling rights abuse cases in the community.

**Household-Based Care**

Our main target groups are Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) and People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs). Certain activities however benefit the whole community. We support over 9200 OVCs within family setups under natural or foster care to minimise disruptions to their socio-cultural lives as much as possible.

**Education/Vocational**

This is done principally through OVC projects.

**Community Enterprises**

The overriding objective is to promote community capacity to manage local resources for poverty reduction and dignity through groups for increased food production and structured market access that guarantee household incomes and gradually wean them from direct support. The overall goal of this approach is to increase ability of households to provide for their families basic and secondary needs ultimately integrating them into the mainstream national economy.