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whom live below the poverty margin. Due to the low income of the workers, going to see the doctor for an apparently 'minor ailment' is a luxury. The staff at Kimlea Clinic realized that many children went to the clinic too late, requiring serious treatment that would otherwise have been prevented if the intervention had been provided earlier. This led Kianda Foundation to start the Child Health Education Project (CHEP) in 2009, which caters for the medical needs of poor children in primary and nursery school in Tigoni. The aim of the CHEP program is to reduce child mortality and malnutrition. With a medical bursary of 50 Euros (about Kshs 6,000), a child is guaranteed healthcare (which includes check-ups, consultation and treatment) for the next 10 years.

There are moving stories of how this project has changed the lives of many children. Children with skin

and eye infections being treated or have been referred to other hospitals to get specialized care; children who were discovered to be HIV positive, getting the necessary attention they require. Since the inception of the program, more than 4000 children have benefitted from the program.

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