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I am the above named person and I enrolled in the Institute of Social Ministry in the year 2008; so far I have acquired a Diploma in Sustainable Development.

I have been working in Shauri Yako Slums in Meru based in slums. The challenges I have encountered while working in this community are numerous:

- Children are not able to go to school due to lack of school fees therefore there is high drop out of children in this areas.
- the children lack the basic needs and educational materials,
- Women who are children's guardian are alcoholic and do not offer any support for the children.
- some of the children are used for prostitution or commercial sex work
- Children are also used to sell local brew.

Through the insertion I was able to organize children and parents with in small groups and held meeting s to discuss on the importance for education for the children. Holding adult classes and a merry-go-round for women to support themselves in small ways. Networking with local communities to great support for feeding program for the children.

My future plans after education

- To help the women start small projects to raise income and sustain their families
- To train them in entrepreneurial skills and start small businesses.
- Network with the local available educational centers and also health institutions in order to insert the children in the primary level and cater for their medical needs respectively.

I request your financial assistance in completing my education so that I may acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to foster social transformation among the Meru community especially among the women and children who are subjected to oppression by cultural and economic aspects.