

Organizational Profile

Smart Widows Support System (SWISS) CBO

Who We Are

Smart Widows Support System (SWISS) is a widow-owned and widow-led Community Based Organization, founded in 2019 and officially registered in 2020. We exist to promote positive living among widows and their dependents (orphans) by implementing proactive programmes that address social, health, economic, and governance issues.

The Need We Address

Our work is driven by the urgent need to reverse the extreme poverty, stigma, and dehumanizing cultural practices, such as property seizure and wife inheritance, that widows face. It also responds to the school dropout, malnutrition, and child labour that orphans endure. We believe in the economic and social empowerment of widows as a pathway to achieving human rights and sustainable development.

Vision and Mission

Vision: Healthy living for widows and orphans.

Mission: To be a model support group through amplified voice and socio-economic empowerment of widows and their dependents.

Who We Serve

SWISS currently provides direct support to 40 widows and 120 orphans in Embakasi West Sub-county, Nairobi. We also network with like-minded widow and orphan organisations to amplify our collective voice and reach.

What We Do

- Community-Led Monitoring (CLM): SWISS was selected among the CLM implementers in Nairobi under Global Fund grant cycle 7 (GC7).
- Health stakeholder engagement: comprehensive trainings for Embakasi West with health stakeholders to strengthen access to services.
- Advocacy and awareness against stigma and harmful cultural practices affecting widows.
- Socio-economic empowerment of widows and support for orphans' education and welfare.
- Organizational development, including Organizational Development and Systems Strengthening (ODSS) training supported by AMREF Health Africa.
- Public engagement and exhibitions to raise the profile of widow-led community work.

Our Leadership

Nataline Muriel Olang

Board Chairperson

George Bobby Onyango

Board Treasurer

