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CREATING A FAIRER FUTURE FOR KENYA'S CHILDREN



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Many families were just regaining a little hope. The corona crisis, which had reduced the meagre family budget to a few dozen Kenyan shillings, seemed over. This meant that things would start looking up and better opportunities to earn a substantial living would come up

Unaffordable

Unfortunately, the current situation continues to raise enormous concerns. The ongoing drought in Kenya and the situation globally, are driving food and fuel prices off the roof. Increased transportation costs only make the food available in the markets more expensive. Cornmeal, beans, and oil, the basic ingredients for many Kenyan meals, are becoming unaffordable and there is no way of knowing when a sense of normalcy will be achieved again.

Macheo food program under pressure

Parents living below the poverty line spend 70 percent of their money on the simplest of foods. Children already often go to school or bed hungry. If they are lucky, they might get something to eat once a day. If they are even luckier, they are in Macheo's food program which guarantees them at least a meal a day. But this too is under pressure!



The simple calculation

Macheo's food program is one of ten measures through which Macheo gives vulnerable children a chance to a better future. The budget provides 5000 children with a simple breakfast and lunch at 28 elementary schools in the poorest districts around Thika this year. This way we stimulate children to (continue to) attend school. An important pre-condition to achieve a better future. The calculation is simple: because of the constant rising prices, you can feed fewer children with that money. The implication is that there are growing numbers of children who are going hungry!

A terrible choice. We won't let that happen, will we?

Extra support

The security of the school feeding program is at a threat.

Imagine how that must feel: sending your child out into the streets hungry.

The despair of seeing your child's hopes for a better future dashed....

Here is how you can help!

Need a guideline?

A 90 kilo bag of corn flour costs: 32 euros (33 percent more than in 2021)

a bag of beans 56 euros (75 percent more than in 2021)

Also watch this video in which a mother talks about her worries: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MHWJZItX5Jt1SvzTArVhpJsSpGEGkOuC/view>



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