



Urgent Appeal: Kenyan Catastrophe

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Mr. Barack Obama
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Dear Senator Obama,

I am writing in request of your help. Care Highway International, a non-profit humanitarian organization, whose work spans three continents, supports and maintains a pre-school and free medical clinic in Kibera, Kenya, which has suffered extreme violence at the hands of warring factions in recent weeks due to the controversy over the outcome in the election in Kenya. The crisis has created an extremely dangerous environment for the children enrolled in Care Highway's school and has shut down the medical clinic, where thousands of Kenya's poorest citizens were being treated for malaria, respiratory infections, aids, hepatitis, and tuberculosis. Many of the children are reportedly on the run in search of a safe haven. And as I write this letter, we are desperately trying to determine the whereabouts and safety of the children under our care along with other displaced children and families. But we need your help.

We implore you to use your good offices to assist us in learning more about the welfare of our school children and the state of our medical clinic in Kibera.

We are also beginning preparations for relief work in Kibera, and ask that you use your influence to both speak out on behalf of the Kenyan people and to assist us in bringing much needed relief help to Kibera's 700,000 residents, who are among the world's poorest of the poor. A simple word of support from you on behalf of our mission would do much to assist in our cause to restore our clinic and bring our children safely back to the classroom.

We invite you to learn more about Care Highway's work in Kenya by visiting our website www.carehighway.org. I also urge you to contact us with any information you may be able to provide on steps we can take to help protect these orphaned children.

Sincerely,



Laurie Malia