

## SCRIPT BEADWORKS FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

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### INTRODUCTION

Hospitals in developing countries are sounding alarm bells because of a sharp rise of deathly cancer cases. This comes in the wake of a recent United Nations report stating that 80 percent of the deadly cancers are now occurring in the developing since most of the donor money goes to Aids and malaria. In Kenya only two hospitals are equipped for treating cancer. Meanwhile parents of children with cancer are forced to start businesses in the hospital to make some money to pay the bills.

BETA LENGTH APPROX 3:06 minute

### SHOTS:

- Mother and child seated on hospital bed
- Close hand doing bead work
- Wide ward with bed mother and child
- Medium taking bead with a needle
- Close face mother doing bead work
- Chains displayed on hospital bed
- Close face child who had eye removed
- Wide exterior Kenyatta National Hospital

### VOICE OVER

To turn a hospital ward into a business premise, that happened here in Kenyatta National Hospital in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

### SOUNDBITE TAKING BEADS WITH NEEDLE

### VOICE OVER

31-years old Edith Wanjiku is making and selling bead works to pay for the treatment of her 5-years old daughter Gloria who has eye cancer. Edith couldn't afford that since she used her last money to travel to the hospital.

### QUOTE EDITH WANJIKU

***I came from Embu with the bus. I used 3.5 hours and I used all the money which was there. Now I don't have money to take my child for chemotherapy.***

### SHOTS:

- Wide mother and child hospital bed
- Close boxes chemotherapy

- Medium Faith Barasa demonstrating bead works to mother
- Wide Faith Barasa demonstrating bead works to mother

#### VOICE OVER

By selling bead works she receives 10 Dollars per week, and it covers the costs for chemotherapy for little Gloria.

#### SOUNDBITE FAITH BARASA DEMONSTRATING BEADING

Faith Barasa here got the idea when as an intern she was making artwork with the children, and discovered parents were selling them secretly to make some money.

QUOTE FAITH BARASA, Cycle of Light

***So when I came here and this situation happened I saw the opportunity for me to teach them and now making money using their hands. They're idle. They don't have anything else to do apart from looking at the baby.***

#### SHOTS:

- Nurse at hospital bed with Gloria
- Close face Gloria
- Close drip

#### VOICE OVER

Gloria's affected eye has been removed. She now receives chemotherapy as after care.

QUOTE PETRONELLA MOGUSI, nurse

***Gloria is doing fairly well but since she just started her chemotherapy. We need other drugs to control vomiting.***

#### SHOTS:

- Corridor hospital
- Patient on hospital bed
- Mothers seated with children
- Laundry in drying lines.

#### VOICE OVER

It's a sharp contrast with other wards in the hospital, where parents don't have money or a business. They are literally locked inside until someone comes to pay the bill. For some it has become home.

QUOTE mother with child

***No money. I am here for six months now***

#### SHOTS:

- Masaai women with child on bed
- Women with child
- Mothers with children on lap

- Close mother with child
- Introduction shot Dr. Jessy Githanga

VOICE OVER

And this seems only the tip of the iceberg. According to a recent UN report 80 per cent of the deadly cancer cases occur in developing countries like Kenya, since most of the donor money goes to HIV and malaria. According to the oncologist of the hospital there is hardly any treatment available.

QUOTE DR. JESSY GITHANGA, Oncologist Kenyatta National Hospital

***In Kenya there are only two hospitals which have good facilities for treating cancer. Kenyatta National Hospital and Moi Referral Hospital. The other hospitals don't even have cancer drug supplied by the government.***

SHOTS:

- Medium mother and Gloria
- Corridor Kenyatta National Hospital

VOICE OVER

So Gloria was lucky, but need the other case need fast action to stop preventable deaths. Over 4,000 cancer patients yearly attend this hospital.

QUOTE DR. JESSY GITHANGA

***Like now most of our patients die of cancer whereas there is a chance, especially with childhood cancer, of getting good survival of even up to 70 per cent.***

SHOTS:

- Visitors around bed patient
- Patient in hospital bed
- Faith Barasa with Gloria

VOICE OVER

The Kenyan government tabled a cancer bill to avail more money, but it could take a while before it comes down. In the meantime patients will have to rely on private initiatives like the one of Faith Barasa.