

# *Fatima Children's Home*

*for the physically challenged Children*



Love-care-self reliance.

## **DIOCESE OF MARSABIT**

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Dear sir,

Re: To whom it may concern

### WATER PROBLEM

**Fatima home for the physically challenged children.** It was blessed and opened to the children of the area on 20th December 2007. The name Fatima was derived from both Muslim and Catholics. Among the Catholics its origin is the most famous shrine of our lady in Portugal. It acts as a unifying institution for both Christian and Muslim communities living in the diocese in the unity of creation by the same God who is supreme being over all his creation in unity. It is a Catholic sponsored institution catering for physically challenged children regardless of their status, religion and beliefs. This home accommodates 30 physically challenged children both boys and girls of primary school going aged, 5 to 16 from Marsabit Diocese.

**Mission:** The main aim and objective of this home is to rehabilitate and educate the physically challenged children providing them with boarding facilities, adaptive aids (such as wheel chair, crutches, prosthesis, artificial limb, etc), physiotherapy exercises, medical and surgical services. Also to make the children feel at home, loved, cherished and helped to attain a holistic growth. During school holidays we send the children to their home, to be cared for by their parents and relatives. The intention of this, is to avoid the children feeling dumped in the institution and also to encourage parents to take their responsibility for their children.

**Vision:** to give hope, to have a quality future for the physically challenged children through the collaboration of all.

**Core Value:** "love, care and self Reliance "through this motto, we want to make the children self reliant to prepare them for a quality future to deepen the human, moral and spiritual value.

**Facilities and Services:** the boarding facilities enable the children to attend the nearby Hekima Primary School and Nursery, which is, Catholic sponsored public school. The home is equipped with necessary structures and facilities. In the mission compound we have a good dispensary with a Sister in charge where health needs of the children are catered for. For those children who may be in need of more medical attention, they are referred to the Marsabit Refferal hospital. We take them to Wamba hospital and Naru Moru Children's home for orthopedic surgery and for the appliances such as special shoes, artificial limbs and other needs. Since they are physically challenged ,they get daily physiotherapy in the home. Rehabilitation through surgery at Naru Moru Children's Home for the post operative treatment in correcting their disabilities.

**Water problem:** since Fatima Home started in 2008 until now we have been facing water problem. The Diocese of Marsabit dug a bore hole in 2012. We installed the pump and pipes. We got the report that the bore hole cannot sustain many hours of pumping. After pumping 3 hours the pump will stop. We found out in Dirib Gomb there are boreholes, pumping 24 hours. It shows that there is water in this area. When we go to the community bore hole to get water there is a long queue.

Our humble request is for you to engage your water department people to come and offer advice and solution to our borehole, maybe the borehole needs to be deepened or ?????

St Paul secondary school ,Brothers are helping us to maintain the home in an economic way. When their pump gets problem we are buying water for the home.

In 2016 we were forced to close the school early because of lack of water. We struggled the third term in 2016. Since we have a big Shamba for cultivation. There is not enough water for cultivation. Shortage of Water. Since the home has a borehole but little water only getting. It stops very often. There are some tanks, it is only for the daily use for the home. When it rains one rain is enough to fill the tanks. Remaining water is going waste. For cultivation there is no water. Home needs some more tanks, a big tank or a new bore hole.

We Fatima children request you please accept our request if you can. We appreciate your help.

May our merciful God grant you all the blessings .

Yours sincerely

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Sr In charge.