

HOLY CROSS PARISH DIOCESE OF LODWAR TURKANA KENYA

SAVIO CLUB CHILDREN PROGRAM 2020 REPORT

Savio Club is a school complementary program for children in lower primary school. The program is under the Holy Cross Parish Kakuma Refugee Camp. Savio Club target group is children from the Parish from the primary schools in the Camp. Originally when started in January 2015, the Club had children from Nursery/Kindergarten to Class Three aged between 5-14 years. After a whole year of running the program and after a needs assessment, the target group changed to children in Class Two and Class Three aged 8-12 years.

Currently the program is being run in 8 centers all in the church compounds of the Holy Cross Parish Outstations both in Kakuma and Kalobeyi. The whole program is coordinated by the Director and Savio Club Supervisor.

Objectives of Savio Club

To enable the children to speak and express themselves clearly in English and Kiswahili.

To enable the children to read and write in English and Kiswahili and to enhance numeracy.

To teach and help the children to pray and learn the Bible at their level.

To enhance and encourage the children to adapt and practice of good hygiene habits.

To create a friendly environment to help the children interact harmoniously with each other and have fun while learning.

The Club constitutes of children from different nationalities and communities namely, Sudan, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda.

The program is named 'Savio Club' in honor of St Dominic Savio a student of St John Bosco, whose values are the pillar and the aspiration of all the children and each one involved in the program.

Savio club has a total of 1060 children this year 2020 and 16 volunteer teachers.

The names of the centers and the number of children are listed in the table below.

No	Centre	Current Number of Savio club including 2019 children
1.	St. Daniel Comboni	138
2.	St. John Bosco	132
3.	Mary Help of Christians	135
4.	St. Peter and Paul	132
5.	Christ the King	128
6.	Holy Cross	130
7.	St. Dominic Savio	135
8.	Our Lady of Assumption	130
	Total numbers	1060

Savio club has been on recess since 17th of March 2020 due to Government's directive to close all learning institutions because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Savio club was greatly affected since the setup is such that children congregate to learn. Up to this moment, all public congregation have remained closed until the government allows learning to commence.

Upon closing children were informed about the wide spread of the disease, this was easy for them to understand because every Sunday the parish priest was requesting the faithful to pray for the world for the pandemic was spreading very fast.

Children were informed that the only preventive measures to the diseases is to maintain social distance, washing hands more often using soap and staying at home.

UNHCR has tried to put measures in place together with the county government and partners but it is still evident that if the disease gets in Turkana it will not be easy to contain because of social settings and way of life of people in the camp and even outside the camp. The places are congested, it's clear that there is no functional ICU in the county and other health facilities are limited

