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CASES FOR GROUP SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Rehema

Rehema is a 10 year old girl whose parents died of AIDS when she was 4 years of age. At the present time is living with her auntie, her aunt's husband and their 5 children because they were the only members of the extended family who were willing to take her. Rehema's aunt mentions this often. Rehema is the youngest of the children in the home. Rehema is in class 4 and her academic work is average although she often seems to daydream in class. Rehema's aunt complains that Rehema is hard to please and resists participating in family activities and doing expected chores. Rehema says that she is required to walk for ½ hour to fetch water each morning before school and that she is not able to eat breakfast before going to school. Rehema presents as an affectionate child who often approaches people she has just met and behaves in an overly friendly manner with them.

John

John is a 15 year old youth whose mother died when he was 2 years old. His father cared for him until he was 7 years of age. At that time his father remarried and his new wife complained that John's behavior was too difficult to deal with and that the husband could choose between her and John. John's father arranged for him to live with his brother's family. When John was 14 his uncle died and he ran away from home. He has been making his living selling things on the roadside. John presents as an unkempt youth who often gets into fights with others and has been using bangi (marijuana). John has recently been referred to your agency for services.

Amani

Amani is a 12 year old boy who has been in the Kasulu Refugee Camp for the past 7 years. He came to live at the camp because his entire family was killed when his village was invaded. He and two other children were the only survivors of this attack. Amani is an attractive, hard working youth who spends a great deal of time alone, although he does very well in school. However, there are several unusual aspects to Amani's behavior. He has several mannerisms that suggest he is very anxious. Also, his usual compliant behavior has on several occasions suddenly changed and he has attacked other children in. After these episodes end he returns to his usual behavior. Amani also frequently has nightmares.

Koku

Koku's parents passed away two months ago. Koku's community members believe that her parents died of HIV/AIDS. After the funeral no relative was prepared to take a parenting role to Koku, aged 14, and her three younger brothers. Reasons that were mentioned were that due to poverty they were not able to add on new family members to the very big load they already had. But there are some rumors that they are also afraid that Koku and her young brothers would infect other people who reside with them. Koku has continued to reside in her parents' home and has taken responsibility to care for her younger brothers. This family has recently been referred to your agency for services.