**Community Complexity Analysis Guide Response**

**Questions**

1. ***Identifying the components, their roles, why and how they interact in the system***

* **Children living in the streets and their leaders (They nickname them Ninja)**

They interact with the small business community mostly because of the menial jobs they offer such as washing public service vehicles and cleaning hotels e.tc. After the job they get their daily survival wages which encourage status quo. They mainly stay at the Kisumu Bus Park where they are easily sourced.

* **Department of children services**

They interact with children living in the streets mostly before they get into the streets at the point of parental separation. They provide lawyers and hold parents or adults responsible in cases defilement or abuse when forwarded to them. When the children get into the streets, the department rely on other players to conduct rescue activities.

* **County government department responsible for youth affairs and social services.**

The county government is not currently active influencing children living in the streets but rather children programmes which are offered by the government such as school feeding programmes in ECD schools which eventually keep these children in school.

* **County government of Kisumu department responsible for garbage collection**

The county government of Kisumu through lobbying by voters created a project to provide the children living in the streets with garbage collection jobs to improve their lives. There is need to get a government position on this since the information was generated from the public.

* **System thinkers (SAYDS)**

The SAYDs organization is a new component which is just one of the many stakeholders attempting make a positive change to the lives of children living in the streets. The community members expressed fear that we should not be rogue like other organizations currently in the city.

* **Rehabilitation and Reintegration Centers**

The rehabilitation centers exist in Kisumu and care for children and adults who are admitted to them. They face an uphill task during re integration of the children and this has increased relapse rate.

* **Children homes**

Children homes exist in the City. They welcome children who show up or are taken there by well-wishers or parents/guardians. The children are liberty to enroll in one that can accommodate them, however, professional rehabilitation support is lacking inside most of them.

* **Office of the Governor**

The office of the governor has shown willingness to help the children living in the streets and even directed one department to involve the children living in the streets in garbage collection around the city. There can be goodwill to influence the social problem even more in a positive direction.

* **Office of the Member of the County Assembly**

They town area has an MCA in-charge and has previously designeda solution to help the children living in the streets through paying education scholarship at rotary vocation trainingcenter. They admitted that success was too low since the children needed food, transport,housing and was not welcoming to wearing uniforms. They then suggested as a way forward, to have funds in centralized place- preferably- the county commissioner for easy management. N/B there is little confidence in the county government financial management system.

* **Parents and Guardians**

Parents or Guardians are normally away from the children and some occasionally visit them. There are instances where parental visit changed the lives of some the children to either go back home or start working to make a living and not live in the streets. Excessive or lack of corporal punishment makes children behave in different ways which also lead to children running to the streets.

* **Public Benefit Organizations**

These organizations interact with a wide range of other components like rehabilitation centers, county and national government directorates, and children living in the streets, parents and donors who all want to change the lives of the children living the streets. Some organization conduct Re unification which ends up making the children come back to town with other children. Some organizations link the children with health services providers such VMMC. In this category, the community member acknowledged the presence of rogue NGOs who profit on the idea of helping the children.

* **Small Business Community**

The small business community in the city love the children living the streets because they use them for security purposes and menial job and pay less money that they would have paid a person not living in the streets.Small business members have control over some children since they offer regular handouts to them. The community knows the leaders of the children and understand their language.

* **Representatives of the Vocational training (Rotary)**

The vocational training centers offer skills to students but have inadequate facilities such as housing, transport and food programmes to cushion needy students.

* **Juvenile prisons**

The prisons should have a safety net for the children living the facilities since, the children are no longer able to cope with expectations and rules of their once homes. They also find children who influence them wrongly in the prisons.

* **Drug peddlers**

The drug peddlers are controlled by wealthy and influential people in Kisumu who are seem above the law. The drugs that they sell through the children are addictive and police also lack control over the business. The children take drugs to cope with harsh streets life. The community know that profits are there to be made and getting involved can lead to threats or death.

* **Police**

Police are called in to enforce drugs laws, theft incidences but lack where to take the children when they are fined for petty offenses. The police are overwhelmed since child labour among children living in the streets is hard to prevent.They also interact with chiefs to enforce abuse done to the children by either parents or community members.

1. **Provide a list of factors they think create the problem**

The members in the forum identified these as some of the key factors.

* Peer pressure
* Poverty
* Parental irresponsibility or separation
* Exposure to social media
* Over indulgence into petty theft
* Enticement by small business community handouts which are regular
* Age- adolescent children living in the streets give birth
* Drugs and substance abuse
* Lack of Parental/Guardian love or excessive corporal punishment