## MICROLOAN PROJECT



## A MICRO-FINANCE AND BUSINESS TRAINING PROJECT

While acute care is needed, Agape in Action also recognizes the importance of sustainable development for our brethren and sisters living in extreme poverty. As the old proverb goes, "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime".

In 2010, Agape in Action started a number of sustainability projects including a pilot 'micro-loan" program. While this program has been based on existing micro-loan models, there are significant and fundamental differences in the underlying philosophy of Agape in Action's micro loan program. The emphasis is not on individuals making money, but on the group as a whole helping each other build successful small businesses so they are able to help their families, ecclesia's and others as they have need.

Agape in Action has programs running in 4 different areas of Kenya. They are focused on agriculture in the Coastal region of Kenya, tailoring in the Coast and Western Kenya and other small businesses such as computer services, hairdressing, clothing retailer, stationary store, charcoal retailer etc which are in Nakuru and Nairobi. There are currently over 50 brethren and sisters in receipt of Agape in Action micro-loans.

As the program grows and develops we hope to include small business training before receipt of microloans. If all goes well, Agape in Action will expand the program to invite supporters to invest in the small business of a brother or sister to help them get a start. The 'investment' will be paid back into a fund that will then be re-invested in another small business for continued growth.

For more info on this project please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@agapeinaciton.com">info@agapeinaciton.com</a>.

"Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy" Psa 82:3

