

Nairobi Rotarians assist displaced in rebuilding

MATHARE is one of the slums in Nairobi where life is a struggle for survival. Sometimes man-made storms make that struggle even more challenging. Recently Mathare residents woke up to a rude shock when they found themselves under attack by organized criminal gangs. Many homes were shattered to pieces and many uninhabitable for fear for life. Life came to a stand still for many residents. Churches became homes for thousands.

Mathare is the place where RI President Bill Boyd had joined hands with the RCC Mathare and Rotary Club of Nairobi to feed the kids during his visit in August 2006.

As soon as it was safe to enter, Rotarians in Nairobi mobilized the assistance to the suffering residents of Mathare. For one month a regular supply of water, maize meal, cooking oil, salt and food was organized. Blankets were provided to fight the chilly nights. The lead came from the Rotary Club of Nairobi through its RCC at Mathare and the Rotary Club of Langata through its "Mathare Boys" project.

Once the situation was under control, and it was safe for the residents to move back into their homes, they were given mabatis (metal roofing sheets) to rebuild their homes.



NAIROBI (D9200) Joy in the midst of disaster. Youngsters happily showing milk packets and blankets donated by Rotarians in Nairobi. **Below:** Rtn. Suli Shah of RC Nairobi and Rtn. David Waithaka of Rotary Club of Langata presenting roofing sheets to the residents.

