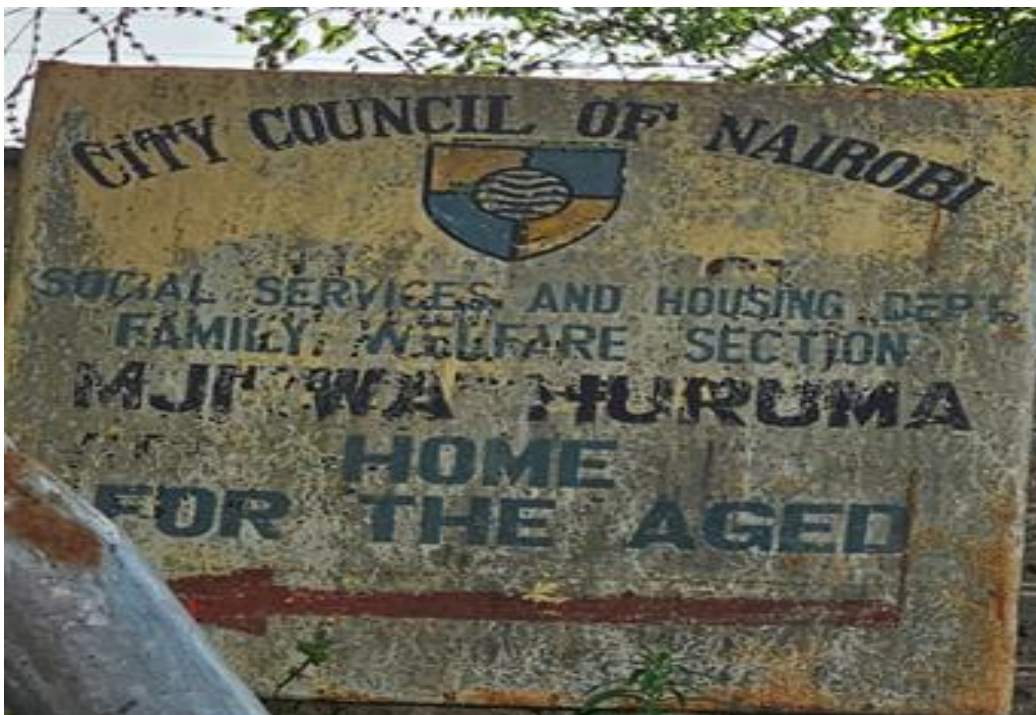


# MJI WA HURUMA

## Introduction and History

Situated in a leafy suburb on the north-eastern fringes of Nairobi City, **Mji wa Huruma** is an old people's home that specifically caters to the underprivileged elderly. The name Mji wa Huruma means “**home of mercy**”. The home though was originally meant to be a rehabilitation centre for street children but later turned into a home of the elderly by the city council then due to demand for the services.



*Figure 1:  
current  
signpost  
at the  
home*

The home that is just ten minutes drive from the UNON complex is located in Runda estate at the intersection of Ruaka road and Tala Road. It borders Karura forest on one side, Huruma informal settlement on the lower side other and faces the Horseshoe estate on the upper side. Located inside the home compound is Mji Wa huruma Dispensary, a public dispensary that is run and managed by the City County. and a recently built GBV rehabilitation centre.



*figure 2: Ongoing construction of the ablution block.*

## Current State

- Mji wa Huruma currently hosts about 45 elderly individuals both male and female. These senior persons were homeless, sickly, abandoned or neglected before getting admitted in the home. Most of them were either found on streets or abandoned in public hospitals.
- The home has three dormitories, and other amenities that serve the elders.
- It however lacks some primary basic amenities like proper fencing, toilets, well-furnished dormitories, ambulances/ vans, sufficient water supply etc.
- Most of the amenities at the institution have been donated by well wishers and institutions that valued the course of the institution.

## Home Management

- Mji wa Huruma is currently managed by the County Government of Nairobi. The home was previously managed by the Salvation Army church until the year 2001. The home has a manager and other staff who take care of the elderly people.
- The home is staffed by Nairobi County. However, sometimes volunteer students from a nearby college(s) assist as part of their attachments.

- The home depends on the neighbouring Mji Wa Huruma Clinic run by Nairobi County for the medical needs of its inhabitants. The clinic also serves the residents of the nearby Mji wa Huruma village and Githogoro slums.



*Figure 3: Inside Mji wa Huruma. Dormitories/Residence on the right and left of photo.*

### **UN SACCO Partnerships**

UN SACCO saw the opportunity to give back to the community by supporting the home which is in close proximity to the SACCO. The SACCO will be supporting the home through delivery of projects that will make the place more accommodating to the senior citizens in line with our CSR policy and allowed budgets. The SACCO has therefore entered into a 3-year agreement to support the home in different infrastructure projects.

### **Conclusion**

The home needs basic essential items including renovations of structures, new beddings, adult diapers, toiletries, clothing, dry foods among other essentials. It is in this vein that the UNSACCO has partnered with the home to improve its structures and welfare.

## **MARKETING**