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Sheilah Cherotich, 42, is a mother of five from Mt. Elgon, Kenya. Here is her story:

After Sheilah's husband passed away due to an illness they could not afford to treat, the grieving family was forced to move back to her parents' home due to tribal, financial, and land conflicts. Now her parents have asked her to move out, and she has nowhere to go. Her husband's parents have also abandoned her. Sheilah has five children: Job (18), Adeline (16), Valma (14), Eddie (9), and Chantelle (3). She digs in farms, washes clothes, and sells firewood for a living, earning less than \$2 a day to feed her children. The family goes without food if she does not find a job for a day.

Your gift of \$250 a month will support Sheilah and her family with clean drinking water, soap, rice, beans, and school fees.

Use the QR code on the right or give online at SomebodyCares.GivingFuel.com/Widow-Project. Choose "101-Sheilah" in the Select Fund drop-down menu.

Please make your donation quarterly: \$750 every three months. Donating in this way maximizes the best return for the U.S. dollar exchange into Kenyan shillings.

Thank you! Your gift is appreciated and essential.

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The Widow Project was created for these vulnerable yet courageous women who face daunting challenges every day just to survive, much less provide for their families or make contributions to the welfare of the community.

Each monthly donation supports a widow and her children (if she has any) by providing funding for their daily needs including food, lodging, school fees, medical care, and other essentials. Every widow is also connected with a partner church to provide additional programs such as life skills and microbusiness training. Some of these women might even receive a start-up loan to begin a business! Partner churches also provide coaching and materials for spiritual and personal growth.

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Joan Chepkesis, 41, is a mother of three from Mt. Elgon, Kenya. Here is her story:

Sixteen years ago, Joan's husband died during the Saboteur Land Defense Force conflict, which left her family displaced and landless. This major clash ravaged Mt. Elgon, Kenya, resulting in hundreds of deaths and numerous families losing their properties. Following her husband's death, Joan and her three children moved back to her father's home, where they now live in deplorable conditions. She cares for the children -- Andrew (20), Diana (16), and Dennis (16) -- as well as her elderly father. Despite her hard work digging in farms, washing clothes, and selling firewood for community families, Joan earns less than \$2 a day. On days when she cannot find work, her family goes without food.

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Limoty Hamjala Emachar, 38, is a mother of three living in Trans Nzoia County, Kenya. Here is her story:

Limoty's husband passed away due to an illness they could not afford to treat. Together they had three children, now 18, 13, and 10 years old. Limoty digs weeds in farms and washes clothes for a living but earns less than \$2 a day for her work. The family goes without food if she does not find a job for a day. Limoty wants to someday open her own business, a second-hand clothing store that will serve the community.

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Jacilyne Simiyau, 38, is a mother of four living in Trans Nzdia County, Kenya. Here is her story:

Jacilyne's husband lost his life in a motorcycle accident, leaving her to care for their youngest three children. Their first born is 24 years old and married. The other children are 16, 13, and 7. Currently, she cleans houses and washes clothes for a living, earning less than \$2 a day to feed her three dependent children. The family goes without food if she does not find a job for a day. Jacilyne has a dream to someday open a second-hand clothing store to serve the community.

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Rael Chapkurgat Masai, 37, is a mother of four from Mt. Elgon, Kenya. Here is her story:

Rael and her husband had four children before he passed away from an illness they could not afford to treat. Rael digs in farms, washes clothes, and sells firewood to care for her children: Shalom (17), Sheldon (10), Wayne (8), and Hezron (6). Even though she works hard, she struggles daily to feed her family, with slim earnings of less than \$2 a day. The family goes without food if she does not find a job for a day.

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