

## EMACK Success Story: Finding Hope in Tragedy

Ngoloko village, located 20 miles north of Mombasa on the Indian Ocean is adjacent to the Paradise Hotel, an Israeli-owned facility that was partially destroyed by a terrorist car bomb in December 2002. The hotel employed many village residents and the cultural troupe that performed nightly for tourists, comprised young men and women from the village. The bombing killed many village members and the left many others unemployed because the hotel was never rebuilt.

In late 2004, Madrassa Resource Center (MRC), with support from the EMACK Project, signed an agreement with the community to support efforts to upgrade their ECD center. The modest structure and its sole untrained teacher served 40 community preschoolers with limited teaching/resource material. EMACK supports MRC to provide intensive training and mentoring to two teachers (soon to be four), conduct parent awareness sessions and train the SMC in effective financial and administrative school management, community mobilization and roles and practices of being an effective community parent-teacher association. Enrollment has more than doubled.



Ngoloko Village: Old ECD Center

community parent-teacher association.



Ngoloko Village: New ECD Center Under Construction

After its MRC training, the Ngoloko ECD center SMC guided the community through a needs assessment and developed a project proposal. In early 2005, EMACK awarded a grant to build a new ECD facility. The community contributed labor and local materials. Many parents and other community members offered their services to the project.



Today, Ngoloko village is proud of its new, community-built ECD facility which offers a genuine hope of a bright future.