

ISSUE 8/ AUGUST 2024

# WEEKLY **UCESCO - AFRICA**

### **NEWS** LETTER



The smallest act of kindness can change someone's life Unknown



### Samburu Youth Empowerment Forum



The youth empowerment mentorship program was successfully held in Samburu from August 15th to 17th. The program aimed to empower the local youth through knowledge sharing, skill development and mentorship in various crucial areas. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the youth of Samburu, who engaged in presentations, performances and interactive sessions that inspired both personal and community development.

Throughout the three days, a series of informative presentations were delivered by the youths themselves, focusing on topics relevant to their lives and future opportunities. Each session was designed to equip the participants with essential skills and knowledge



The program included home visits where we connected with families facing challenges, offering support and hope. It was a humbling experience as we witnessed the strength and determination of these young individuals eager for a brighter future.

We want to extend our gratitude to the volunteers who poured their hearts into this program. Their compassion enriched the lives of those they visited.

## Empowering Futures Through Computer Lessons.



Our mission is to empower individuals through education and skills training. Our volunteer Stephen truly embodied this mission through his tireless efforts in teaching computer classes. He has been an inspiration to the learners, his passion for technology and education has opened new doors for the students, helping them develop essential computer skills that are critical in today's digital world.



From basic computer operations to understanding internet safety, Stephen equipped them with the ideas they needed to succeed and thrive in a technology - driven society. We are incredibly grateful for the positive influence he has impacted on our learners. His work reminds us all of the power of community service and the difference one person can make.

### Exciting moments at the field!





Our volunteers Noah and Aurora, shared an unforgettable day with our rugby team. Being able to interact with the kids while playing was a fantastic experience. It was not just about the sport but connecting with the community and making memories together. They donated boxes of essential stationery, ensuring that the young team had the tools they need for their studies. As most team members were students, this gesture not only supports their athletic pursuits but also emphasizes the importance of education. The bond formed between the volunteers and the young players highlighted the positive impact of community involvement, leaving all participants inspired for the future.

### **Compost Manure Pit Farm Project**



Our volunteer Adriana spent time with learners at Kibera Primary School, where they constructed a compost manure pit. Being a passionate advocate for sustainable practices , she saw an opportunity to engage with the learners and teach them about the importance of composting as part of a broader environmental education program. The project was about empowering these young minds to understand the impact of waste management and organic farming on the environment.



The compost produced will encourage the learnersto cultivate their own vegetables and this will also provide the local community with access to nigh quality compost. This can help the Diseased local farmers improve crop yields while fostering sustainable agricultural Medication practices. The compost manure pit will also serve as a hands-on learning tool for the learners, helping them grasp the concept of sustainability and cyclical nature of waste. Adriana's engagement at Kibera primary school shows the powerful impact of volunteering on local education and environmental sustainability.

#### Broadening community spirit : Volunteers Remo and Thomas make a difference in the Schools!



Our dedicated volunteer Remo has been actively engaged in the classroom, using creative teaching methods that resonates with the children. It was nice to see how quickly they grasped the lessons he had imparted. It was also evident that his approach fostered a positive learning environment where curiosity and comprehension thrives. His dedication enriches the learners academic experience and it also builds their confidence and inspired a love for learning that we hope will stay with them for years to come.



On the other hand, Thomas has been lending his skills and strength to ensure that our vision for the New Horizon Secondary School becomes a reality. From assisting with physical labor to collaborating with our construction team , his contributions have been invaluable . We aretruly grateful for his passion and efforts and we look forward to seeing the positive impact the school will have on the lives of the students in our community.

### Farewell and Gratitude : Celebrating Sam and Meru's Impact at Peggy Lucas School.





As we turn another page in our journey of service, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to our volunteers Sam and Meru from the United States. They have dedicated their time and energy to our various projects.

Their compassion and commitment have been truly inspiring, particularly in Peggy Lucas school kitchen department. Thanks to their help, we have been able to prepare and serve meals on time. As they prepare to return to their country, we want them to know that they'll always be part of Ucesco-Africa's family and we hope that they will carry with them fond memories of their time with us.

# A Journey into Psychotherapy.





This week, we were honored to host a distinguished guest from Ethiopia, Mr. Solomon Abebe; a WAAP certified master trainer specializing in Positive and Transcultural psychotherapy. Over three impactful days, he engaged with Mt. Kenya University UCESCO club students and Gretsa University UCESCO club students, facilitating deep and meaningful conversations. The talk allowed students to express and reflect on various challenges and concerns that have been weighing on their minds, creating a space for growth and understanding.

The exchange of ideas, experiences and witnessing the trans formative power of open dialogue was truly remarkable. His expertise in psychotherapy provided valuable insights that will undoubtedly benefit our students as they navigate their personal journeys.

He also visited some of our organization's projects in Kibera. Seeing the incredible work being done, he was deeply moved by our commitment to serve the community, especially Peggy Lucas School and Lovely Looks College which is under Women Empowerment Project.

We believe that education and empowerment are vital in breaking the cycle of poverty and creating sustainable change. His visit highlighted the importance of our work and also strengthened our resolve to continue supporting the vulnerable in the society. Together, we can inspire hope and bring about meaningful change.

### Mombasa Branch : A Bright Future Ahead





Ucesco -Africa Mombasa Branch had the incredible opportunity to support 18 bright and ambitious pupils from MaryClif Girls Primary School in Moroto Slums as they embark on their educational journey. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of our volunteer, Svavar from Iceland, these children received essential school supplies including brand new bags and books. Svavar's commitment goes beyond mere supplies; he has pledged to cover their school fees until they complete their education. This is a life-changing promise that will empower these girls to pursue their dreams and build a brighter future. Education is a powerful tool for change, and with this support, these children will have the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in their community. We believe that investing in our girls' education is crucial for building a more equitable and prosperous future for Moroto. We are deeply grateful for Svavar's generosity. His kindness is a shining example of how one person can make a significant impact in the lives of many.

### Rescued from Early Marriages and Back to School.

A huge thank you to the unwavering support of our generous sponsors, we are proud to announce that they have successfully sponsored 20 talented and ambitious students in Samburu. These students full of hope and determination, are pursuing their education across various levels. Some in primary schools, high schools and others in colleges and campuses. The expression of joy and gratitude from our beneficiaries arereally uplifting because each of them now has the opportunity to thrive academically and chase their dreams.



### SAMBURU SPONSORED STUDENTS' DETAILS





Name: Beckham Lengalai. School: Kirisia Boys High School. Sponsor: Eoghan Flynn and Alo Flynn Country: Ireland



Name : Sarafina Lekukuu School: AIC Moi Girls School Sponsor: Alo and Eoghan Flynn. Country: Ireland



Name: Rose Nashipae School: Egoji teachers college Course: Teaching Sponsor: Mimi- Germany



Name: Sonita Letikirich School: Kenya Highland University Course: Information Technology Sponsor: Mimi - Germany



Name: Faith Seminae School: Kisima Girls High School Sponsor: Tina - Australia



Name:Sarah Nteye Lenaitorono School: Thika school of medical and Health science . Course: Diploma in preoparetive. Sponsor: Evelyn



Name: Joyce Dainah Lanyasunya School: African Institute of Research and Development Studies Course: Nutrition and Dietetic Management Sponsor: Adriana Henao -Colombia



### SAMBURU SPONSORED STUDENTS' DETAILS





Name: JOYCE NAITEMU SCHOOL: KOITALEL SAMOEI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SPONSOR: JEFF From Australia



Name: Elizabeth Selina School:Meru Teachers Training College Course: Diploma in Primary Teacher Education Sponsor: Greta Jacobson - Germany



Name : Jemimah Farida Lemuruka School : Kisima Girls Secondary School Sponsor : Nicholas -Switzerland



Name: Sarah Naisiae Lemuruka College: Thika School of Medical and Health Sciences. Course: Diploma in Community Health and Development. Sponsor: Marja - Switzerland



Name : Kilepet Jackline School : Moi Girls Secondary School Sponsor: Jelena from Switzerland



Name: Maryanne Lekopole School:St Anne's Njorua girls Sponsor: Sarah Wood -United Kingdom



### SAMBURU SPONSORED STUDENTS' DETAILS





Name : Georgina Ntumoki Lesamayan School: Pangani Secondary School Sponsor : Alo and Eoghan Flynn Country: Ireland



Name: Miriam Lekopole School: Bishop Philip Perlo Girls Sponsor: Mimi - Germany



Name: Linda Naeku School : Mama Ngina Girls High School Sponsor: Nafika - South Africa



Name: Friday Letikirich School: Fr. Antony Secondary School Sponsor: Nafika -South Africa



Name : Samira Leparashao School : Kisima Girls Secondary School Sponsor: Ola -Switzerland



Name: Gift Nailashu Lepartaam School: St. Marys -Samburu Sponsor: Evelyn -Brazil



















































#### A Heartfelt Thank You to the UCESCO – Africa Nairobi and Mombasa Teams

As we continue to drive forward with our impactful projects, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the remarkable teams at UCESCO - Africa Nairobi and Mombasa. Your steadfast support and dedication are nothing short of extraordinary and are vital to our success.

Whether through generous financial contributions or hands-on volunteer work, your commitment has been the driving force behind our progress. Your passion and perseverance enable us to make a profound difference in the lives of those who need it most.

We are truly appreciative of the pivotal role you play in our mission. Your efforts not only help us achieve our goals but also inspire hope and spark positive change in our communities. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and for helping us create a brighter future for everyone we serve.

### A Heartfelt Thank You to Our UCESCO -Africa Partners and Clubs

At UCESCO - Africa, we are profoundly grateful for the extraordinary support and collaboration from our partners and clubs. Your unwavering commitment has been crucial in advancing our mission and achieving significant milestones.

Your dedication, whether through financial support, expert guidance, or hands-on involvement, has greatly amplified our efforts and enabled us to make a meaningful impact in the communities we serve. The success of our initiatives is a testament to the strength of our partnership and the shared vision for a better future.

We truly appreciate your contributions and look forward to continuing this journey together. With your ongoing support, we are confident that we will reach new heights and make an even greater difference.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission and for helping us create lasting change.



Best Regards Communications Department