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“Service to others
is the rent you pay
for your room here
on Earth.—
Muhammad Ali



From Waste to Wonder: The Birth of the Worm Bin Project



The project's origins trace back to the work of Jeff, a dedicated volunteer from Australia, whose passion for sustainable farming brought fresh ideas and practices to Kibera's eco-farm. Jeff introduced the concept of vermicomposting, the process of using worms to decompose food scraps and organic waste into high-quality compost. The result is a nutrient-rich substance often referred to as "black gold" by gardeners for its ability to nourish plants and improve soil health.

At the UCESCO eco-farm, the worm bin has become a focal point for students, who have taken an active role in maintaining the system. Each day, they collect food waste from the school and surrounding areas and carefully add it to the bin. Over time, the worms process the waste, transforming it into compost that will be used to support the growth of crops at the farm.

The project also emphasizes the need to reduce waste in communities where waste management infrastructure is often inadequate. Food waste is a common problem in Kibera, and without proper disposal methods, it can contribute to pollution, health hazards, and environmental degradation. By teaching students how to manage waste sustainably, UCESCO and its partners are helping to address these challenges head-on.

Moving forward, UCESCO hopes to expand the vermicomposting initiative to other schools and community centres, amplifying its impact across Kenya. With more volunteers and partners joining the cause, the future of sustainable farming in Kibera looks promising.

The worm bin project may seem like a small, local effort, but its ripple effects are far-reaching. By turning waste into nutrient-rich compost, UCESCO and the students of Kibera Primary School are contributing to a healthier planet and a more resilient community.



Donations for shining hope school.

Volunteer Evelyn Carla made a significant impact this week by generously donating food to the children at Shining Hope, a community center dedicated to supporting underprivileged children from different backgrounds.

Her kindness brought immense joy to the children, who were beyond excited to receive her contribution. Her selfless act of giving reminded this wonderful children that they are loved and cared for by their community. The smiles on their faces were truly priceless, and we are grateful to her for making such a wonderful difference.

Thank you Evelyne for your generosity and for being a beacon of hope for the children at Shining Hope. Your kindness inspires us all.



Bidding farewell to Yannick, Sarah and Mathew

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible contributions of our dedicated volunteers Yannick, Sarah and Mathew who played a crucial role in the planning of our upcoming medical camp in Samburu.



Mathew spearheaded a donation drive on GoFundMe to support the camp, an initiative that will help us gather the necessary resources to make the camp a success. Additionally, he took the lead on assisting in defining our organizational structure, creating an organogram that clearly delineates the roles within each department. This is an essential tool that will enhance our operational efficiency moving forward.



On the other hand, Yannick and Sarah also made significant strides in assisting with grant applications for our organization. Their dedication to securing funding will help ensure that we can continue to serve our community effectively.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for their future endeavors. Their contributions have made a lasting impact and we are grateful for everything they've achieved during their time with us.

Mombasa Branch participates in International Coastal Clean-up



On September 21st our team in Mombasa proudly participated in the International Coastal clean-up at Shelly Beach. This global event aimed to promote environmental conservation by cleaning our oceans and coastlines. We are grateful to have collaborated with esteemed organizations, including the Kenya Navy and Kenya Wildlife Service. Their support and commitment to coastal conservation enriched our efforts and fostered a spirit of teamwork. We combated marine debris and raised awareness about the importance of maintaining clean and thriving ecosystems. The team engaged local community members, raising awareness about pollution and its impact on marine wildlife.

They also held informational sessions to educate participants about sustainable practices and ways to minimize our ecological footprint.

A big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this important cause. The work was invaluable in protecting our beautiful coastline.



Celebrating our talents: Dalton School's Participation in Lchingei Primary School's Prize Giving Day.

Our students showcased their remarkable dance performances and scripts that captivated the audience. We are particularly proud to announce that the Dalton School was recognized for its commitment to nurturing talent and fostering a supportive environment for all students. This recognition holds a special significance as we strive to provide quality education to the Samburu community. Our mission to empower these children through learning and personal development is at the heart of everything we do.

We express our gratitude to Lchingei Primary School for warmly inviting us to participate in their special day. It was an invaluable opportunity for our learners to engage, connect and celebrate with others from the community.





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.



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Best Regards
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