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OCTOBER 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

Dear Friends,

In October, we were excited to reopen schools for the second term of the school year. Our children were back to school after a one-week short holiday with their friends and family at home. We thank you for your continued generous support for the education and feeding program of 1400 children living in destitute backgrounds at our communities here in Kenya. God bless you. Because of you, 1,400 children across our three school projects in Mikindani and Jimba villages have benefited from quality primary education and school feeding program. 9 vulnerable youths have been trained in Tailoring, dressmaking and Embroidery at Star of Hope Training Institute Mikindani.



Here are the highlights of the months of October 2021;

1. Learning
2. School Feeding Program
3. Self-Sustainability Projects
4. Pastoral Care Program
5. Success Story - Riziki's Road to University

LEARNING

In October, learners across all our three school projects in Mikindani and Jimba village continued with their studies smoothly. Schools closed for a one week on 1st October 2021 for the end of first term and reopened one week later on 12th October 2021 for the beginning of the second term. 1400 children across Mikindani Nursery school, Living Word Primary School and Jimba Primary School have continued to be beneficiaries of our school programs.



Figure 1 : Learning in Mikindani Nursery School



Figure 2 : Jimba Primary school classroom

USING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Computer lessons have become a main and integral part of our learning system. Through your awesome support, our children are now enhancing their learning experience by using the computers in our schools to complete tasks.

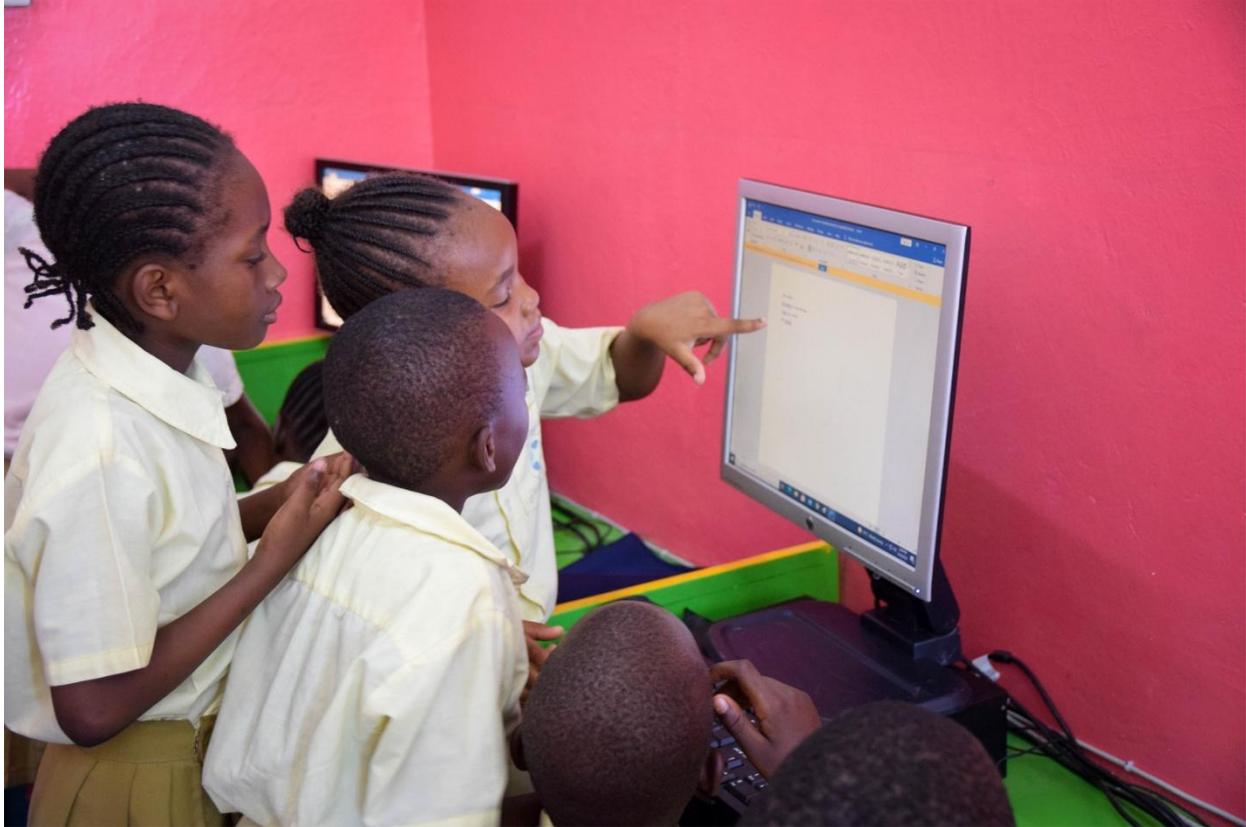


Figure 3 : Computer lessons ongoing

SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

The vital school feeding program has continued to benefit 1400 children and 9 youths across the four school projects.



Figure 4 : Happy faces in the Dining hall

Thank you for caring about the well-being of our children and communities. Through your generous support, we have been able to continue to provide the 10 o'clock porridge and 12 noon lunch to children and youths across our four school projects. Thank you for your great support.

100% SUCCESS RATE AT STAR OF HOPE TRAINING INSTITUTE

We are pleased to announce that all our final year students at Star of Hope Training Institute passed their final exams with flying colors. This is a big step towards building a better future for themselves and their families. We thank you for supporting these youths by giving them a second chance to build life-long skills to assist them to earn a living. God bless you. Thank you for standing with the youths of our communities and giving them a second chance to earn life-long skills that will uplift their economic status and that of their families.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

RESULT OF TRADE TEST

With Reference to your Trade Test **GRADE III**, Trade: **TAILORING**

at Centre: **NITA - MOMBASA** during the **APRIL- 2021** Series,

You are hereby informed that you **Passed** the test.

Further Information will be sent to you when the certificate is ready.

**This result slip is issued without any erasures or alterations.*

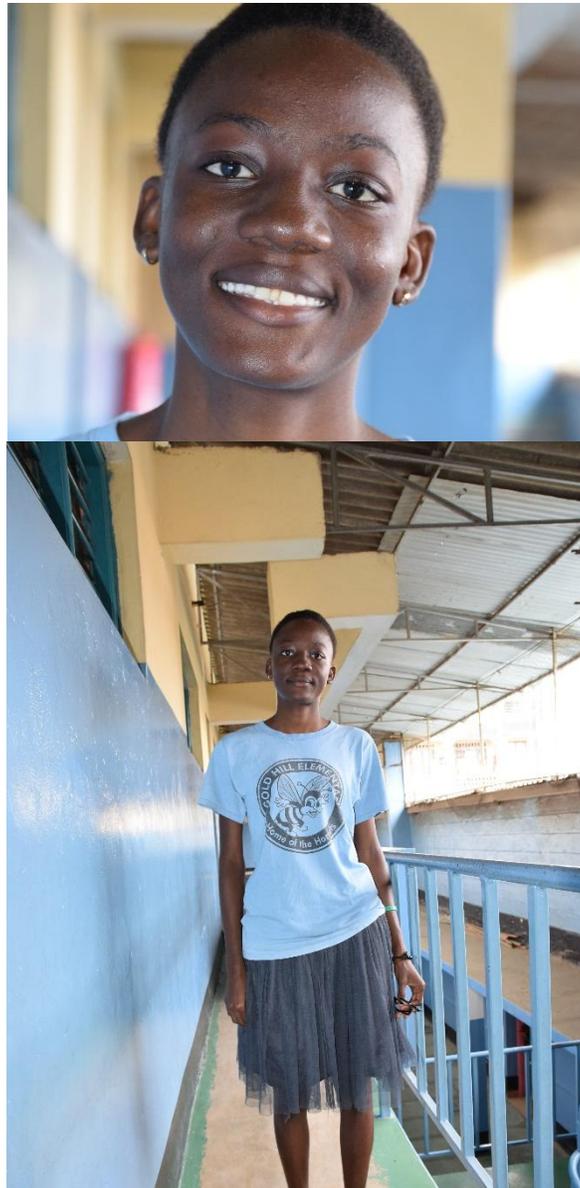
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Figure 5 : Training Institute student's result

SUCCESS STORY - RIZIKI'S ROAD TO UNIVERSITY

RIZIKI'S STORY

My name is Riziki Atieno Adhiambo. I am 18 years old. I live at the slums of Ganahola in Mikindani with my single mother and two siblings. I am the second born child of three siblings. Above all, I am a proud alumnus of Living Word Primary school. I completed my Primary education in 2016 and emerged the top performer of my class with 371 out of 500 marks in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) Examinations.



I was fortunate to be sponsored to high school by Wings to Fly program which is run by Equity Bank of Kenya. I managed to attend Kathiani Girls National Level High School in the Eastern part of Kenya. By God's grace I performed well in my final year.

I sat for the 2021 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCPE) Examinations and got a mean grade of B – (Minus). This great performance has secured me a spot in one of the top-rated Universities in Kenya. From October 2021, I have been called to undertake a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services Management. This gives me great joy knowing that if I push through this, I will emerge an independent girl who can provide for her hopeless family. However, this is further from the truth at the moment since my jobless, single mother cannot afford to pay for my university education. This news fills my heart with sadness but I have hope that God will make a way where there seems to be no way. It is with a lot of humbleness that I request any well-wishers that would like to support my education to please come through for me and my family. I promise to do my best to make everyone that supported me since primary school proud.

MOTHER'S STORY

My name is Lilian Atieno, a proud mother of three children. I live at Ganahola Slums in Mikindani with my children. I am a widow and an orphan at the same time. I am the only family member left from my family's side. All my parents, siblings, grandparents and my husband have gone to be with the Lord.



Raising three children without a helper or a permanent job has proved to be a daunting task for me over the years. I have struggled to not only educate my children but also put food on the table for them. I do casual jobs for middle class families in Mikindani. I wash their clothes and clean their houses for a small pay. However, God has been faithful to us and has always provided for our needs. Lilian is my second born daughter and my hope for a better future. She has always been bright at school since her childhood and now she has made it to university. Glory be to God. If she completes her university course, she will become the first ever family member to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree.



I take this opportunity to humbly request for financial assistance from any well-wishers to kindly support Riziki's university Education. This will go a long way to help her alleviate our family from poverty.

LIFE AFTER RECEIVING UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP



Figure 6 : Riziki in a lecture room at Kenyatta University

"It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that I have received your sponsorship for pursuing my university education at one of Kenya's top universities, the Kenyatta University. I shall always be grateful to you for getting me this opportunity.



Studies have always been a crucial part of my life and I have always looked up to the education system of our country to lift my family out of poverty. I was hopeful that someday I too will make it in the top universities and get the best grades ever. Little was I aware back then, that you would be responsible for making my dream come true. I can't thank you enough.

I am forever thankful to you for helping me get this sponsorship and I shall make you proud in my education.

My experience in Kenyatta University so far is so good because the university has got improved infrastructure which are very important for our learning. Our lecturers are so friendly that I just feel free to participate in class; also they are so committed in our academics so they don't miss classes. For sure I feel I am in the right place.

My expectations in life are to be a lady of substance in the society full of wisdom hardworking and visionary in life. My expectations also is to work smart on my academics so that I can fit in the job opportunity competition be it in Kenya and global. Lastly but not least my expectation is to make sure my mother lives kind of life with high standards that she has never thought of reaching there. Lastly my expectation is to give back to the society especially helping the needy

children to acquire education and mentoring them because I know the fact that "EDUCATION IS THE ONLY WEAPON TO FIGHT AGAINST PROVERTY."

PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM - LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Pastoral Care program has continued to enhance the welfare of our teenage children, their parents and teachers through counseling sessions from professionals of different fields ranging from psychologists to men of God.



Figure 7 : Pastor Natalie teaching session

The October Pastoral Care Program was all about leadership training for teachers, parents and staff of all the Star of Hope Kenya School projects.



The two-day training was facilitated by Bishop Tobias Odipo and His wife Pastor Natalie Odipo. The theme of the session was "How to raise to children to become Godly children".



Figure 8 : Bishop Tobias teaching session

They taught about connecting children to God through teaching them how to love and care for others. They asked the audience to be involved in moving the children from level of education to another by teaching them all the relevant aspects of life.



The audience was trained on how to handle children from different backgrounds who might be going through stress from their home situations. They were taught to make use of their personal talents and gifts to inspire the children and help them gain confidence to express themselves.

SELF-SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

We are grateful for your generous support towards our self-sustainability efforts here in Kenya.

CHICKEN FARM IN MIKINDANI

The chicken farm in Mikindani farm was halted in October due to high inflation rate which ended up skyrocketing the prices of chicken feeds and medicine hence making the project generate close to nothing in profit.

We are waiting on the operation costs to lower before we can get back to rearing the chicken.

VEGETABLE FARM

Our vegetable farm in Mikindani has continued to produce vegetables for both consumption in the school feeding program and for sale to the local people to generate income to support other school programs.



CONCLUSION

We thank all well-wishers for supporting our communities here in Kenya.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gilbert Ochieng', is written over a faint, light blue horizontal line.

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