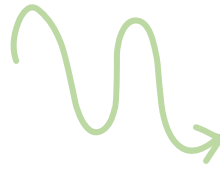


Quarterly Newsletter



Here's what has happened in the last quarter and what's to come!

Hello Partners,
It's been an exciting and meaningful month, and we're thrilled to share what we've accomplished together!

Thanks to your support, all our sponsored learners have stayed in school. We covered tuition for secondary students and met admission and upkeep costs for those continuing their studies in college, university, and vocational training. For our new college and university students, we walked beside them through the Higher Education Financing application process to make sure no one was left behind. We also celebrated a big step forward for girls in Kilifi by enrolling a group of disadvantaged young women into a hands-on

apprenticeship program in hospitality and beauty therapy. It's inspiring to see them gaining skills and confidence for brighter futures.

And because we believe in caring for both people and the planet, we distributed forest tree seedlings to schools and community members, small actions that will grow into a greener tomorrow.

Each of these achievements has been possible because of your partnership, encouragement, and belief in our mission.

Thank you for being part of this journey of change. With gratitude,

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VISION

A thriving child in a safe community and a healthy environment.

MISSION

To empower communities, ensuring the safety, growth, and holistic development of orphans and vulnerable children through sustainable, locally led solutions in education, health, protection, and the environment.

BACKGROUND

The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust Kenya (TMT-K) is a Community-Based Organization established in 2006 that believes in its philosophy of a community-led, owned, and managed approach through the extended family and alternative family-based care model, allowing children to remain living in their own communities, participate in normal village life, and secure their environment.

For over 19 years, our efforts have been dedicated to supporting vulnerable children in accessing education and healthcare, while enhancing household resilience through climate-smart agriculture. These initiatives have effectively reduced poverty levels within the community in Homa Bay County.





Bridging the Digital Gap

In partnership with ITSA Digital Trust (formerly IT Schools Africa), 30 of our sponsored college and university students received computers to support their studies and boost digital literacy. Through this collaboration, ITSA, a UK-based charity organization that refurbishes used computers, shipped 700 devices for distribution to schools and students at a subsidized cost. For many students, this support means more than just owning a

computer; it's a gateway to knowledge, confidence, and opportunity. This partnership has opened new learning opportunities for students who previously lacked access to digital tools. With personal computers, they can now attend online lectures, complete assignments efficiently, and build essential ICT skills for today's job market.



Empowering Girls to Make Safer Choices

In Kilifi County, where high rates of early pregnancies and school dropouts continue to limit girls' education opportunities, our partnership with Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO) is creating alternative paths for empowerment. Together, we brought 57 adolescent girls to discuss the issues shaping their lives openly: drug abuse and social media pressure. These were not lectures but safe spaces where girls led honest conversations, shared experiences, and discovered the power of informed choice. Through these sessions, the girls unpacked the realities of peer pressure, stress, and online influence, and learned how to turn awareness into action. By the end, 85%

pledged to make healthier decisions and to support friends facing similar challenges: clear signs of growing confidence and self-awareness.

At the same time, 20 young mothers from Kilifi took a bold step forward, transitioning from mentorship to opportunity through vocational training at the Kilifi College of Accountancy, where they pursued courses in hospitality, hairdressing, and beauty.

"I never thought I'd sit in a college classroom. Now I feel hopeful. This is my chance to build a better life for me and my child," shared one young mother.

Each dialogue and opportunity is helping girls in Kilifi rewrite their stories, from vulnerability to empowerment and from awareness to action.





From Learning to Earning: Where farmers learn, innovate, and lead the fight against climate change

Through the Our Land, Our Lives project, Farmers Field Schools are transforming how smallholder farmers adapt to climate change. On their own farms and through cooperatives, farmers are gaining hands-on experience in beekeeping, agroforestry, kitchen gardening, and fruit farming, all rooted in climate-resilient practices.

So far, 120 farmers have been trained to use climate-smart inputs, interpret weather patterns, and manage natural resources more effectively. Many have already started small agribusinesses that are improving household income and food security.

"I used to rely only on rain-fed farming. Now, with new skills in kitchen gardening and beekeeping, I can feed my family and still earn from my produce." - Awuor is one of the farmers

The project's three-phase rollout continues, with new participants being identified for phases two and three, extending the impact to even more farming families determined to secure their futures against a changing climate.



Impacts to date

- **289 secondary school students** provided with tuition fees for term 3
- **49 New and 90 continuing college/university** students provided with tuition and accommodation fees
- **1800+** farmers empowered with sustainable climate-smart agricultural skills
- **8092** orphans supported with bursaries for education & life skills training
- **Over 400K** forest and fruit tree seedlings planted, contributing to environmental conservation and community sustainability





Stories of impact:

When Opportunity Meets Determination: Ronald's Story

A young boy's determination meets the power of education, and a life is transformed

When Ronald lost his parents at a young age, life in Homa Bay County became uncertain. Education felt out of reach, and his dreams of a stable future began to fade. Yet, even in those difficult moments, Ronald's determination to continue learning never wavered.

In 2008, while in Primary Six, his potential was noticed by the community and The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust Kenya, who stepped in to support his education. Through the organization's sponsorship program, Ronald completed both primary and secondary school. His discipline and strong academic performance made him stand out among his peers.

"The Mango Tree believed in me when I had nothing. Their support helped me discover my confidence, and now I'm able to give back by supporting others." -Ronald

After secondary school, Ronald pursued a Diploma in Procurement and Supply Chain Management at Mawego National Technical Training Institute, with continued support from The Mango Tree.

His persistence paid off. Today, he is employed as a storekeeper at the same institution, a role that has given him financial independence and a renewed sense of purpose.

Beyond supporting himself, Ronald has taken full responsibility for his younger sister, who is now in her second year at university.

"I'm proud that I can support my sister the way I was once supported."-Ronald

Looking ahead, Ronald hopes to advance to degree level in Procurement and Logistics, with dreams of managing large-scale supply systems within government or private institutions.

Thank you for reading!

