

# **LIVE AND LEARN IN KENYA INTERNATIONAL**



## **EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE**

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

The year 2021 just like 2020 had several challenges. This was due to Covid-19 pandemic. This affected especially our sponsors and funding. It slowed down our school development like construction.

Despite all that, we carried out most of other project activities. We had a total of 527 children whom we took care of this year. Of these children, we had 106

children in Kindergarten, 343 in primary, 46 children in high school, 13 in colleges, 6 in vocational training and 13 at the university. These are children and youths that we closed the year with. A few left our project after completing either, vocational training, college or university.

The 13 students at the university are completing various courses. Bachelor of Education is being taken by most of them. Others are studying; Mass Communication, Mechanical Engineering, Information Technology, Business Information Technology, Biochemistry, Business Management and Health Records and Information.

We managed to provide all of the LLK children and students with all they needed to stay in school - from meals to school uniform, school fees to learning materials. They are all happy to be on our project.

Below are some of the activities we carried out in the year 2021;

- **Covid-19**

Since March 2020, Covid-19 has really affected our project activities especially learning. During most of last year our children stayed at home due to high cases of covid-19 in Kenya and especially in Nakuru. That encouraged us to come up with a special way of assisting our children from home. The government had banned physical learning from March until October 2020. They only opened exam classes in October 2020. These were grades 4 and 8 in primary and form 4 in high school. Other classes opened on ,January 4, 2021. The situation worsened again at the end of March 2021 when the Covid-19 cases shot up. All learning institutions in Kenya were closed.



***Children and parents with presents from sponsors which included money, bedding, food and soap***

Basing on all above, we came up with a way of helping our children with school work. We bought all learning material including homework booklets. Parents always came for homework for their children. Teachers were always present at school to prepare and distribute homework and correct them.



***Parents with the money they received regularly from sponsors***

We are very grateful to our sponsors who made sure that all staff, children and parents received salaries, presents and money for food and soap throughout the Covid-19 lockdown period. They were all extremely grateful for this support.

Vaccination is very important to stay safe from Covid-19, as is face masks and regular washing of hands.

The Ministry of Health officers came to our school for both parents and staff vaccinations. They came on December 18, 2021. As of February 2022 we will not allow any adults on our school premises who is not fully vaccinated. This will minimize Covid-19 cases at our school.





***Parents were very grateful for the financial support they received from sponsors and donors.***

- **Auditing of accounts**

It is a Government requirement for all NGO's to submit their returns (Audit report) every year. The dateline is always March 31st. We started preparing our books of account immediately after Christmas. By mid-January, we had submitted them to our auditors in Nairobi. It took them one month to compile an audit report to submit to both the government and our sponsors. So by mid-February we had submitted our annual audited report to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of Government Affairs which is our line ministry.

- **Day Care admission**

In this academic year, we admitted 30 children in our Day Care class. First term of the year 2021 started on July 26<sup>th</sup> and it ended on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. All the 30 children reported to our school on July 26<sup>th</sup> and classes began immediately.

All of them received full school uniform and other learning material ready to start their learning journey. They will be moving to Pre-primary 1 in April 2022.



*Day care children with their teachers*

- **School Uniform**

It is a Ministry of Education requirement for all children attending school to wear their school's uniform - from Kindergarten to High school. This is for the purpose of uniformity. School uniform makes both children from rich and poor families look the same. Parents cannot afford to buy school uniforms every year. We have our school uniforms sewn in our school's tailoring workshop for all of our children.



***Our project girls sewing school uniforms - which saves clothing funds.***



***LLK children in their new school uniform***



By the end of February, all our children had received their full school uniform including shoes and socks.



*Above photo shows children from our partner public school in new uniform*

- **Construction of our Career Training Center**

There was a need to have our own career training school. The objective was to reduce the cost of sending our project youth to other vocational training institutions. This was also to assure a quality education to these youths. We have started with two workshops. The tailoring classroom is complete and the second one, which will be an IT classroom is presently only up to the floor slab until funds are received to complete it.





***Career Training Center (Tailoring Class)***

We may build more workshops in future if need be and also depending on availability of funds. Our computer workshop will really help our children to be computer literate which is a Ministry of Education requirement. At the same time our tailoring workshop will assist in training our youths and sewing our school uniforms.



*Floor slab for an IT classroom*

- **Farming**

This year we leased 5 acres of land to plant maize and beans for our feeding program. Because of scarcity of rainfall this year, our harvest was very poor. We lost all the beans due to drought. From the 5 acres, we harvested 35 bags of maize which was a very low harvest. But we are the only people who harvested this much in our area.

We hired a tractor to prepare the farmland and parents did the planting, weeding and harvesting. They also dried the harvest for several days before storing them to be ready for children's meals.



***Parents planting maize and beans***



***Parents weeding maize and beans***





*Parents harvesting maize*

## • **High school and Vocational placement**

In the year 2020, we had 37 children who sat for class 8 final exams. From these pupils, 16 passed very well with over 250 marks out of the possible 500. They were admitted in various schools in the Republic of Kenya. A number of them received calling letters to National schools. One of them received a full scholarship (Britney Atelo). She will be paid full school fees for the next 4 years by Equity Bank after scoring 380 marks out of the possible 500.

Those children who did not perform as well joined vocational training to undertake different courses. Some joined tailoring while others went for mechanical and electric installation. 4 of those who chose tailoring joined our vocational training. They are being taught by our former students Dorcas and Linda. They are learning well. They were able to sew their own dresses for Christmas.

We paid school fees and bought school uniforms for all children who joined high school and vocational training.



***Girls at the tailoring workshop***



***After 5 months of training they were able to make their own Christmas dresses***



*Tailoring girls in their school uniform*

- **Graduation**

This year, like last year, we could not have a graduation celebration for our Preschool children who were promoted to grade 1. This was due to Covid-19 protocols. We only prepared certificates for them and took photos of them for their families and friends. Parents were not allowed to attend. We also had a small graduation party, which made them happy.





***Children who graduated from Preschool to Grade 1***

One of our students completed University and graduated in August 2021.

Charles Mungai graduated with a ***Bachelor of science Degree in Bio-Medical Science and Technology***



**Charles Mungai during his graduation in August**

- **Feeding Program**

Our feeding program has been on despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Both children at our school and those in public partner schools have been provided with a warm lunch on a daily basis from Monday to Saturday.

We pay for pupils's lunches in public schools in their respective schools while those who attend our school have breakfast and a well-balanced warm lunch every day. Other than the normal rice, beans, and vegetables. They also have milk, fruit and meat. All LLK children and youths are able to receive such lunches on Saturdays.



***Our school children having breakfast***





**Lunch time with a glass of milk**

## • Teaching Practice

We received two teacher trainees from Nakuru Teachers Training College. They came for teaching practice for 6 months. They reported on July 26<sup>th</sup> and they were with us until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. They were both attached to ECD section. Their names are Martha Awino and Emmaculate Angano. Emmaculate was attached to PP1 while Martha to PP2. They were being guided by Madam Anne Nyongesa. They did a good job.



*Martha Awino teaching PP2 class*



*Emmaculate Angano in PP1*

- **Medical care**

At Live and Learn in Kenya International we have a number of programs; Feeding program, Micro-credit, Education program, Tailoring program, Medical program among others. The health of our children is very important for their learning possibilities. Although we have a complete Day Clinic at our school it has unfortunately not started operation because the medical staff who is to work there has not received a practice permit. We are hoping that he receives it in early January 2022. He is a former LLK “child”. We provide all medical and dental expenses for all of our project’s children. We take them to private and government hospitals whenever they fall sick. Periodically we invite government medical officers to come and check on the health of our children. They come every after 3 months for deworming . They also come to vaccinate both for cervical cancer for our girls and Covid-19 for our parents and staff. We are very grateful for the service they provide to our project.





***Girls getting vaccine for cervical cancer***

On December 18<sup>th</sup> officials from the Ministry of Health came to our school for parents and staff's Covid-19 vaccination. Over 200 parents have been vaccinated. Out of this number, 141 received their first vaccination. The medical officer in charge was very happy because that was the highest number they vaccinated in this area in one day. The vaccination was done at our satisfactorily equipped Day Clinic.



***A parent receiving a Covid-19 vaccination***

- **Micro-credit**

Micro- credits are an integral activity for our project. We have over 40 families doing micro businesses. All these families received start-up funds from their children's sponsors and donors. Families are doing a variety of businesses. Among them are, chicken keeping, small shops/kiosks, selling fish, food kiosks among others.



***Mama Vivian Chebet in her small shop***

The main objective of this project is to empower these families economically. Most businesses are doing well. Families are able to buy food and other basic requirements.





### ***Chicken keeping business***

We visit all families doing business to monitor their progress. The last visit was in December. Most of them are doing well and families are able to buy their basic needs. They are very appreciative for the assistance.

## • **Parents meeting/Grade 8 prayer Day**

On December 18<sup>th</sup> we had the first parents meeting since the breakout of Covid-19 pandemic. We had 3 activities in one meeting. Annual parents meeting, Prayer Day for our grade 8 and Covid-19 vaccination exercise.

During our annual parents meeting we shared the effects of Covid-19 on our project with parents, children's school performance, parents contributions to our project, and when parents and children would receive Christmas presents among other things.

We invited pastors from local churches to come and pray for our grade 8 children who will be sitting for their final grade 8 exams in March 2022.



***Grade 8 children during prayer day***



***A pastor praying for grade 8 children***

5 Ministry of Health officers were also invited to come and vaccinate both our parents and staff. Over 200 people were vaccinated. I asked all parents to be fully vaccinated by end February in order to be allowed on our school premises. This is to control Covid-19 spread both in our school and in the area.



***Public Health officers talking to both parents and children about Covid***



## • Christmas Presents



***Children with extra Christmas presents***

This year, like last year, we were not able to buy foodstuff as Christmas presents for our parents. Parents once again received cash funds to buy Christmas food themselves.



***It's all SMILES as parents/guardians receive funds for Christmas***

All children received LLK T-shirts as Christmas presents on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, before we closed for Christmas holiday. Nearly half of our children received extra presents, which totaled to more than 500,000 Kenya shillings from their sponsors. This money was to buy Christmas presents and food.



***Children with their Christmas presents***

**This report was prepared by the LLK Project Manager, Kenneth Branda and read by Chairwoman, Brique Zeiner on December 30, 2021**

**We wish you a happy, healthy, and successful 2022!**