

LIVE AND LEARN IN KENYA



EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2024 was a tough one. We had financial challenges but we managed to go through.

We had several activities that we carried out. From admission of children in Day care, high schools, colleges and Universities to children university graduation. We also received visitors from Germany, Netherlands and USA. We did constructions of a Tailoring workshop and Pit latrines among other activities.

Below are some of the activities we carried out throughout the year;

a) Form 1 Admission

In 2023, we had 35 students who sat for grade 8 final exams. Out of this number, 30 were from our school, Live and Learn Education center and 5 were from our partner public schools.

All these children performed very well. 27 of them passed highly and were admitted in government boarding schools nationally. 8 joined local government Day schools. This was the best performance ever. We paid all their school fees, Boarding requirements and other school requirements for those who joined Day schools.

b) Form 4 Examination Results

We had 11 students who sat for form 4 exams last year. Out of 11 students, 3 qualified for university admission but they decided to join medical schools for Diploma courses. Phyllis Faith Wahu, Erick Njenga and Anne Wanza joined medical schools. The rest joined Tertiary colleges to study different courses. We wish them all the best.

c) Visitors from Germany, Netherlands and USA

In 2024 we received visitors from Germany, Netherlands and USA. On 17th, February, we received 5 guests form Germany. Among them was Podslapp family. This family donated the construction of a computer laboratory plus 31

computers. We were very happy to receive them. They promised to come back in February 2025.



Podschlapp family visited the computer Lab they donated

On 1st, November, we received other 13 guests from Germany, Netherlands and USA. They stayed from 1st to 9th, November. While here, they participated in a number of activities, from singing/playing with children to visiting families. They brought several presents/Food packages to children and their families.

They also donated funds for food for feeding program, sanitary towels, Text books and even classrooms painting. Roman Grodon family donated 10,000€ towards classrooms painting and text books.

On 2nd, November, we had a Big party at our school. Both parents and children joined our guests for official opening of our Tailoring workshop and PP2 children graduation. These children were graduating to Grade 1 in 2025.

On 6th, November, guests went to the Nakuru National park with children in Day Care. These children were very excited to join guests to the National park. It was their first time to visit the Park.

Guests also visited families to see how they live and also visited parents who are doing micro business. Several parents received money from sponsors to start small businesses. They are doing well. Most parents are able to buy their basic needs through these businesses



LLK children staff and guests



Official opening of the tailoring workshop



All classrooms were repainted through a donation Roman Grodon's family



Text books donated by Roman Grodon's family

d) Parents meetings

We have parents meeting regularly. At least every school term. We share our progress and plans with parents during such meetings. Among things we discuss are; children school performance, parents' responsibilities in school development, current and future projects/plans among others.



Parents' meeting in progress

e) Micro-Credit

We have over 100 parents who received seed funds for starting an Income Generating Activities (Micro- Credit). Each parent was receiving between 10,000-20,000 Kenya shillings. Some of the businesses they are doing includes, Food Kiosks, Charcoal selling, Vegetable and fruits kiosks, Salon, Animal keeping like sheep, goats and chicken among others.

We visit these parents every after 3 months to monitor their progress. Most of them are doing well. Most parents are able to earn some profits which they use for buying their basic needs like food. They are very grateful for this support.



A mama at her fruit and Vegetable kiosk



A parent at her Salon

f) Tailoring workshop

In February 2024, we started construction of a tailoring workshop. This was necessary because our tailors were using grade 9 of 2025 classroom. By end of May, the workshop was complete and ready for use. It was officially opened on 2nd, November.



A complete Tailoring Workshop

g) Extra Curricula Activities

During second term our children participated in a local football tournament sponsored by an American sponsored organization (UBUNIFU).

In the tournament, our girls football team was the best and they received a trophy.

We also sent a music team which performed well up to the Regional Level in Eldoret.



Our girls football team with their trophies



Our children presenting a song during music festival



A girl who presented a poem at Regional competition in Eldoret

h) Day Care Admission

On 5th, June we admitted 30 Day care children. 15 boys and 15 girls. We are hoping to get funds for construction of a Day care class. At the moment they don't have their own classroom.





Above photos shows our newly admitted

i) Latrines construction

In 2024 we had a lot of rains in Kenya especially in Nakuru. Floods displaced so many families and killed hundreds of people. This made the government to close schools for more than a month. Most roads, residential homes including schools were swept off. This affected our girl's toilets which collapsed.

We didn't have an option but to construct new latrines for girls. We made new solid latrines which we completed at the end of July.



Girls using their new toilets

j) University Graduation

In 2024, we had 5 students who completed University. They were studying different courses. Beatrice Atieno was studying Bachelor of science in Health Records, Sharon Adhiambo went for Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communication. Branice Amunga was at Moi University studying Bachelor of arts in Linguistic, Media and Communication while Zacharia Ouma was at Kenyatta university studying Special Education. Hillary Okila Sande was at Maseno University. He was studying a Bachelor of Education, specializing in Music and Information Technology. He graduated in December 2024. We are wishing them well as they join job markets.



Zachariah Ouma during his graduation in December 2024



Beatrice Ongéle on her graduation Day

k) PBO Meeting

On 6th, December we have an PBO Regional meeting in Nakuru. This meeting was organized by PKF. A few PBOs (NGOs) were selected for this meeting. The agenda of the meeting was; Demystifying the PBO Act ,2013. This Act came into force in May 2024. It changed the name from NGOs to PBOs (Public Benefit Organizations).

Key changes in in this Act are; a) All PBOs must Re-register afresh. They were given a period of one year to Re-register.

b) PBOs are now allowed to start income generating activities as long as the profit is ploughed back to the organization

c Filing of Annual returns period has been extended from March to June

It was a good meeting, we had officials from PKF and PBOs office to educate PBOs Directors on the new Act. At the end of the meeting we received certificates of participation.



Receiving a certificate from Juliet, a legal officer from PBOs office

1) Feeding program

Feeding is a very important program of our project. We provide all our children with a warm meal every school day from Monday through Saturday. Because all our children come from poor families of Ronda slums, most parents cannot afford 3 meals in a day. Most families either have one or two meals a day. We realized that most of our children don't get breakfast at home before coming to school. This made us to provide breakfast in the morning and a warm lunch at 1 pm.



Children enjoying a warm meal during lunch time

Other than making our children healthy, these meals also make our children to stay in school. We also pay for meals to our children who attend our partner public schools on a termly basis.



Children taking breakfast (Porridge)



A child enjoying meat

We are very grateful to our Feed a Smile program in Germany and USA under Brique Zeiner, LLK chairperson and all our sponsors for their generous donations towards our feeding program. It has kept our children well fed. They look healthy and school attendance is very high.

m) Christmas presents

In 2024 just like other years, we gave both children and their parents Christmas presents. All children received a high-quality t-shirt while their parents received 2,000 Kenya shillings to buy Christmas food. They received these presents on 20th, December before we closed for Christmas holidays. Both parents and children were very happy and grateful to our sponsors for this donation.



Children in their new t-shirts



Parents with money for Christmas food