



Picture 1: Vocational Skills Training students during a field trip at the Logos Hope Ship.

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SKILLS TRAINING & FORMAL EDUCATION

During the quarter we enrolled 33 students, that is, (16 students (M-3; F-13) in the Tailoring and Dressmaking and (17 students (M-9; F-8) in the Catering and Housekeeping class.

On Thursday, September 21, 2023, the students had the opportunity to visit the Logos Hope ship. The aim of the field trip was to provide insight on transport catering and housekeeping.

Below is a summary of all resident, reunified and community children supported to access skills training and formal education during the quarter.

Wema Remedial Class	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	Vocational
14 children (8 boys and 6 girls)	73 children (53 girls and 20 boys)	15 pupils (12 girls and 3 boys)	7 students (3 girls and 4 boys)	15 youth

RESCUE EFFORTS

The Centre admitted **29 (10 girls and 19 boys)** vulnerable children, who were referred to us by the Police and the County Children's Office. Most of them were found begging including a six year old girl who was found lost and another rescued from early marriage.

See adjacent photo of 16 minors referred by the police.



We directly reunified 5 minors, that is, 4 boys and 1 girl with their families as seen in the photos below and supported the reunification of 13 minors (9 boys and 4 girls) through the Tononoka Children's Court.



REUNIFICATION SNAPSHOT

The social work team, without viable contacts for the minors parents travelled to Kyumbi and successfully traced the school the children attended before running away to Mombasa. The teachers at the school identified the boys, and alerted their parents/caregivers who were relieved that they had been found safe.

See adjacent photo of the two minors with their class teachers.

The minor pictured ran away from Ihindu Naivasha to Mombasa. He was referred to the Centre by Makupa Police Station. Following guidance and counseling sessions, he stated that he preferred a skills training course rather than formal education. Upon reunification, the Wema social worker shared this with the boys Mother and uncle, which prompted the uncle to offer to take the boy in and support him to pursue a mechanics course. The team travelled from Naivasha to Kabete where the boys was reunified to his uncle and aunt.



PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Psychosocial support is one of the most powerful ways of empowering street connected children. It is an effective tool for rehabilitation and personal development.

Sports

The boys and girls under 16 football teams train three times a week on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. The girls team participated in the Mombasa Football extravaganza hosted by Glad's House Kenya in August. Although they did not make it to the finals, they were awarded full uniform and a football by former Royal Air force UK coach John Mcglasson. The coach also supported the team with a training sessions at Wema Centre.

On 3rd September, the boys team went to SOS villages for a friendly match and drew 1-1. In attendance was Mr. Mike Hilbig, Head of Talents & Scouting UEFA A-license Coach who was very impressed with, Brian Juma, one of our players.



Picture 4: Girls football team training session with UK Coach John Mcglasson.

Music

The Wema Brass Band continues to practice and has learnt new melodies, that is, (Mary Atieno-Adamu na Eva). The band happily kicks off events at the Centre with the National Anthem, among other regular activities.

The Wema choir continues to practice every Sunday together with our contemporary and traditional dance troupe.

THE WEMA FARM

The Wema Farm which is supported by Farm of Soul, harvested cabbages and tomatoes from the Greenhouse and also planted capsicum and a new batch of tomatoes. The produce goes towards the kitchen food requirements.

Additionally, we harvested plenty of Mchicha which was also utilized in the Wema nutrition program.



While we have embraced new methods of farming such as hydroponic and green house farming, we also saw a good harvest from traditional Farming. The open field now has diversified crops, which include:

- Spinach
- Kales
- Carrots
- Onions
- Spider plant
- Black Nightshade
- Okra
- Eggplant
- Pumpkin
- Cucumber
- Bananas
- Sweet potatoes

The above produce goes towards feeding the children. So far, all produce is going to the kitchen and we hope to have surplus to sell in the future.

How you can support

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Gala Dinner

Over the years we have teamed up with companies and individuals to raise funds through the annual charity dinner event, which has enabled us deliver the lifesaving services to hundreds of street-connected children.

Please join the friends of Wema who will be participating in this years' Gala Dinner on **2nd December 2023 from 5:30 PM at the Pride Inn Beach Resort & Spa Shanzu.**

Sponsorship categories include: Gold: Kshs. 1-3 million, Silver: Kshs. 500,000.00 and Bronze: Kshs. 250,000.00 and Corporate Sponsors Kshs. 150,000.00.

We shall reserve a table for ten for all Sponsors for their staff or other company guests at Kshs. 150,000.00 per table. In addition, Sponsors will be awarded trophies and given appropriate recognition through the digital Roll of Honor throughout the evening.

Contact Carolyne at 0724927130 or carolyne@supplylinkages.com



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Rescue Kitty

The Wema Centre rescues children from the streets and dumpsites and ensures their dignity is maintained. We admit children in need of rescue to our safe shelters with only the clothes on their backs but we have to provide them with clothes, food and dignity/hygiene kit until long term solutions are found for their future.

You can help by donating a rescue kitty @ Kshs. 2,500.00

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Income Generating Activities

Support our income generating activities by placing an order for school uniform, corporate uniforms, bags, screen printing and much more or sponsor a trainer for KES 30,000.00 per month.

Contact Eddy at 0726 389346 or eddy@wemacentretrust.org