

Wema Quarterly Milestones



January-March 2024



Psychosocial Support

Sports

The Wema Centre boys and girls football team took the spotlight this quarter with their well earned win at the Mseto Sports Festivals held on 24th February 2024 at the Shanzu Teachers Training College grounds.

Wema Under 16 girls team

Wema kicked off the under 16 matches, playing seven aside against Aga Khan Academy who they beat 1-0 followed by a match against Step link who they beat 4-0. Pushing on, mounting tension aside, they played against Sheikh Khalifa next and beat them 2-0 propelling them to the finals.

The final match was against Memon Academy. It was a tough one, with both team's eager to be crowned overall champion.

In the end both teams proved perseverant leading to a 0-0 draw nevertheless the Wema girls team had accumulated the most points against other teams, making them the winners.

Wema under 16 boys team

The Wema boys team also participated in the Mseto tournament, finishing in third place after playing and winning five matches. Our boys team beat Nyali school 1-0, Memon 2-0 and drew with the other teams. We reached the semi-finals but lost in the penalty shoot-out.

We celebrate both the boys and girls football team for playing hard and their unassailable sportsmanship.

Performing Arts

We engaged Imani School of Music to train our children on Brass band, the trainer comes twice a month, conducting two training sessions each. The children are being trained on how to read music, which will allow them to play different music instruments.

Additionally, the children continue to receive training in Traditional dance on Saturdays and Sundays, and are currently practicing new dances, that is, the Pokomo miri dance (Maama Naiya), Borana dance (Shuremale)

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Formal Education

January marked the beginning of the school calendar and the 'transitional' school year for enrolled learners. This year, through the support of our sponsors, we saw all our learners move to the next level **including 7 (all girls)** of our 2023 class eight candidates who were successfully enrolled in Form 1.

During the reporting period the program supported:

- 54 (17 boys and 37 girls) to access primary education.
- 16 (3 boys and 13 girls) to access secondary.
- 6 (4 boys and 2 girls) to access tertiary education.

Of note, one street connected girl residing at Mwakirunge Dumpsite, was supported to enroll in Form 1 at Kirumbi Girls Secondary School in January.

Vocational Skills Training



MODERNIZED MACHINES INCLUDED:

- 2 overlock machines
- 2 flat lock machines
- 10 Industrial Straight sewing machines
- 1 Button Holer
- 1 Button Fixer
- 2 steam irons
- 2 Cutting machines
- 4 cutting tables

The upgrade enhances the Tailoring and dress making section of our Vocational Training Program, allowing Wema Tailors to produce top quality garments and other tailored items.

Most importantly, the upgrade will further develop the skills of the street connected youth and vulnerable learning tailoring and dress making while using industrial machines.

Wema Tailors Project Upgrade

On 29th November 2023, Freight Forwarders Kenya Limited, supported the modernizing of the Wema Tailoring Income Generating project with Up-to-Date sewing machines and equipment, including the refurbishing of two workshops.



Outreach and Social Work

Rescue, Family Tracing and Reunification

In line with our vision where every street connected child (SCC) is secure in a family, we rescued 10 SCCs (9 girls and 1 boy) and reunified 8 SCCs (5 girls and 3 boys) during the quarter. See below brief on reunification summary highlights.



In January, Wema reunified a minor who found herself in domestic service in Likoni after running away from home due to family related issues.

Upon arrival in her home County, our social worker, Area Chief and CPV officer were able to reconcile the minor with her father.

A follow up plan was set in place, with emphasis placed on the girl resuming her studies as she is set to sit for her KCSE this year.



In February, Wema reunified three street connected siblings with their maternal aunt, following successful family tracing and household assessment exercise in Kiserian-Nairobi. The siblings, were rescued from the streets on 24th March 2023.

Due to their age, with the oldest being only 7 years old, family tracing was slow paced as they could not recall specifics of their relatives/origins. In the end, we were able to locate their maternal aunt and reunify them.



From left; Mwanahamisi, her mother, wema social worker George and housemother Susan during reunification in Likoni.



Pictured above is Mwanahamisi, together with her mother and Wema Social worker during her Form 1 admission to Secondary School

In March, we were able to successfully trace a street caregiver, who had transitioned from street life and was living respectably in Likoni.

It was a happy moment for Mwanahamisi who was not only reuniting with the mother, but also meeting her youngest sibling (aged 4 years) for the first time.

Mwanahamisi, although reunified, will be retained in our after care program where she will be supported to pursue her secondary school education based on the needs assessment conducted during the household viist.

Ramadhan Food Basket



Every year, during Ramadhan, Sarah Noor and her family provide food stuffs for vulnerable Muslims families in the community.

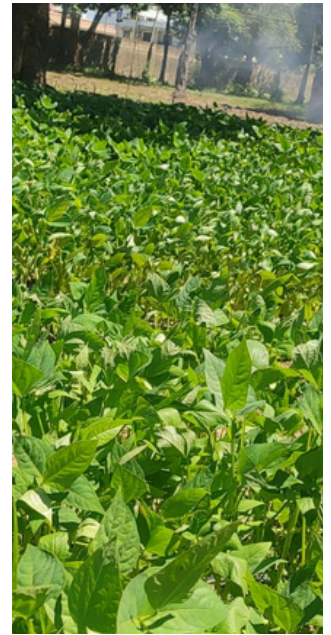
This year, we reached 70 families, 33 families from Masjid Swahab Mosque and 35 families from Masjid Sidik Mosque and 2 families in in Bamburi.

Each family received:

- Five litre cooking oil
- 10 kg rice
- 2 packets of 2 kg Wheat Flour
- 2 packets of 2kg Maize Flour
- Two kg Sugar
- Two Kg Beans
- Two Packets of Dates



The Wema Farm



The Wema Farm project offers a cost effective way of addressing the nutritional needs of the children in our care while also imparting invaluable traditional agricultural skills and modern methods.

During the reporting period the farm team planted and harvested a variety of crops and fruits from different sections of the farm.

- In the Open Field, we planted cow peas (harvested twice), spider plant (Harvested twice), Sweet potatoes (Harvested and replanted), Okra, cassava and cabbages.
- In the Greenhouse, we have planted spinach and tomatoes and harvested our capsicum earlier in the year.
- For the Cone Garden, (third picture from the left) we have planted and harvested mchicha, spinach and Kales.
- The fishpond is thriving with our catfish entering their sixth month.

Thank you for your support!

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