

A young boy with a joyful expression is the central figure, holding two clear plastic bottles. The bottle in his right hand is filled with a vibrant orange liquid, while the one in his left is filled with clear water. He is wearing a light-colored t-shirt adorned with a colorful cat illustration. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with greenery and trees. A large, dynamic green brushstroke graphic sweeps across the right side of the image, framing the text.

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Community members line up to access clean water from the ChildFund-installed borehole system in a village in Samburu County. One of the stations has a reserve tank on top of the kiosk in case the pump fails.

Three years ago, ChildFund installed a solar-powered water pump for this community. The system bores deep underground to the water table below and pipes fresh, clean water to four taps at two different stations on either end of the village. Now they can collect clean water within minutes allowing more time for other activities with the children and around the house.



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## Abbreviations

<b>AAC</b>	Area Advocacy Coordinators	<b>FY23</b>	Fiscal Year 2023	<b>SATO</b>	Safe Toilets
<b>ACRWC</b>	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	<b>GBV</b>	Gender-Based Violence	<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>ASALs</b>	Arid and Semi-Arid Lands	<b>HH</b>	Households	<b>SitRep</b>	Situation Report
<b>BCC</b>	Behaviour Change Communication	<b>HiNi</b>	High Impact Nutritional Interventions	<b>SILC</b>	Savings and Internal Lending Community
<b>BMZ</b>	Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany)	<b>ICT</b>	Information Communication Technology	<b>SLDP</b>	Sustainable Livelihoods Development Program
<b>CBT</b>	Community-Based Trainers	<b>IGAs</b>	Income Generating Activities	<b>SLP</b>	Sustainable Livelihood Program
<b>CDO</b>	Community Development Officer	<b>IMCI</b>	Integrated Management of Newborn and Childhood Illness	<b>SRH</b>	Sexual and Reproductive Health
<b>CHA</b>	Community Health Assistant	<b>IYC</b>	Infants and Young Children	<b>TWG</b>	Technical Working Group
<b>CHV</b>	Community Health Volunteer	<b>JFA</b>	Joining Forces Alliance	<b>TOT</b>	Training of Trainers
<b>CHMT</b>	Community Health Management Team	<b>MVC</b>	Most Vulnerable Children	<b>UHC</b>	Universal Health Care
<b>CHEWs</b>	Community Health Extension Workers	<b>NFI</b>	Non-food Items	<b>UNCRC</b>	The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
<b>CMDRR</b>	Community-Managed Disaster Risk Reduction	<b>NCAJ</b>	The National Council on the Administration of Justice	<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development
<b>CPIE</b>	Child Protection in Emergencies	<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization	<b>VSLA</b>	Voluntary Savings and Loans Associations
<b>CO</b>	Country Office	<b>LP</b>	Local Partner	<b>WASH</b>	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
<b>CP</b>	Child Protection	<b>MCC</b>	Milk Collection Centres		
<b>CWPC</b>	Community Welfare and Protection Committee	<b>MOH</b>	Ministry of Health		
<b>DAC</b>	Day of the African Child	<b>NCF</b>	Nurturing Care Framework		
<b>DCS</b>	Department of Children's Services	<b>NITA</b>	National Industrial Training Authority		
<b>DFID</b>	Department for International Development- UK	<b>OCSEA</b>	Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse		
<b>ECD</b>	Early Childhood Development	<b>OFSP</b>	Orange Fleshed Sweet Potatoes		
<b>ECDP</b>	Eastern Child Development Program	<b>PPE</b>	Personal Protective Equipment		
<b>EPP</b>	Emergency Preparation and Planning	<b>PLW</b>	Pregnant and Lactating Women		
<b>FGM</b>	Female Genital Mutilation	<b>RPP</b>	Responsive and Protective Parenting		



## Our Vision

A world where every child realizes their rights and achieves their potential.

## Our Mission

**HELP** children to have the capacity to improve their lives and the opportunity to become young adults, parents, and leaders who bring lasting and positive change to their communities.

**PROMOTE** societies whose individuals and institutions participate in valuing, protecting, and advancing the worth and rights of children.

**ENRICH** supporters' lives through their support of our cause.

## From the Country Director



This past year, we also elevated climate action as a priority across the organization, expanding our support to communities to develop and implement climate mitigation and adaptation strategies. This progress was made possible thanks to the strength of our partnerships and record-level support from our donors.

**F**or children across the globe, the financial year (FY) 2023 was a year fraught with difficult challenges and crises. Millions suffered the consequences of floods, storms, and droughts linked to climate change, struggled to access essential services amidst violent conflict, or continued to feel the socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic.

These were among the factors that led to a global nutrition crisis, with 45 million children under 5 years suffering from wasting. Many communities globally and here in Kenya saw the costs of basic food and goods skyrocket, pushing more families into poverty. Kenya held a highly contested general election and persevered through a national drought occasioned by the existential threat of climate change. We felt the effects of global economic uncertainty, mounting inflation rates, and volatile markets.

Despite the ups and downs, I am delighted to share with you our Annual Report 2022-23. As we reflect on the past year, it is definite that we all faced unprecedented challenges and continued to take great strides in making the lives of children, their families, and the community better. Through the unwavering dedication of our team, the support of our donors and partners, and the resilience of the communities that we serve, we made meaningful impact on the lives of those around us.

To achieve our mission of a world where every child realizes their rights and achieves their potential through quality and adequate education, health, nutrition, and care- we recognized the role played by everyone in the child protection space in ensuring that children grew up healthy, educated, skilled and safe.

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Time flies and with just six years until 2030, the endpoint of the global Sustainable Development Goals, the world is behind on most indicators under Goal 1 to 4.

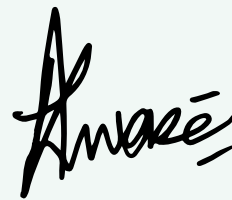
We must accelerate progress for children. Without full realization of their rights, the world will continue to fall short of peace, development, and human security.

Let's all remember that our most critical partnership remains with children and young people themselves. They have an integral role to play in creating solutions to the challenges and crises we face as a race.







The future may be deeply uncertain, but it is theirs. We have a responsibility to ensure it is a future in which the rights of all children everywhere are fully realized.

We appreciate the invaluable support of our partners, without which the achievements highlighted in this report wouldn't have been possible. I hereby invite you to enjoy the reading and look forward to strengthening our partnership towards the well-being of children and their families.

Yours sincerely,



**ALICE ANUKUR**

	<b>3.1 million</b> Children, Youth and Families reached
	<b>26</b> Counties of Operation
	<b>44,370</b> Children enrolled in sponsorship program
	Working with <b>11</b> Local Partners
	<b>\$ 9,541,777</b> Financial Investment
	<b>76</b> Members of Staff

## About ChildFund

**C**hildFund is an international child- focused development organization, a member of ChildFund Alliance; a global network of 11 organizations that assists over 36 million children in 70 countries. ChildFund has a presence in 9 countries in Africa: – Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Zambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Guinea, and Mozambique.



In the last 10 years, ChildFund has spent more than \$95 million on US Government-funded programs (cooperative agreements and grants) for health, HIV, nutrition, education, child labor, and emergency and pandemic response.



In its program countries, ChildFund provides capacity-strengthening services and sub-grants to locally established NGOs and community organizations (Local Partners) so that the latter implement widespread, quality, and sustainable child protection, health, education, early childhood development, emergency, economic strengthening, and social development programs. These programs are consistent with the country's priorities and strategies.

## ChildFund Kenya

**C**hildFund Kenya works through 11 Local Partners spread across **26 counties** to serve approximately **3.1 million children**, families, and community members. We implement programs on Child Protection, Household Economic Strengthening, Education, Early Childhood Development, Emergency Response, Health, Agriculture, Nutrition, Climate Action and Livelihoods. In FY 23, we invested over **US \$9.5 million** in programs aiming to realize long-term, sustainable change for children, youth, and their families.

The 28 counties are: Nairobi, Kiambu, Murang'a, Kajiado, Narok, Makueni, Machakos, Kitui, Tharaka-Nithi, Embu, Isiolo, Marsabit, Samburu, Turkana, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Baringo, Nakuru, Siaya, Busia, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Migori, Kisii, Nakuru, Nanyuki, Meru, Laikipia and Nyeri. Through our sponsorship programming and external grant funding, we have long-standing relationships with partner civil society organizations (CSO) and the government at the County and National level through units working directly in and around the well-being of children, youth, and women.

# ChildFund Kenya Counties of Operation

-  Arid and Semi-Arid Land
-  Non Arid and Semi-Arid Land



# FY23 HIGHLIGHTS



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Early Childhood  
Development



Education



Health and  
Nutrition



Child Protection



Water, Sanitation  
and Hygiene



Food Security



Household Economic  
Strengthening



Youth Engagement  
and Participation



Emergency  
Response



Disaster Risk  
Reduction



Climate  
Action



Advocacy

To promote children's optimal development at every age, we tailor our interventions to meet their unique needs as they grow from infants to young adults. ChildFund focuses on three life stages.

LIFE STAGE

1

Healthy and Secure Infants  
(0 to 5 years)

LIFE STAGE

2

Educated and Confident  
Children (6 to 14 years)

LIFE STAGE

3

Skilled and Involved Youth  
(15 to 24 years)





Nteyekeni lives in a village of about 750 people in northern Kenya's Samburu County. The village is without paved roads or electricity and, until recently, lacked a clean water source, too. From a young age, Nteyekeni and her friends would spend at least an hour each day collecting dirty water from the river near their village.

“


I feel very happy- it's like God brought us water here to our village, exclaims Nteyekeni.


We used to have to go so far and now we're happy because the water is right here in the village.


# 1 | Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)


Our water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions aim to improve health outcomes through the provision of safe water supplies and improved sanitation facilities, while also promoting better hygiene practices in communities.



 **45,174**  
School children now have access to safe and clean water.

 **81,749**  
Individuals who indirectly use water from vessels where its clean and safe.

 **69,752**  
Individuals with access to clean and safe water.

 **122,943**  
Individuals reached with messages on hygiene promotion.



## HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

## Finally, safe and clean water for Mitchell and her community!

**I**t is said that water is life, but what if accessing water was one of the most dangerous things you could do? Up until a few years ago, people in this riverside village in Samburu County, would risk their lives to take a bath, water their herds, or fill a jerrycan full of water to bring back home. The nearby river – swimming with dangers both large and small – was the only source of water for the village.

“The river is a very scary place,” says Michell, who started fetching water here when she was just four years old. “My best friend’s brother was tending the goats down by the river. He was taken by a crocodile and lost his life.”

Many people throughout the village have such horrific memories, including one of the village elders, Ken Loshede, a traditional leader now in his forties. “When I was a young boy in the third grade, I went to the river with my friend, and he was snatched that day by a crocodile. When he jumped in, he never came out again. And from that time, I didn’t like going to the river ever again.”

On top of the risks posed by the crocodiles, water-borne diseases also affected those who drew water from the river. “This water is not clean because there is a river which passes in town and it carries the sewage waste into the river and we take the same water,” says Elder Loshede. “We have had many diseases here such as cholera.”

“I can’t believe I used to drink that water,” says Michell, adding that “it was the only water available, and we had to drink it.” Sometimes, she recalls “I wouldn’t be able to go to school or play with friends because I was too sick.”



*Michell (7), holds up water fetched from a new borehole drilled by ChildFund in her community, and compares it with water from her village's old water source.*

Inaugurated in 2020 by ChildFund, a deep-water borehole system now pipes potable water from underground to Michell and Ken’s village. Thus, trips to the river are no longer necessary for the 300 to 400 people who get their water here each day. “Since 2020 we have not witnessed any crocodile fatalities because children don’t draw water from there as much now,” says elder Ken. “Since the time we had this water, the incidence of disease has declined as the water has helped us,” he continues.

As it was, people would take a lot of time to go fill up at the river. Now it’s a very short trip to the well,” says Michell. The installation of the borehole has prompted her family and others like her to construct houses – traditionally made of sticks, blankets, and iron sheeting – nearer to the water point. “There’s a lot of people coming to draw water here at the well now. So, I hope ChildFund will build another well here soon,” she says.

## 2 | Increasing access to quality healthcare

Our interventions provide access to quality basic health care services and medical treatment to children and their families, especially those living in rural communities and densely populated areas.



**53,297**

Children (0-5 years) received medical care during health outreaches.



**79,781**

Caregivers received medical care during health outreaches.



**6,553**

Children and youth received dignity kits and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) messages.



**7,385**

Children and community members attending World Disability Day and World AIDS Day celebrations.



**10,512**

Children and youth reached with health messages in and out of school.



**157,528**

## SUCCESS STORY

## Standing tall after years of physical disability: Ndumi's triumphant journey

**S**ixteen-year-old Ndumi got into a fire accident at age 3 and lost both her legs. She is now in grade 11 and was once an enrolled child in the Eastern Community Development Program (ECDP). Nonetheless, ChildFund and ECDP continued to support Ndumi.

As a child, she would cut plastic bottles and attach them to her amputated legs to act as shoes so she could walk short distances. She also faced ridicule and was bullied because of her condition.

Following hospital consultations with professionals, it was recommended that she receive prosthetic legs but her family could not afford them. ECDP stepped in to support the cost of prosthetic legs which was Ksh. 250,000 (USD 1,500).

Through the partnership of ChildFund, Dow, and Cure International Hospital - Kijabe, Ndumi underwent the life-changing surgery and received her prosthetic legs. She was able to wear a pair of shoes for the first time since she was 3.

This program has helped some 330 children like Ndumi undergo corrective surgeries, receive assistive devices like walkers as well as get the much needed physiotherapy sessions.



This surgery and prosthetic legs have changed my life so much. I never thought I would wear shoes or walk comfortably ever again.

Ndumi.



### 3 | Promoting emergency response and preparedness

We create structures within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters by promoting safer, less vulnerable communities with the capacity to cope with hazards and disasters.



**128,333**

Individuals benefitting from cash transfers through supported households.



**18,827**

Households supported with emergency relief food baskets.



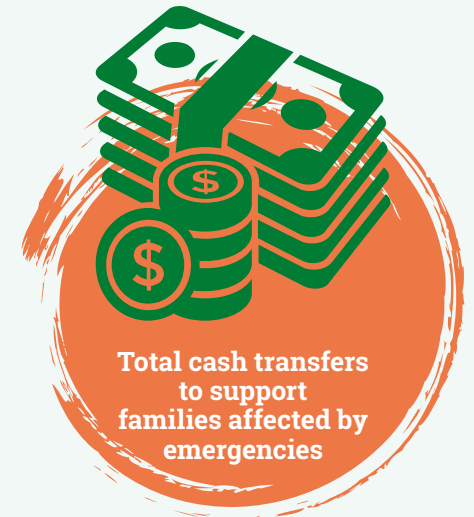
**10,660**

Pastoralists received assorted and fortified animal feeds.



**2,982**

Individuals participating in peace forums and reached with interventions on emergency response.



**Kes 136,395,764**

## HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

# Integrated Emergency Response for Drought-Affected Communities

Target Areas	Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo and Kajiado Counties
Donor	ChildFund Australia
Project Cost	Ksh. 12,972,000 (\$100,000)
Project Partners	Nawiri CDP, Ewangan Children Development Program, and Samburu Children Programme (SCP)

**T**his project provided immediate life-saving humanitarian assistance to 2,500 drought-affected households in Kenya ASAL Counties of Marsabit, Samburu Isiolo, and Kajiado to empower the communities' capacity and resilience to withstand shocks and safe lives related to and threatened by drought, climate-induced conflicts, and food insecurity strengthened.

The project activities will be implemented under 5 major sectors – food security, education, peace and conflict, nutrition, and child protection and accountability:

## Food Security

Cash transfers targeting 1,600 (400 per county) households affected by drought and conflict: Each of the registered families received a monthly cash transfer of USD30 (KES 3,000). The families used the cash to procure food and other immediate needs of their households.

After each transaction, spot checks were conducted to confirm that the targeted families had received the cash and had used it to access food and meet other life-sustaining immediate needs.

## Education

Twelve (12) ECD centers and primary schools in drought affected ASALs were supported to provide school feeding programs. This activity is aimed at addressing the challenge of children dropping out of school because of lack of food due to severe drought. The project provided one hot meal a day for about 2,040 children in the 12 ECD centers and primary schools for one month.

Parents and teachers of the ECD centers were responsible for preparing the meals for their children. ChildFund and its partners trained the caregivers on how to prepare healthy meals and facilitate the Ministry of Health to carry out malnutrition screening.

## Provision of Dignity kits to 600 boys and girls from poor families affected by drought.

Due to high poverty levels in addition to the adverse effects of drought, most families were not able to afford sanitation items for their teenage children.

This affected children, especially girls during their monthly menses as they lacked sanitary towels- making them lose self-confidence and miss classes. The project provided dignity kits containing basic hygiene and sanitation items to 600 teenage girls and boys in schools.

## Peace and Conflict Resolution

The project facilitated three inter-community peace and climate change sensitization forums with youth groups. Due to the escalation of communal conflict over competition for natural resources, the project organized forums to sensitize communities especially the youths, children, and community leaders on the importance of peace in community development.

These forums involved about 250 youth, community leaders, and children from warring communities- this will also ensure leaders, children, and youth become social change agents.

## Nutrition

The project supported the County Ministry of Health to carry out malnutrition screening of children under 5 years. These screenings were carried out as part of the county MoH monthly health outreach- the project facilitated the mobilization of communities and supported medical officers and nurses during the outreaches.

Cases of malnourished children identified during the screening were enrolled in supplementary feeding programs, referred to health facilities for treatment, and in some instances incorporated into the cash transfer program to ensure the families can access nutritious food for the children. Similar screening exercises were conducted in all the ECD centers that the project will be supporting with school meals.

## Child Protection, Safeguarding and Accountability

During the project's implementation, child protection sensitization and safeguarding were integrated into all the activities. We sensitized caregivers, service providers, and duty bearers on child protection and where necessary facilitated community volunteers to conduct child protection sensitization in emergencies.

## Response to worsening drought in ASAL counties of Marsabit and Turkana

**W**ith support from ChildFund Australia, ChildFund Kenya implemented a USD 146,000 project- insert 'project' to improve the wellbeing of the families affected by the severe impacts of drought in the ASAL counties of Marsabit and Turkana by April 2023. We targeted children, pregnant and lactating women, people with disability, and older persons.

Drought-affected families accessing life-sustaining food and nutrition- The project supported 1,200 individuals affected by drought with two monthly multi-purpose cash transfers of AUD 39 (Ksh 3050) in January and March 2023.

The cash transfer contributed to peace and harmony within the family and community as 75% could invite non-household members to come and eat at home.

Other impacts included increased availability of food for the family, improved diet, and health of the family as well as hygiene. The cash transfer facilitated the provision of other household needs such as clothes, payment of school fees, transport, uniforms, books, and pens. Others used the funds to offset debts, improve living standards, and increase household budgets.

Reduction in the prevalence of malnutrition among children under 5 - in terms of malnutrition, the end-line survey revealed that 25% were identified as malnourished in Turkana from a baseline of 16.3% (9% increment) whereas 9% were identified as malnourished compared to 6% in baseline (3% reduction) in Marsabit County. The project target of 75% was not attained due to the increased severity of the drought, high cost of commodities at the market,

dysfunctional markets caused by unfavorable terms of trade, loss of livelihood assets, low milk consumption, and constrained household purchasing power.

Percentage of targeted households with acceptable Dietary Diversity Score - At the endline, most households did not attain the acceptable Dietary Diversity Score since most of the households 81% and 75% in Turkana and Marsabit respectively were on the lowest dietary diversity while the least 2.7% and 0% in Turkana and Marsabit are on high dietary diversity.

Overall Turkana respondents had less diversity, which shows unfavorable Terms of Trade, household purchasing power was at its lowest and that was reflected in the dietary diversity.



## 4 | Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Early Childhood Development is one of the most important levers for accelerating the attainment of Education for All (EFA) and the Strategic Development Goals (SDGs). We continue to work with partners to ensure that the holistic needs of young children are met to maximize the realization of their full potential.



**11,310**

Children supported with play and learning materials.



**10,501**

children received age-appropriate scholastic materials to ensure they have access to holistic and conducive learning environments.



**4,764**

Caregivers participated in responsive and protective parenting sessions.



**6,001**

Infants and young children (0-5 years) participated in Responsive and Protective Parenting (RPP) groups.



**2,566**

Children supported through school levies and infrastructure eg. classrooms and ablution blocks.



Number of children and community members reached with ECD interventions

**35,142**

## Responsive and Protective Parenting (RPP) Program



**W**e facilitated the capacity strengthening of various stakeholders including implementing partner staff, relevant county government staff, community stakeholders, and caregivers on the components of nurturing care, caregiver well-being, reflective supervision, and community-based child protection utilizing contextualized training manuals and accompanying visual guides covering the five components of nurturing care, caregiver well-being, and community-based child protection.

We:

- Promoted community-based group parenting sessions to enhance caregivers' knowledge, attitudes, and practices across the components of nurturing care, caregiver well-being, and community-based child protection through group parenting education sessions.
- Strengthened county governments and local partners' capacity to support community stakeholders by enhancing community stakeholders' knowledge, attitudes, and practices on the components of nurturing care, caregiver well-being, reflective supervision, and community-based child protection to support caregivers in group parenting sessions.

Currently, 7 local partners are implementing the model. These are Emali Dedicated Children's Agency (EDCA), Lake Region Development Program (LRDP), Eastern Community Development Program (ECDP), Pioneer Child Development Program (PCDP), Samburu Children's Program (SCP), Childrise Development Program and Nawiri Children's Program. The partners reached 4,810 caregivers through group parenting education sessions as well as 6,988 infants and young children under 5 years of age under the care of these caregivers.

## Key achievements

- a. Enhanced knowledge, attitudes, and practices for 4,810 caregivers (232 male, 4,578 females) on nurturing care (responsive caregiving, good health, nutrition, safety and security, early learning), caregiver well-being, and community-based child protection through group parenting education sessions.
- b. 6,988 children below the age of 5 years (3,502 boys, 3,486 girls) are receiving nurturing care in secure and enabling environments supported by responsive caregivers.
- c. Strengthened capacity of 7 local partners' staff and county government officers on the components of nurturing care, caregiver well-being, community-based child protection, and reflective supervision for them to better support and mentor ECD frontline workers. 67 staff were trained on the core concepts of ECD and 38 on reflective Supervision. The staff provide continuous mentorship and supervision to the mentors and group facilitators conducting reflective supervision meetings.



I love my little girl. I'll continue to take her to [physical] therapy. I was told she needs a special chair to be able to sit. I was given some exercises to do at home that will help her get stronger. I'm hopeful that she'll improve with these new exercises.

Monicah's mother, Josephine (25), following a medical evaluation at AIC Cure International. In partnership with Dow Chemical and AIC Cure International, children with special needs within our program areas under Nairobi Metropolitan Program (Murang'a Kiambu and Nairobi Counties) and Eastern Community Development Program (Kitui & Machakos Counties) benefited from the medical assessments, corrective surgery, and provision of assistive devices.

## 6 | Enhancing Youth Entrepreneurship, Mentorship, and Employment

By promoting youth entrepreneurship, we offer innovative solutions for economic growth among young people. The skills youth learn as entrepreneurs and mentors give them a competitive advantage in every part of life.



**1,980**

Youth trained in entrepreneurship skills.



**3,983**

Youth reached with messages on life skills and sexual reproductive health and participated in key youth-focused events.



**13,045**

Youth engaged in climate action and environmental protection interventions.



**5,210**

Youth engaged in peace-building initiatives.



**2,976**

Youth supported with capital to start / expand income generating activities.



**27,194**

## HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

## Tunawiri kwa Taka (Thriving Through Waste) Project

Donor	The Coca-Cola Foundation
Implementer	ChildFund
Location	Mukuru informal settlement adjacent to South B Suburb and Industrial area
Target Population	Direct: 418 youth and women ages 18 years and older engaging in waste collection and health promotion activities living in Mukuru, Nairobi
Indirect Reach	11,000 people
Budget:	USD 150,000



ChildFund, through generous funding from The Coca Cola Foundation received USD 150,000 to implement an urban waste management project in Mukuru informal settlements of Nairobi. The project's goal was to combat economic disparity in Mukuru and to contribute to creating a healthy and clean physical environment.

The project improved informal waste management structures by engaging women and youth in income-generating activities through plastic waste management.

The project directly targeted 418 youth and women ages 18 years and older living in Mukuru and engaging in waste collection and health promotion activities. Another 11,000 community members were indirectly targeted through awareness creation and sensitization on proper waste management and environmental health.

The project worked with other stakeholders in the waste management sectors namely the County Government of Nairobi relevant departments in Starehe and Makadara Sub Counties, Kenya Association of Waste Recycler (KAWR), Hand in Hand East Africa, Coast Redwood Limited, USTADI Foundation, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Mr. Green, youth and women groups and community members among others.

### Objectives

- To improve the knowledge and capacity of 418 individuals on waste management-collection, sorting, and recycling/reuse-in Mukuru by July 2023.
- To increase the entrepreneurial skills of 400 women and youth aged between 18 and 35 years by 60% by July 2023.
- To support 20 waste collector groups to sign marketing contracts with private sector waste recyclers by July 2023.
- Increase stakeholder participation in Nairobi multi-stakeholder forums for waste management from 50% to 80% thereby influencing practices and policies around waste management by July 2023.

## 7 | Food Security and Livelihoods

The need for better nutrition was recognized in SDG 2, which aims to “end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture. The goal acknowledges that efforts to combat hunger and malnutrition have advanced significantly since 2000. We work with partners and communities to ensure an adequate supply of food meeting nutritional needs and cultural expectations.



 **35,335**  
People are benefitting from livestock management and production skills training.

 **49,372**  
Households trained in crop management and production.

 **17,294**  
Households trained on crop management and production.

 **11,051**  
VSLA members trained and mentored on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and market analysis.

  
**Total number of people reached with food security and livelihoods interventions**  
**113,052**

## HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

## Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potato (OFSP) Project

Location	Turkana and Samburu Counties
Donor	ChildFund Deutschland
Project Cost	Ksh. 146,778,157 (Euro. 1,137,815)
Project Partners	Frontiers Community Development Organization, Samburu Children's Program and SAPCONE

**O**FSP has the potential for reducing Vitamin A deficiency thus reducing the chances of malnutrition among children under 5 years and Pregnant and Lactating Mothers.

The project improved the economic and nutrition status of 12,000 children, 2,200 youth, and 3,000 women through the adoption of OFSP innovative growing and processing technologies in Turkana and Samburu counties.

The OFSP project targeted the production, utilization, processing, and marketing of the OFSP products in in Turkana (and Samburu counties. The project was implemented in the northern part of Kenya, characterized by high temperatures and low rainfall. Being part of the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs), the region frequently experiences perennial drought worsening the food insecurity situation.

The project used a few techniques for a successful implementation:

### Eco-shade nets

The harvesting of 550 kgs of OFSP at Opiroi ECD in Samburu North provided sufficient nutritious meals for the children. Nangolekuruk in Turkana Central realized 150 kilos which was consumed by children.. ECD sites continued to be effectively utilized for the multiplication of vines and the growing of vegetables to enhance access to nutritious food for ECD children. In Samburu North ECDs the eco shade nets were used as multiplication sites for production fields to produce OFSP. Part of the harvest was cooked in schools through the feeding program.

### Harvesting

Opiroi ECD in Samburu North harvested 700 kilos which benefited 98 children in the school feeding program. Nangoleruk ECD, harvested 150 Kgs. Other eco shade nets like Barsaloi and Opiroi ECD, continue to flourish with OFSP vines planted purposely for propagation in the adjacent open fields.



## 8 | Child Protection and Participation

Children have the right to participate in matters affecting their lives and should be enabled to give their opinions and to have those opinions considered to protect their rights. Through participation, children learn self-expression, empowerment, and ultimately greater self-esteem. Children are a diverse group and therefore children of different ages, abilities, backgrounds, races, and both genders should ideally be included in a consultation process.



**14,478**

Children supported to participate in the Day of the African Child celebrations and other key local/ international celebrations and conferences.



**8,267**

Children trained on child rights and protection.



**2,265**

Children participated in talent shows, school forums, children's assemblies.



**14,256**

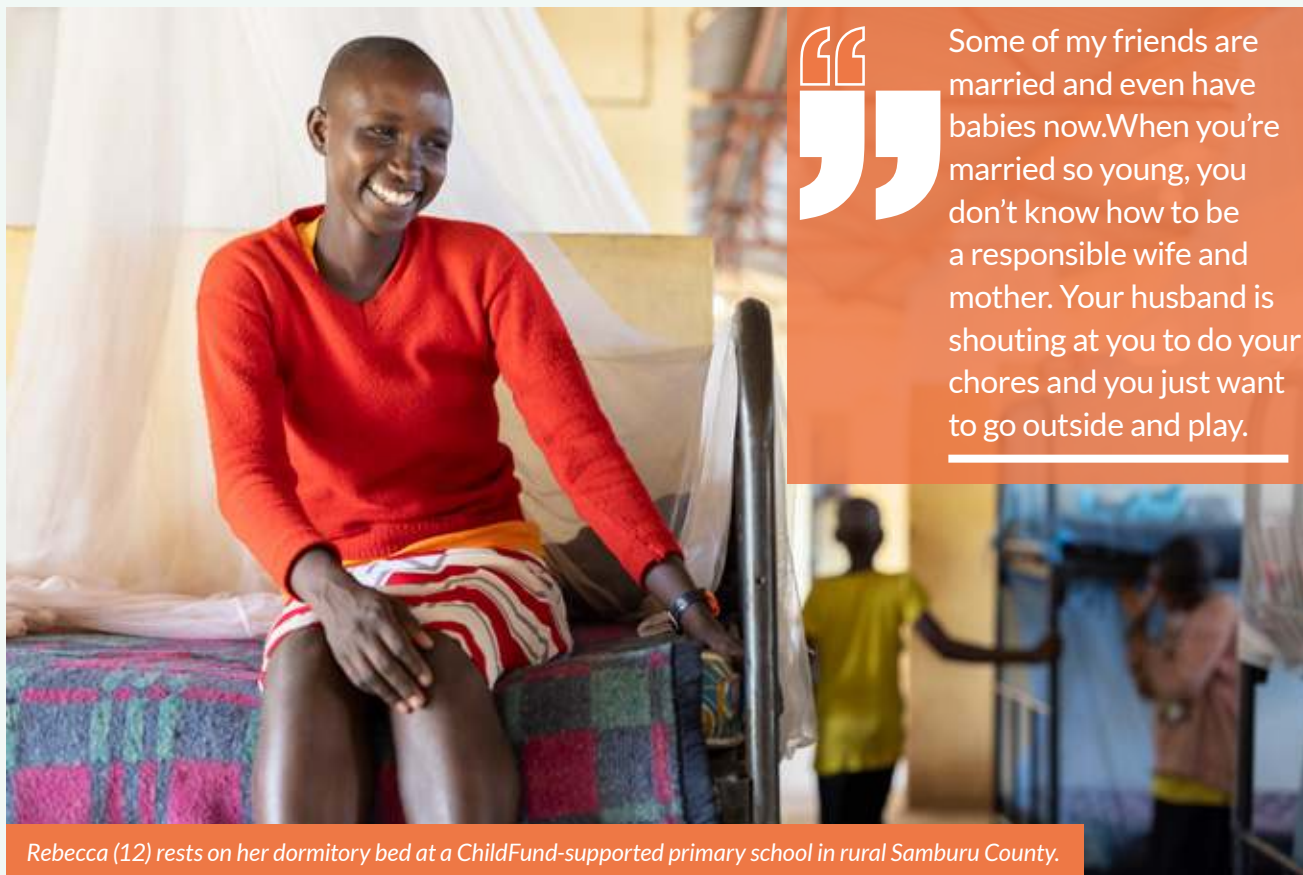
Individuals trained in child protection, psychosocial support, the Children's Act, and online sexual exploitation and abuse



Total children and community members reached with child protection messages

**39,266**

## Escape from early marriage: Rebecca's story



Rebecca (12) rests on her dormitory bed at a ChildFund-supported primary school in rural Samburu County.

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Some of my friends are married and even have babies now. When you're married so young, you don't know how to be a responsible wife and mother. Your husband is shouting at you to do your chores and you just want to go outside and play.

The risks are very real. Five months into the 2023 school year, this primary school has already faced nine known instances of attempted early marriage for young women who attend here.

“Some of my friends are married and even have babies now,” says Rebecca. “When you're married so young, you don't know how to be a responsible wife and mother. Your husband is shouting at you to do your chores and you just want to go outside and play.” Two months ago, when Rebecca learned that her uncle was arranging for her to be married to a 60-year-old man from a neighboring village, she became terrified. “I didn't know the man,” she says of the prospective groom, “but I knew that it was wrong, and I was scared.”

This harmful practice previously affected not only some of Rebecca's friends but also her two older sisters were also married young, at the ages of 11 and 12. Their mother had seen the harmful effects of early marriage on the two eldest daughters and knew she needed to take a different route with her youngest. “My mom said, ‘I'm not doing this again.’ She snuck me off to this school and I haven't been home since,” says Rebecca, who now stays in the school's dormitory and attends Child Rights Club each week.

Happy and relieved to be far away from the situation, Rebecca is now free to concentrate on her education. “Even when I was at home,” she says, “I had to look after the cows. I couldn't go to school every day. Here, I can concentrate and learn. I understand that I have rights and if [my uncle] tries it again, I will report him,” she says.

Once she completes her education, Rebecca wants to become a teacher. “I look up to my teacher because she gives me knowledge. I want to do the same one day,” she asserts.

**I**n this traditional community of Samburu County, many female youths are at risk of being married off before they complete their education while male youth are tempted or even forced to give up their learning for a life of herding animals, banditry, or cattle raiding. By renovating the dormitories and outfitting them with beds,

mattresses, blankets, and mosquito nets, ChildFund offers a haven and alternative to students who are at risk of dropping out.

Through the Child Rights Club, students learn more about the risks they face, their rights, and what to do if those rights are violated.

## Advocacy



*Country Director Alice Anukur with Lady Justice Teresia Matheka of the National Council on the Administration of Justice when we launched the Training Manual for Social Service Workforce on Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children (OSEAC) to equip front-line staff with the knowledge, right skills, attitudes and competencies for quality OSEAC preventive and responsive services.*

We were among the organizations that played a frontline role in ensuring that children's voices featured in the drafting of the new legislation by organizing for children's consultative forums across our areas of operation in different parts of the country.

### **Development and launch of the National Plan of Action (NPA) to Tackle Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA):**

We worked with partners to support the development and launch of this NPA through active participation in working group meetings that led to its finalization and launch.

### **Development of Guidance and Counselling**

**Policy:** Due to the persistent unrest in schools, we have been lobbying the Ministry of Education to develop policy guidance for a supportive learning environment. We supported the development of the Guidance and Counselling Policy and the Positive Discipline Manual to help teachers embrace positive methods of discipline in schools- both are to be finalized soon.

**T**he enactment of the Children's Bill in Kenya was a major advocacy win. The journey began back in 2015 when we joined other CSOs and the Department of Children's Services to spearhead the technical process of overhauling the 2001 Children's Law which had been in place for more than 20 years.

The legislation needed to be aligned to Kenya's 2010 constitution as well as to feature protection issues such as Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA); and the adjustment of the age of criminal liability, among other aspects that needed review. We played a great key role in the provision of technical support being part of the National Children's Act steering committee.

### Dissemination of the Children Act- targeting children:

We supported children's consultative forums to disseminate the Children Act 2022. Children were sensitized to OCSEA and the laws that protect them from online exploitation and abuse.

They were extensively sensitized on the Children Act 2022. These children were provided with skills to enable them to sensitize their peers at the sub-county level with the OCSEA message and provisions of the Children Act 2022. To aid this, the project issued them will child-friendly information cards for their reference.

### Stakeholder consultative forums:

We supported the convening of 30 stakeholders in the children sector to take stock of the progress in the development of the Children Act 2022 rules and regulations, finalization of the National Child Participation Guidelines, the National Children Policy, and budgeting for children. This engagement resulted in fast-tracking the finalization of the rules and regulations which will be launched soon.

### Collaboration in the training of the social workforce child protection

We collaboratively worked with The National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ) and UNICEF and trained 120 police officers on child protection, investigation, and

prosecution of children cases. These police officers were also trained on OSEAC using the recently launched OSEAC manual for the social workforce.

### Training of journalists on the protection of infants and young children

A total of 50 journalists from various media houses (print/tv/radio/online) were trained on child protection for infants and young children, OCSEA, and child-sensitive reporting.

### Sensitization of Journalists on OCSEA

The journalists trained were from various media outlets in Nairobi and Mombasa such as Royal Media Group, The Star Newspaper, Capital FM, Kenya News Agency, People Daily, Nation Media Group, and Pwani FM. The training resulted in invitations for media engagements on radio shows e.g. Sauti ya Pwani, and Reuben FM, News reports about the training were aired and written in various news outlets like People Daily, Kenya News Agency, Baraka FM, and Kaya FM.

### Capacity Building of ChildFund Partners Boards of Management on Child Protection and Safeguarding

Some 30 partner staff with their incoming boards of management are trained on Child safeguarding/ Continuous training of these community resource persons ensures the effectiveness of community-based Child protection mechanisms as well as the improvement of safeguarding outcomes for ChildFund's partner organizations.

### Training for peer educators on OCSEA

We trained 160 peer educators from the mapped schools in Nairobi and Mombasa. The peer educators were trained as TOTs to sensitize their peers on OCSEA and how children can stay safe online. The trained peer educators are expected to conduct guided dialogue forums on OCSEA with their fellow learners.



A group of journalists from Mombasa county pose with their certificates after the reporting on OCSEA training.

## 5 | Basic Education



Our education programs focus on building supportive learning environments both at home and in the school environment.

These programs promote high-quality academic teaching and child literacy, and support students, teachers, and parents to create a safe and inclusive learning environment that keeps children protected from harm. They also promote emotional, physical, and psychological well-being — to support staying in school and learning achievements.’



**18,542**

Children received scholastic and structural education support.



**17,688**

Children and adolescents trained in comprehensive life skills.



**45,456**

Board of Management members trained in school management and governance.



**81,686**

## HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

## Nielimishe Scholarship Project

**T**he Nielimishe Scholarship project is an initiative of Professor Gunther Schmidt, a sponsor and founder of Child Development Fund- Germany who works closely with ChildFund Deutschland to implement this project. The bursary project started in 2009 is meant to improve the transition from primary to secondary school and enrolment in post-secondary tertiary courses for students who excel academically and are orphaned, experiencing deprivation, exclusion, and vulnerability.

The project supports these children with full scholarships for the entire learning years in secondary school. In certain cases, outstanding students who excel in national examinations receive support to pursue post-secondary education. The Nielimishe Scholarship project is implemented in two communities; Tharaka Nithi and Homa Bay Counties in Kenya.

The project is helping children experiencing deprivation, exclusion, and vulnerability to improve their lives and provide them with the opportunity to become young adults, parents, and leaders who bring lasting and positive change in their communities.

### Objectives:

- To enhance the transition to and continuity in secondary schools among children under the care of vulnerable caregivers.
- To enhance children's well-being through psychosocial support initiatives including guidance and counseling, life skills development, career choice, and role modeling (mentorship) sessions.
- The project has so far reached over 220 students in secondary and tertiary schools with scholastic support thus increasing their chances of prospering in the future.



*"Educating girls in our community not only makes them wise but it protects them from early marriage and FGM." - Faith, 17.*

## Forging Strategic Partnerships To Advance Child Rights



ChildFund Kenya, its implementing partner Childrise Development Program and the County Government of Tharaka Nithi have a tripartite agreement to enhance community development and safeguard children.

Our Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2022-2026 aspires to have a strong, fit-for-purpose, and purpose-driven partner. We are happy that in FY23, we formalized partnerships through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with various partners with a mix of technical expertise, county governments, academia, and foundations through which we harnessed synergies for program quality including program interventions for children living with disabilities.

To strengthen the governance of local boards, we held capacity-strengthening workshops for the local partners' boards of management to help them have adequate systems, structures, and policies to meet required donor standards and other regulatory requirements.

An annual partnership review meeting with the Senior Management Teams and executive board members of the local partners was also conducted to review FY23 performance and renew the partnership agreements through the signing of the Letter of Agreement in the presence of ChildFund's Senior Management Team.

## Partnerships

### Institution/Organization

### Purpose of MoU



Social economic development through WASH Projects. Advocacy & lobbying: security of land tenure



Youth programs (in and out of school programs including life skills training, talent development, and mentorship. Entry point for the expansion of Programs in Nairobi County targeting the Korogocho informal settlement area as per the CSP.



Enhance access to affordable orthopedic rehabilitation for children with physical disabilities (awareness creation, joint medical camps, Psychosocial support to children and caregivers)



Increase access to clean and safe drinking water through the provision of Solvatten kits (solar-powered) Solvatten is a combined portable water treatment and water heating system that has been designed for off-grid household use.



Enterprise development through entrepreneurship training and financial literacy and access.

### Institution/Organization

### Purpose of MoU



Installation of pre-paid water vending system.



Installation of pre-paid water vending system.

Youth mentorship and career guidance programs.



Social Economic development through programs under Health & Nutrition, Early Childhood Development and Education, Child Protection, Disaster Risk Reduction & Household Economic Strengthening.



The scope of this Partnership is in the fields of childcare practice, training and research, and dissemination of knowledge in the area of child welfare, community development approaches, life skill promotion, Sexual reproductive education for the student population, and child protection and safeguarding.



## ChildFund and Longhorn Publishers Partner to Increase Access to Quality Education

**C**hildFund Kenya and Longhorn Publishers launched the Enhancing Quality of Pre-Primary Education Kenya Project launch in Tharaka Nithi County to support the County Government's efforts to improve the quality of learning through the provision of learning materials and building capacity of pre-primary schoolteachers in CBC facilitation skills.

Longhorn Publishers and ChildFund share a common interest in creating and supporting effective learning environments for child development and education, especially in early childhood development. For this reason, we share our respective strengths, experiences, and resources with the collective goal of increasing access to quality early learning/education for children in different counties in Kenya.

The Enhancing Quality of Pre-Primary Education Kenya Project in Tharaka Nithi County was conceptualized after realizing the need to add value to the provision of quality learning opportunities to the pre-primary school learners in the country. The project will support the county government's effort to improve the quality of learning.



Tharaka Nithi County Governor, H.E Muthomi Njuki received donations of learning materials; 6,400 learner course books, and 3,200 teacher guides to support 293 ECD centers in 4 sub-counties within Tharaka Nithi from ChildFund. In addition, ChildFund and its implementing partner Childrise Development Program donated 350 child-friendly chairs and 175 child-friendly tables for 8 ECD centers within the county. These donations will enhance the quality of pre-primary education, and the learning environment for improved performance.



## Child Sponsorship



**A** total of 44,376 children were enrolled in our sponsorship program in FY23, out of these, 35,818 had individual sponsors. The sponsors are largely drawn from the United States of America, Australia, Sweden, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, Germany, France, Denmark and Ireland. Child sponsorship provides long-term sustainable and flexible funding which contributes to the development of communities. Through this support, we supported enrolled children, their families, and communities with various interventions on child protection and safeguarding, household economic strengthening, education, WASH, early childhood development, health, and nutrition among others.

### Major Achievements

We conducted a global monitoring and evaluation survey, and a self-certification report was developed. 47,029 children out of the total sample of 47,067 representing 99.9% were confirmed to be present. Verification for presence and participation was done by sampling children for the global survey, participation in Child Progress Reports (CPR) as well as document review for participation in program activities.

We sampled children's correspondence for quality review using the Quality Correspondence Methodology (QCM) and all sampled correspondence attained a 100% threshold of

meeting standards. We also maintained a top performance in the timeliness of sponsorship monthly communication throughout FY23 and received global recognition. Over 140,000 letters including child reply letters, thank you letters, child progress reports, and seasonal greeting cards were sent to sponsors to update them on their sponsored children's progress. In addition, community newsletters were sent to all sponsors showcasing how their support was positively impacting the communities where their sponsored children live.

We completed the rollout of digitization of children files for all local partners where a total of 34,906 files were digitized by the close of the financial year. This has brought efficiencies through faster access to children's documents.

The expansion of the Magic App initiative was extended to all six project sites of the Eastern Community Development Programme with 4,080 sponsored children. Training of the LP staff and volunteers, and regular monitoring and support were conducted during implementation to ensure quality photos, drawings, captions, and messages were sent to sponsors. Plans for further expansion of the App to other LPs will be incorporated in FY24.

We conducted semi-annual quality review meetings where 64 CO and local partner staff shared best practices and showcased their innovations. We submitted some of the innovations to IO and one of the innovations on the Children Representatives Committee (CRC) was recognized among the most relevant innovation initiatives globally while another innovation on the children letter writing competition received a special mention.



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Us, the Maasai community, were among the last communities to accept modern education in Kenya. In fact, the only reason why my father allowed me to go to school, instead of herding cows and goats, was because someone else (ChildFund) would pay my fees and upkeep, and most importantly provide meals for children in school. The food would be the highlight of the day! We would not miss school because that meant going hungry! That was back in 1978! ChildFund was running school feeding programs.

ChildFund supported me through my primary and secondary education. Were it not for ChildFund, I would never have gone to school.

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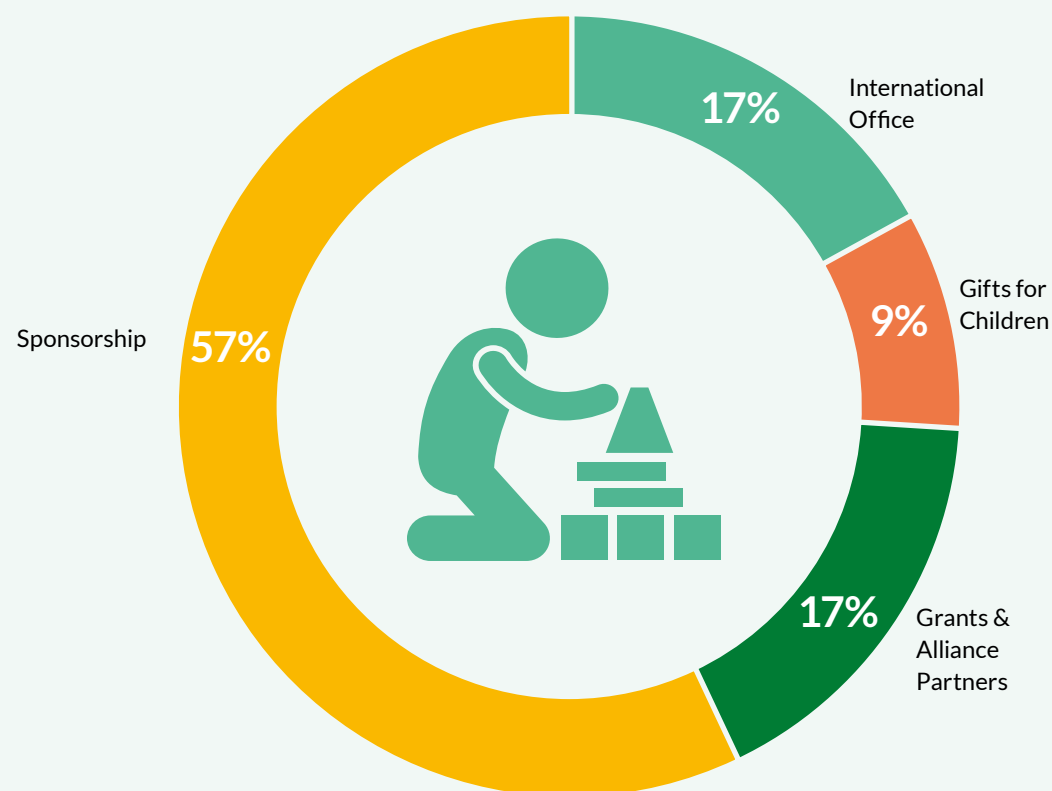
**Hon. Joseph Ole Lenku**  
**Governor of Kajiado County, Kenya**  
**Former Cabinet Minister**

# Financial Statement

Condensed Audited Financial Information for the 12 months ending June 30, 2023.

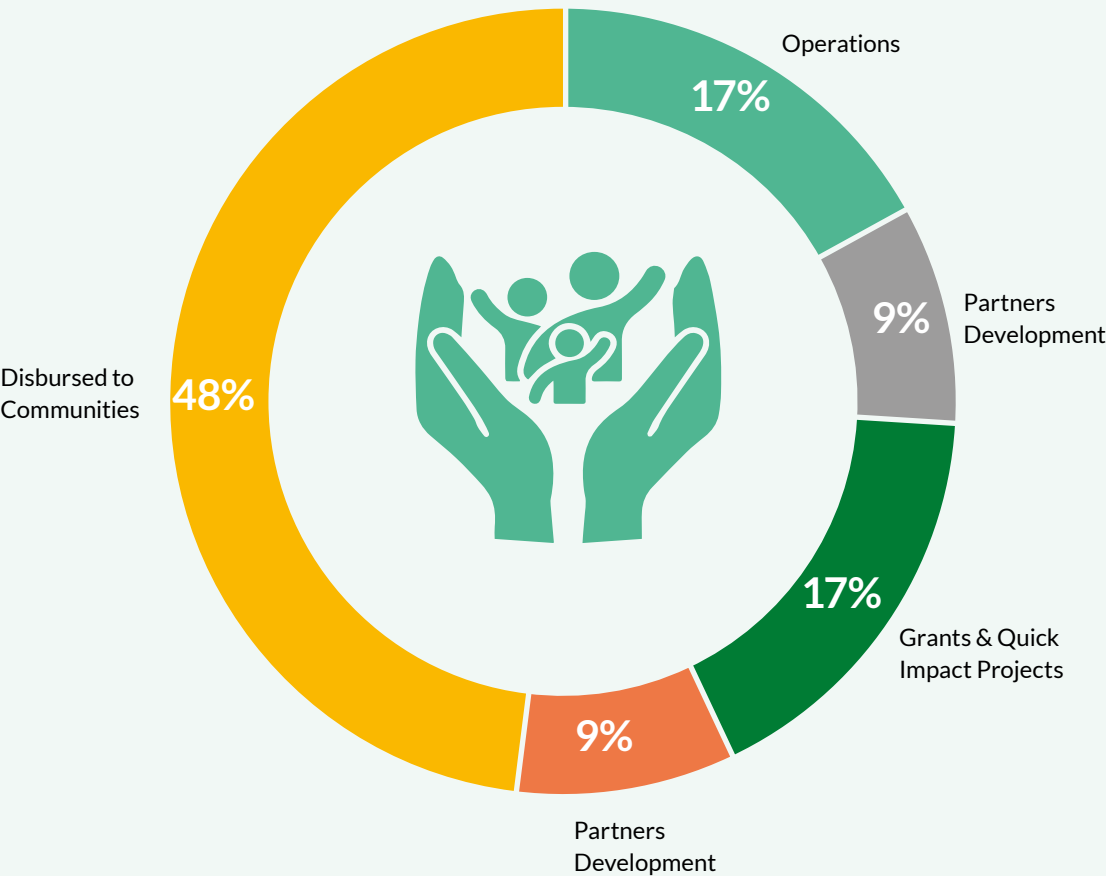
Our total funding in the Financial Year 2023 was USD. 9,541,777. This included cash, food resources, donations, gifts-in-kind (GIK) and cash transfers,

## FY23 Income



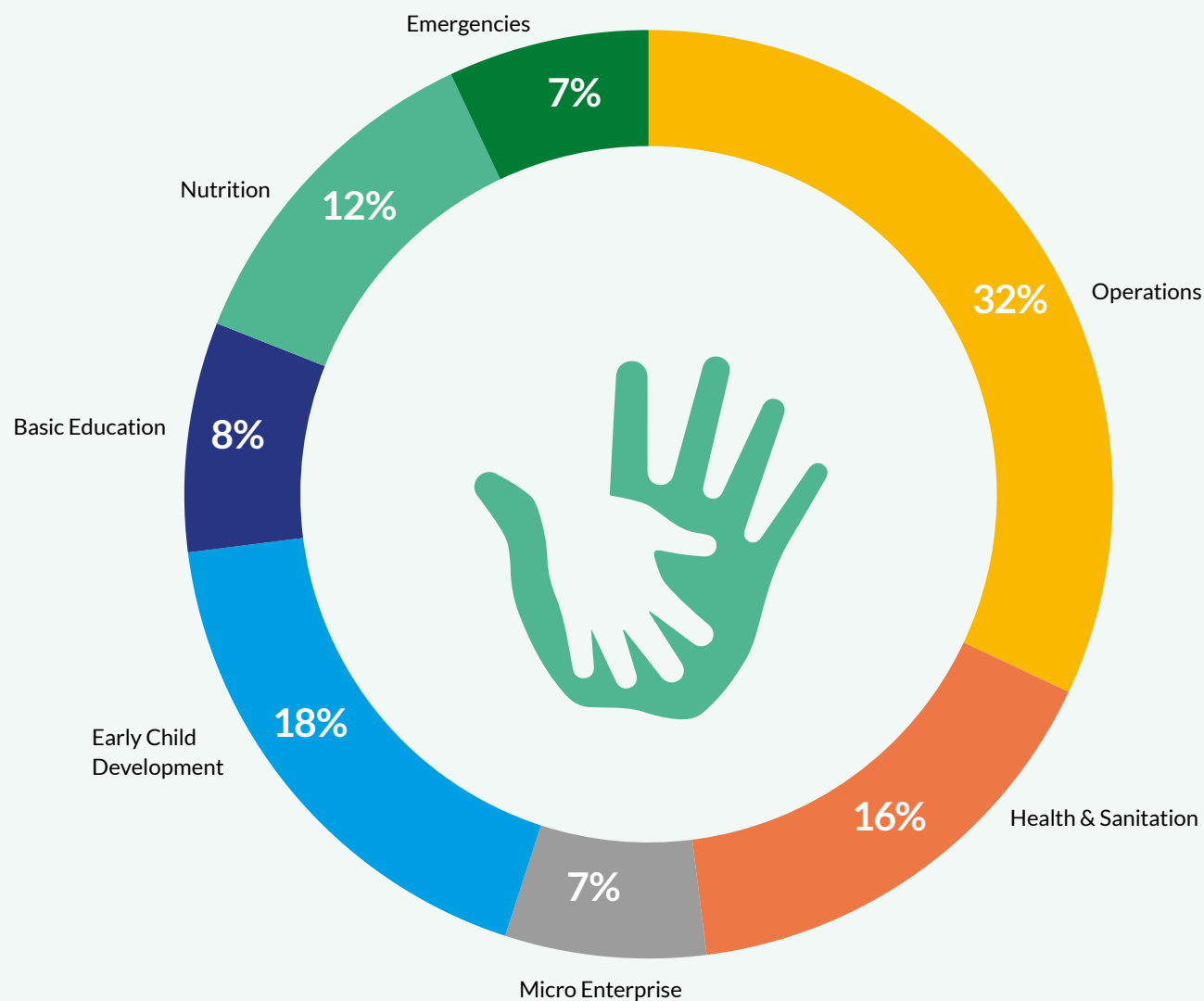
Income by Source	FY23 (US\$)	FY22 (US\$)	Variance %
Sponsorship (57%)	5,391,389	5,510,809	-2%
International Office (17%)	1,656,270	1,421,008	17%
Gifts for Children (9%)	890,334	920,850	-3%
Grants & Alliance Partners (17%)	1,603,784	1,519,280	6%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,541,777</b>	<b>9,371,946</b>	<b>2%</b>

## How the Funds were Spent



How the funds were spent (US\$)	FY23	FY22	%
Disbursed to Communities	4,568,585	4,541,196	1%
Gifts for Children	890,334	920,850	-3%
Grants & Quick Impact projects	1,603,784	1,519,280	6%
Partners Development	822,805	969,612	-15%
Operations	1,656,270	1,421,008	17%
Total Expenses (US\$)	9,541,777	9,371,946	2%

## Partners' Projects by Sector



## Our Team

**W**e achieved notable staff engagement by organizing our first physical team-building event since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coordinated by staff engagement champions, the event focused on the theme “Diversity - Understanding Personality Types and How they Affect Workplace Dynamics,” emphasizing teamwork and diversity appreciation.

It allowed staff to freely interact, fostering new connections beyond work. Additionally, a leadership training titled “Leading at the Speed of Trust” was conducted for the extended senior management team to nurture a culture of trust among employees.



## Our Leadership

### Senior Management Team

1. Alice Anukur – Country Director
2. Issa Kipera, PhD – Program & Sponsorship Director
3. Wanguhu Githiomi – Finance Director
4. Mildred Lwangasi – Human Resources Director
5. James Adede – Grants Acquisition & Management Manager

### Board Members

1. Prof. George Achoki – Chairman
2. Dr. Lorna Sangale – Vice Chairperson
3. Ms. Victoria Macharia – Member
4. Mrs. Hellen Orioki – Member
5. Mrs. Nyambura Musyimi – Member
6. Dr. Geoffrey Muga – Member
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