

- Miale ya Tumaini Rescue Centre
- Reception
- Social Welfare Gender Office
- Social Hall
- Visa Pa
- Field
- Guest House
- Library

Kindly do not take photos of the Children

A milestone year  
**THANKS TO YOU!**



## Dear Friends of Kenya Works,

Thank you for making 2023 a pivotal year! We served more than 62,000 people directly *and* acquired and completed a major capital undertaking!

The year began with a huge opportunity. A neglected but beautiful property became available. Then a trio of private donors banded together to make the acquisition and improvements a reality.

The new Kenya Works Community and Child Protection Center is much more than bricks and mortar. The center stands as a beacon of hope and a foundation for sustained impact—a home for our programs and a platform for nurturing the potential of those we serve. Our amazing team is harnessing this potential to pioneer innovations, collaborate with global NGOs and empower the community towards sustainable change.

The past year underscores the power of unity and collaboration. Together, we've created a tapestry of change benefiting more than 62,000 individuals with security, empowerment, knowledge and equality development in their community. Our guiding pillars—food and shelter, menstrual health & hygiene, education, and community-based human rights trainings—provide a comprehensive approach to tackling poverty's complex barriers.

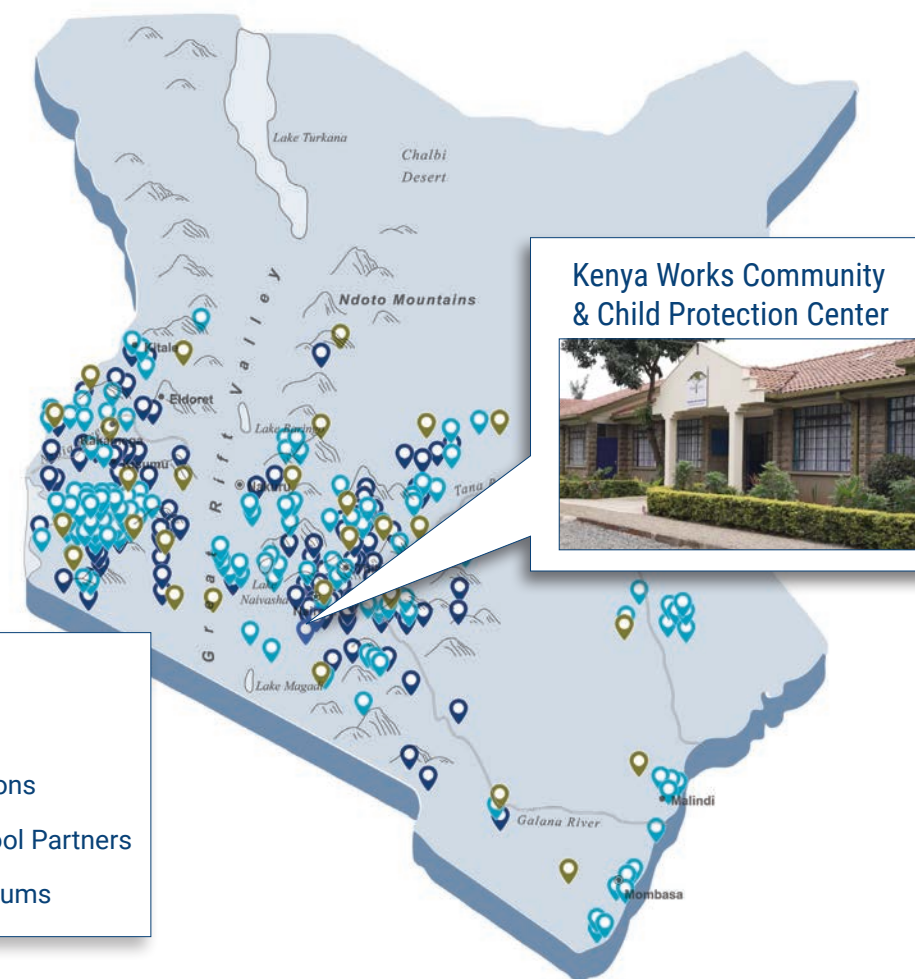
The Kenya Works journey began two decades ago with a vision to uplift those in vulnerable circumstances. We have now entered our 20th year with deepened roots and stronger branches to grow sustainable change. As we celebrate this milestone and look towards the future, let us continue to walk together in a shared purpose, united in our belief that all individuals deserve human dignity and the opportunity to thrive

Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey. Together, we are driving a movement of positive change that will resonate for generations. Here's to the next 20 years of transformation, growth and empowerment.

*Julie Schaller-Schmidt*



## FOOTPRINT



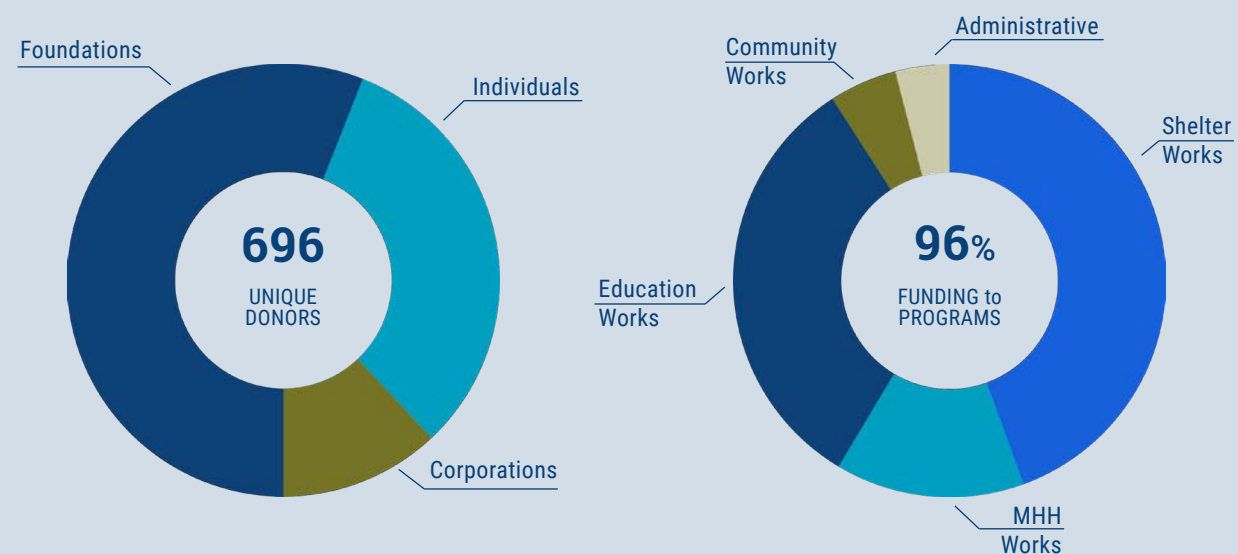
### MAP LEGEND

- 📍 Shelter Works
- 📍 MHH Works Distributions
- 📍 Education Works School Partners
- 📍 Community Works Forums

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Donations: \$1,218,851

Expense: \$1,239,959



**Note:** These financial figures are not yet audited. Adjustments may occur as a result of any audit adjustments. Kenya Works is audited by Erickson & Associates, S.C.



**JAMES'** trauma hid in the shadows of abandonment and his mother's incarceration. His healing is unfolding within the nurturing walls of the Kenya Works child protection center, Miale ya Tumaini.

Upon arrival, James and his sisters were introduced to the other children who sang them a welcome song—a tradition in the center. The contrast between their past sorrows and the center's welcoming embrace marked the beginning of a new chapter.

Counseling was challenging for James. His patient therapist designed many approaches, from talk therapy, writing letters and physical engagements.

A breakthrough moment came when James began drawing the faces of other children and staff at the

center. His drawings became a source of smiles and laughter—and the beginning of his healing journey.

Art therapy offered James a mirror reflecting the depth of his own emotions enabling him to navigate the complexities of his feelings with newfound clarity. His progress was evident when he confidently showcased his artwork at a national forum, sharing his story with attendees from other countries.

James' journey from silence to expression underscores the vital role of counseling in helping children reclaim their voices and dreams. At our child protection center, each child receives the best of heart and home with mental health, physical health, education supports and family reintegration in addition to basic needs. Here, children can heal from past traumas, build resilience and thrive.

**47,359**  
Nights of Shelter

**791,864**  
Plates of Food

**4,009**  
Counseling Hours

**357**  
Children Reintegrated



**SHELTER WORKS**



**MHH WORKS**



**29,500**  
Pad Kits Distributed

**41,256**  
Youth Trained

**6,500**  
Boxers for Boys

**40**  
Production Staff Employed

**AKIRU'S** family could not afford menstrual products. Like many girls in Turkana, she regularly sat on a heap of sand for entire days while menstruating. Protecting herself from leaks and stains meant risking infections—while enduring discomfort, social isolation and lost school days.

Kenya Works held a Menstrual Health and Hygiene (MHH) distribution and training event bringing Makini Pads and MHH education to Akiru and her classmates.

Akiru was struck by how much autonomy and opportunity this simple yet crucial item gave her. Now she could attend school regularly during her periods and participate in daily activities without fear or discomfort.

Akiru wanted to help others achieve this same freedom. She began advocating for MHH access in her community, educating others on the benefits of sustainable, reusable pads. With long-lasting reusables, girls have the confidence of a quality product throughout the year.

Akiru contacted Kenya Works and urged they return for another MHH event. She saw to it that more girls have the products and education they deserve.

Through Kenya Works, a generation of girls are raising their voices to ensure all have access to MHH basic needs. They are challenging stigmas and changing unacceptable norms, no longer willing to be isolated and left behind because of periods.



# EDUCATION WORKS



**670** Sponsored Students

**191,681** Plates School Lunches

**100%** Graduation Rate

**16,800** Volunteer Hours

I am Bernadette. Growing up, life felt like a dark tunnel, haunted by the specter of alcoholism that plagued our home. Moving from house to house, we never found stability. Hunger was a constant companion and despair was the air we breathed.

This cycle seemed endless until I was granted a sponsorship to VICODEC primary school after sharing my story with a social worker. This opportunity wasn't just a chance for education—it was a lifeline, a chance to escape the generational poverty that held my family captive and was sure to consume me as well.

At school, I discovered my love for music, finding solace and strength in each note and a voice that transcended my circumstances. I achieved high marks on the national exam after primary school, opening another door: admission to my dream high school,

and an effortless continuation with my sponsorship through Kenya Works.

During school breaks, I engaged in Kenya Works "Pay It Forward" program volunteering at the children's shelter. These acts of kindness brought joy to the children and fueled my interest in serving my community in the medical field.

In 2023, I began my studies in Health Records and Information Technology. My journey out of a dark tunnel is more than a personal success story. Now, I stand ready to serve and inspire the next generation from a pathway illuminated with opportunities. This is the promise of sponsoring a student. It doesn't help just one child or family, the change ripples throughout Kenya—and throughout our world.

**CHIEF** Mercy, a formidable leader in her community, stands out for her relentless dedication to justice and social progress. Having served as chief for over a decade, her influence extends beyond maintaining law and order to fostering significant developmental changes that have transformed her community.

When Chief Mercy's office experienced a sharp increase in cases of teen pregnancies, gender-based violence, family land disputes and thefts throughout 2022, she held a community meeting to engage residents in developing remedies.

Early in 2023, the community enlisted Kenya Works to bring its Community Works social change training to Virembé. Kenya Works prepared with a pre-visit to learn more about the issues, then customized a session around their specific needs. The workshop brought together more than 50

community leaders for four days of intensive training. "For me Kenya Works had come at just the right time," Chief Mercy said. "I had just held a community baraza to determine our way forward in dealing with the rampant cases arising."

Post training, the Chief notes they have reduced cases across all areas of concern. She also says the training helped her develop new skills and strategies to drive continued social change.

Chief Mercy has the respect and trust of her community members who see her not just as an enforcer of the law but as a mentor and advocate for their well-being. She continues to inspire and lead with integrity.

Kenya Works was honored to partner with the Chief and her community together building a brighter, more equitable future for all.

**652** Community Leaders Trained in Social Change Tactics for Human Rights

**9/47** Counties Reached Outreach to Remote Locations

**550** Parents Trained Against FGM & Early Marriage Practices

**2,425** Girls Trained Against FGM & Early Marriage Practices



# COMMUNITY WORKS

# TEAM



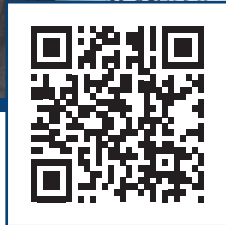
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