

BACK TO SCHOOL



The best way to get involved is to support a child's education - sponsor a child today!



SARAH'S SUMMER TRIP TO KENYA

OUR MISSION

LOVE children
SUPPORT communities
EMPOWER women.

For the first time, since the start of the pandemic, Sarah returned to Kenya to visit sponsored students, families, community leaders, and women groups. Read her words below.

I returned to Kenya after 2 long years away due to COVID. Staying in touch proved difficult during the pandemic. A huge thanks to our full time administrator, Tim who managed to keep us all connected. Finally being able share hugs with the children was priceless.

Reuniting with our sponsored students and their families was a joyful reunion despite recent challenges. I was able to see firsthand the toll of COVID on families and the country as a whole. Families just cant keep up with the costs. Tegemeza is providing educational support, but also importantly focuses on much needed emotional support. For most, just knowing there is someone who cares enough to help gives them hope. The necessities of food, shelter, medical needs and personal hygiene products cannot be understated. There is no point in educational support if a child has no home or is going to school hungry.



As people returned to their dukas (shops) and jobs, and classes resume, I noted a renewed sense of hope in the community. I found time to teach a Financial Literacy workshops for the caregivers in the community. Topics included budgeting, saving for emergencies, business planning and family planning. I also had meetings with Mombasa ladies groups listening to their challenges and brainstorming solutions together. We discussed future plans to offer much needed micro financing providing capital to start or grow their small businesses.



SPONSOR A STUDENT IN NEED THIS FALL

Give love, hope and encouragement - change a life with the gift of education

As the rest of the world slowly emerges after COVID, Kenya too is working hard to get back to some semblance of normalcy. Following a recent election, the country is currently adjusting to new leadership. Changes to the structure of the educational system unchanged since 1985, is underway and is affecting performance. Tegemeza is helping with this transition providing students with revision text books, private tutors and other support. Only those students with high grades are offered government university scholarships.

We are happy to report two of our sponsored students this year, Ruth Ivy and Samuel achieved university scholarships. We are also happy to report Mary and Damaris who were sponsored into a hospitality program graduated. Tegemeza assisted them with their CVs, employment search and interviewing skills allowing them to both find employment.

Meet two children currently in need of sponsorship:

BRANDON (AGE:20)



Brandon and Shekina live alone due to an absent mother and unknown father. Tegemeza has been supporting Shekina in boarding school. We are now supporting Brandon with auto mechanic training. Unable to complete high school, we want provide skills training. This supports Tegemeza's motto of a "hand up not a hand out" Our exit plan is designed to remove the reliance on support creating self sufficiency. There is a current shortfall as there are ongoing needs.

NEED: \$50 a month

IDDA (AGE: 11)



We first met Idda on the streets in the Mombasa slums at 5 years old. Thanks to Tegemeza she has been able to go to school and is in Grade 5. She has two older sisters - one who had a baby at only 14 years old. This is all too common for young girls who haven't been able to complete their education due to poverty. We do not want Idda to fall victim to the same fate. Prisca, is a disabled, single mom who struggles to provide for her family. We have experienced a shortfall in expenses and support to the family due to COVID. We need sponsors to ensure continuity of education.

NEED: \$50 a month

Will you be the one to support Brandon, Idda or another child in need?

We believe in providing holistic care to the whole family and community with a long term approach. We need on average 7 sponsors per child at \$50 per month to meet all these obligations.

The lasting effects of COVID lockdowns, inflation, and widespread unemployment, is putting added pressure on Tegemeza resources. We need your help.

Please email admin@TEGEMEZA.org or visit www.tegemeza.org/donate to change a life forever.



EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHT

Education as a human right is changing the world - one student at a time.

September 8th was *World Literacy Day* across the globe which highlights the importance of literacy not only to individuals but communities as a whole.

Did you know that about 775 million people are still illiterate? Two thirds of that number are women. Several studies show a strong correlation between literacy rates and the levels of severe poverty in different counties.

Education is the best way to support the futures of these young men, women and children encouraging and empowering them to be confident individuals.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Do you want to meet your sponsored student? Visit the schools? Experience Kenya? In our next issue we will be discussing the option of joining our next trip. Existing sponsors and new sponsors will be invited.

Will it be you?

If you are able to sponsor the women's micro financing project (\$1,000) please get in touch to obtain more information about this amazing initiative.