

1st quarter 2025 Newsletter



Here's what has happened in the 1st quarter of 2025 and what's to come!

Welcome to our 1st quarter newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who have continued to support us. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs running smoothly and effectively.

As we wrap up the first quarter of the year, we're excited to share the incredible activities and milestones we've achieved, thanks to your unwavering support. This quarter has been filled with meaningful progress, community-driven initiatives, and impactful collaborations. From providing essential resources to local schools to empowering vulnerable communities, we've made great strides toward creating lasting change.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors and donors. Your commitment to our mission has enabled us to carry out these programs successfully, and for that, we are deeply grateful. As you read through this newsletter, we hope you'll feel proud of the positive impact we've made together. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey — we look forward to continuing our work and making even more progress in the upcoming months.

Enjoy this 1st quarter newsletter!

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School updates(Vocational Training College)

ARC Vocational Training Centre (VTC) was inaugurated in 2017, initially serving as an educational institution for Child Care to support children under its guardianship who were unable to continue their education in conventional schools. Subsequently, Arc VTC expanded its curriculum to include diverse vocational training programs such as Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Dressmaking and Fashion Design, Carpentry and Joinery, Electrical Installation and Solar PV, and, more recently, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy and supportive curriculum including guidance and counselling, entrepreneurship and leap learning.

The primary objective of establishing Arc VTC was to provide vocational training to underprivileged youth within the community, thereby contributing to poverty alleviation. Through specialized training programs, Arc VTC aims to equip young men and women with practical skills and knowledge, fostering economic empowerment and self-reliance.



Ajira program

We had a two-day Ajira Digital training program, a government-sponsored initiative to empower our students to embark on their journey toward dignified work through digital and digitally enabled opportunities for earning.

The key pillars of the program are to enable youths to have access to dignified work, infrastructure, training, and mentorship.

The program covers 5 programs across the supply, demand, and linkage aspects of the jobs ecosystem.



Student beneficiaries

We would like to extend a big thank you to our donors who have consistently supported a lot of our students in the VTC with basic essentials such as school fees, medical bills, and many more.

This initiative has helped the students a lot in continuing with their studies to pursue their careers in the various fields they are pursuing.

The students are really happy and grateful for the opportunities given to them.

Child protection and childcare



Sanitary giveaway

we donated another batch of reusable sanitary towels to Powo Primary and Saradidi Primary Schools. This will ensure that more girls have access to a sustainable, cost-effective solution for managing their menstrual health. We also conducted a hands-on training session to teach the students how to properly clean, maintain, and store their reusable towels.



Child care programs

Through the childcare program, a lot of children can benefit through feeding programs, life skill programs on Saturday, children paid school fees and medical fees in school, helping members of the community, and many more.



Teacher's training

This was a two-day training with class teachers of Grade 6 and 9 students from primary and junior schools in Rarieda Sub County. The main topics covered were Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA) and Child-Friendly Schools. The training aims to equip teachers with crucial knowledge about children's issues, ensuring they are well-prepared to support and protect students in their care.



Water tanks to schools

We had installations of water tanks and Polypot water stations at Aduoyo Primary School, Nyakasumbi Primary School, and Wangu Primary School. This project is designed to provide reliable access to clean water for students, promoting better health, hygiene, and a better learning environment for all.

A Few Notes To Remember

- Sanitary towels benefited 90 vulnerable girls in 2 primary schools.
 - Water tanks and poly pots initiative benefited a total of 1186 learners in 3 schools.
 - Teachers' training benefited 29 teachers from 15 primary schools in Rarieda sub county
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Social enterprise:

Agriculture, Carpentry production and Guest housing



Introduction of new caretakers

Through the Agriculture and Childcare Department, we conducted Agricultural training for our caretakers from 10 villages, 8 of which are from North Sakwa and 2 from North Ramba. The meeting aimed to train them on modern techniques to enhance food security.

Carpentry production

our state-of-the-art carpentry workshop is equipped with advanced machinery. This setup facilitates both mass production, for cost efficiency, and custom-made products, catering to a wide range of customer needs. Our workshop is staffed by highly skilled craftsmen with extensive experience, ensuring our products meet international quality standards.



Guest house

Nestled in the tranquil environs of Majiwa Village, Siaya County, Bondo Sub County, our guest house offers a peaceful retreat from urban hustle, providing an ideal setting for study, relaxation, and experiencing the rural lifestyle. We are committed to delivering culinary excellence, with our dishes prepared to international standards by skilled chefs in a pristine environment and served with professionalism by our dedicated staff.



International guests visit to ARC

Through the guest house, we were able to host various groups from Norway which were: Gimlekolem(NLA), a group of donors from SANA fondet and finally Paul and Drangslund family. They had a really good experience during their stay at ARC center, got to visit various places around the community and interact with the locals.

A Few Notes To Remember

- The guest house hosted a 2-day teachers' training under child protection, hosted a group of 29 students from Gimlekolem(NLA) from Norway, hosted a group of 18 donors from SANA fondet and finally, Paul Drangslund family.
 - We created a new facebook page for carpentry production in order to boost sales of the products made in our workshop (ARC furniture and carpentry production)
 - Through Agriculture we gave out farm inputs Maize 2kg one packet and 25kg of DAP fertilizer.
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Stories of impact: This story is about how a family of 10 went from homelessness to back on their feet.

In 2022, four-year-old Daniel Omondi was admitted to our childcare program following the tragic loss of his mother. His family, already facing poverty, found themselves in an even more desperate situation. Without a home of their own, they had nowhere safe to stay.

Daniel's family, consisting of ten members, lived in a small, dilapidated mud house. The structure was fragile, with walls that could hardly withstand the wind and a leaking roof that made rainy nights unbearable. Inside, there was no furniture and no proper bedding—only a cold, hard floor where the children slept at night, using their worn-out clothes as makeshift mattresses and blankets.

Then, a life-changing moment arrived. A group of visitors from Norway, known as African Women-Norway, came to see Daniel's family. What they witnessed was heartbreaking. They saw the children huddled together on the bare floor, lacking even the most basic necessities of life. Their hearts were filled with compassion, and they knew they had to take action.

Without hesitation, African Women-Norway made a remarkable decision—to build a new semi-permanent house for Daniel's family. A place they could call home, one that would protect them from the harsh weather and give them the dignity they deserved.

Construction began, and hope started to grow. The family watched in amazement as the walls took shape, stronger and safer than anything they had known before. The new house, though simple, was a huge transformation for them. No longer would they have to sleep on the bare ground. They no longer feared the cold nights or the rain pouring through a broken roof. When the house was completed, Daniel's life changed forever. He and his siblings finally had a warm, secure place to sleep. Their laughter filled their new home, a sound that had been missing for too long. The stability of a proper shelter gave Daniel the foundation he needed to grow, learn, and thrive.

Today, Daniel is flourishing in our childcare program. He has a chance at a better future with a safe home and a loving community around him. Thanks to the generosity of African Women-Norway, his story is no longer one of struggle, but of hope, resilience, and transformation.

This is the impact of kindness. This is the power of giving. And this is just the beginning of Daniel's new journey toward a brighter tomorrow.



The old house and the new house

Thank you for reading!