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Here's what has happened in the 2nd quarter of 2025

Welcome to our 2nd quarter newsletter! We are delighted to share with you the latest updates on 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 second 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 marked by significant 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 2nd quarter newsletter!

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School updates (Vocational Training College)

Leap holiday training

We conducted leap holiday training through our leap learning program where our main focus is on helping our learners improve their reading, writing, and numeracy skills. Additionally, at Leap Learning, we emphasize an individual-based approach and encourage critical thinking when solving puzzles.



VTC curriculum

From completing challenging coursework to developing practical skills, our students have made remarkable progress this term. We prepared 5 students to sit for the external examinations in April.



ICT course completion

Seven of our students have successfully completed their Computer Studies course and are now in the final stages of their academic journey. The students sat for their final exams in MS Publisher and Keyboarding, demonstrating the valuable skills they've developed throughout the program. Upon successful completion, each student was awarded an authentic Certificate and Transcript as a testament to their hard work and achievements.



Communication and entrepreneurship

VTC students were successfully taken through training and assessment in communication and entrepreneurship skills.



Child safeguarding

Home visits

Through the ARC Child Safeguarding Program, we addressed cases of children in the community who were not attending school. We provided counseling to both the children and their parents, emphasizing the importance of education and encouraging parental initiatives to ensure that learners attend school. This effort aims to foster a better future for both the children and their families as a whole.

World Environment Day

we joined hands with the vibrant community of Majiwa Primary School to celebrate World Environment Day. In the spirit of this year's theme, we donated seeds, clean drinking water, and tree seedlings to the school. Together with the students and teachers, we rolled up our sleeves and planted trees around the school compound—a simple yet powerful act of nurturing the environment and investing in the future. The joy on the children's faces as they planted each tree was a reminder that small actions, when shared, create big change. We're proud to have played a part in growing a greener, healthier world—starting right here at Majiwa.

Parent sensitization

we had the opportunity to engage with the parents of learners at Wangu Primary School through the ARC child protection program in an important session focused on:

Child Protection – Ensuring our children's safety and well-being at home and in school

Parental Responsibilities – Strengthening the role of parents in both academic and personal development
Water and Sanitation – Promoting healthy hygiene practices for a better learning environment

Guidance and counselling

Through our Child Safeguarding Department, we offer Guidance and Counselling sessions to support our students' emotional and behavioral development where key topics of discussion are: Coping with anger in healthy ways, understanding and addressing verbal abuse and helping students recognize the importance of proper behavior at school and at home. These sessions are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment for all our learners.

School training

we conducted a school training session at Powo Primary School through our ARC Child Protection Program.

The main topics of discussion were:

Self-Protection and

Children's Rights and Responsibilities

It was an interactive and insightful session to empower children with the knowledge they need to stay safe and understand their rights.



Child care

skills program

To further support the development of practical life skills, the program engages children in a variety of activities within Arc, such as tailoring and dressmaking, carpentry, crochet, cooking, agriculture, information and communication technology (ICT), and leap learning. These activities are designed to enhance their learning capabilities from a young age.

Education support

Sponsored children across primary, secondary, and higher learning institutions. Conducted school follow-ups to ensure timely payment of levies, monitor academic performance, and address disciplinary cases. Enrolled children with learning challenges in the Leap Lab program for skill improvement.

Feeding program

All enrolled children benefit from quality medical care and a nutritional programme that includes communal feeding sessions every Saturday, fostering a sense of belonging within the ARC family. For those requiring specialised care, such as HIV treatment or nutritional support for malnourishment, the programme offers monthly distributions of enhanced porridge flour and balanced diets on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Guidance and counselling

The programme provides comprehensive career guidance and counselling to all participating children, assisting them in selecting career paths that align with their individual abilities and interests. This support is augmented through continuous follow-ups in both educational and home settings, ensuring academic progress and addressing any challenges faced, with the collaboration of teachers from various schools.

Field visits

In collaboration with the documentation department, we traveled to Kisumu to interview two of our beneficiaries. Our goal was to understand how they have transitioned from receiving support in the program to becoming independent and successfully running their own businesses, thereby supporting themselves and their families.



Social enterprise:

Agriculture, carpentry production, and guest housing

Sunflower oil-making machine

We also cultivate sunflowers and encourages community participation in this venture as a means of generating income. To support this initiative, ARC has invested in a sunflower mill for oil extraction from sunflower seeds, with the resulting product being utilized internally and sold to customers.

Caretakers' farming

Through our Agriculture Department, we had the opportunity to visit several of our caretakers' farms to check on the progress of their maize plantations. It was inspiring to see firsthand the hard work, dedication, and commitment our caretakers are putting into their fields. The maize is coming along beautifully, and we're optimistic about a strong harvest season ahead. These visits help us stay connected with the people on the ground and ensure that we're supporting them every step of the way.

Carpentry production

In partnership with the documentation department, we had the opportunity to visit various hardware and construction sites in Kisumu and Bondo in order to market our products at our workshop. We also managed to create various products made to order, such as beds, tables, and many more.

Poultry farming

We are thrilled to announce that we will be receiving day-old chicks next quarter, which will significantly enhance our poultry farming efforts. The anticipation is truly exciting!

Guest housing

In the guest housing, we continued our usual practice of providing food services to staff, students, and visitors at the SANA cafeteria.

Harvest season

During the harvest season, which coincided with this quarter, we successfully gathered a substantial quantity of beans from our farms.





Story of impact: This is a story about a blind father who has to do all he can to take care of his family

In 2022, five-year-old Simon Peter was quietly admitted into ARC's Child Care Program after a devastating loss—his mother passed away, leaving him in the care of his father, Kennedy Omondi Jarona, who is both blind and vulnerable. Kennedy, struggling with his disability, suddenly became the sole provider for Simon and his three siblings. As the eldest sibling took on responsibilities far beyond their years, the family's hardship deepened. Living in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions, they all contracted scabies—a preventable yet painful illness that highlighted the urgency of ARC's support. That's when ARC stepped in. Through its established ARC Child Care Program—a longstanding initiative providing education, nutrition, and healthcare to vulnerable children—our team quickly enrolled the family. Recognizing that temporary fixes would not suffice, ARC mobilized comprehensive support to address their critical needs. A team from Norway—donors affectionately known as “the African Women”—visited our center and was deeply moved by Kennedy's story. They promptly committed to supporting the family through multiple interventions: - Providing essential bedding to reduce overcrowding and prevent further skin infections - Supplying school essentials, including sturdy shoes and sports gear for each child, so they could attend school with dignity - Offering feeding support to ensure nutritious meals for six months—with ongoing assistance to this day. These efforts did more than treat symptoms—they restored hope, stability, and dignity to Simon's family. Simon, once distracted and suffering, now thrives in school and plays freely, healthy and happy. His siblings, supported and fed, have brighter futures ahead. Kennedy, despite being blind, now smiles with relief knowing his children are cared for. Simon's transformation continues. With ongoing support from ARC—backed by compassionate donors—the family is rebuilding their lives. Each child is now enrolled in school, receiving regular meals, and living in cleaner, safer conditions.



Thank you for reading!