



IMPACT REPORT

A summary of our achievements in empowering vulnerable children through education and community development

2011-2023



ABOUT US

Hello and a very warm welcome to School4Life! We are Agnes Ellis and Dr. Astrid Benker, also known as "The Africa Twins." We fell head over heels for the amazing people of Kenya, and we're sure that you will too! That's why we started School4Life, a Swiss charitable association, back in 2011. Our hearts are all in when it comes to helping the vulnerable kids of rural Kenya. We have one goal in mind: **empowering underprivileged children with the learning opportunities they deserve.** We want to make a real difference in their lives, and that's why all funds raised go 100 percent to our projects, as all administration costs are born by the board members. Our goal is to break the cycle of poverty by giving them a chance to succeed academically and to thrive overall. With your support, we can make it happen. **Together, let's shape a brighter future through education and the unwavering spirit of compassion!**



OUR VISION

To eradicate poverty in rural Kenya by offering free, quality education and enable local communities to operate independently

OUR MISSION

Empowering vulnerable communities through education, economic growth and sustainable projects, catalysing long-lasting impactful change



12 YEARS OF IMPACT:

2.5Mil+

CHF in donations collected with 100% reaching the rural communities

1000+

School children educated

5

Schools built (2 Kindergarten, 1 Primary, 1 Secondary, 1 school for kids with disabilities)

2

Orphanages built homes for 60 orphans

100+

Local jobs created

3Mil+

Free school meals distributed

100+

Leavers (post school) beneficiaries supported

350+

Volunteers onsite



FIRST PROGRAM: COMMUNITY BREAKTHROUGH SUPPORT MISSION (CBSM) KIMILILI

In 2011, School4Life started with its first project in Kimilili, Northern Kenya, transforming a struggling rural school into a thriving educational center for vulnerable children. Building up and providing free education from kindergarten to Secondary level, School4Life offered education to around 800 pupils. Furthermore, School4Life opened the first Special Needs School of the region to cater for children with mental or physical disabilities – a unique opportunity for the most vulnerable members.

By building up required infrastructure, providing a safe and free learning environment, offering employment opportunities and adding health campaigns, School4Life transformed the community holistically, alleviating poverty and leading the community towards a brighter future. The project has been handed over to the local community in 2020, continuing the successful journey it began.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN

School4Life's Kindergarten was built to serve 150 children aged 3–5. Our goal is to ensure that our youngest community members are cognitively, socially, and emotionally ready to begin primary school.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

School4Life's Primary School serves around 200 students aged 6-12. From Grade One to Grade Six, our students have embraced the joy of learning, preparing them to participate in the social, political, and economic wellbeing of the country.



SECONDARY SCHOOL

School4Life's Secondary School begins around the age of 12 and lasts for six years. Around 450 children receive the benefit of higher education, preparing them for a successful life within their communities.

ORPHANAGE HOMES

School4Life built and supported the Children's Home in Kimilili, providing a secure environment for 60 children aged 3-17 including water access, electricity and care.



SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL

The School4Life Special Needs School was built in 2016, integrating the Special Needs Section with the Kindergarten. Specially trained teachers provide personalized care, offering academic and life skills training to 30 children with disabilities.



HEALTH CAMPAIGNS

To improve overall health of the community, School4Life conducted health campaigns including Anti-Jigger, HIV/AIDS, environmental awareness, oral hygiene, and clean drinking water.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

LEAVERS PROGRAM

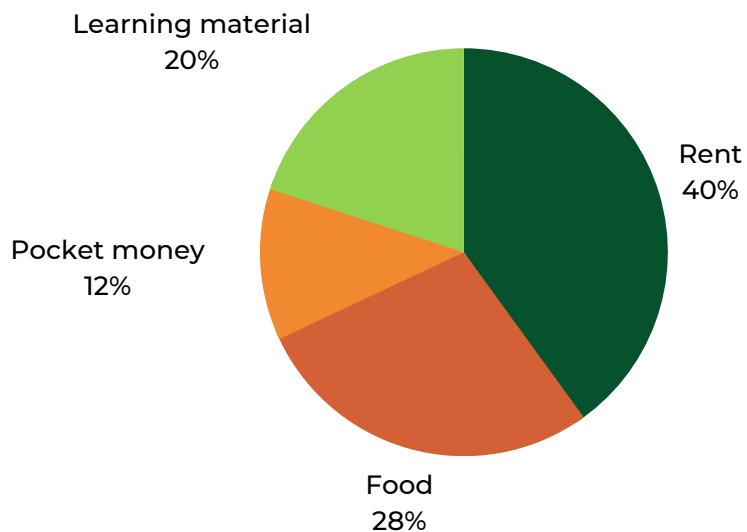
After completing their 12-year school journey, graduates face several opportunities for higher education. While some qualify for universities, others opt for technical or vocational colleges, yet, socio-economic barriers often hinder rural students. To address this, School4Life's introduced the Leavers' Programme in 2017, offering sponsorships to underprivileged children.

School4Life offers two different paths for tertiary education:

1) **University:** if the students qualify, we offer a monthly sponsorship including university school fees, accommodation, learning material, food and pocket money.

2) **Technical colleges:** students may choose technical or vocational colleges, specializing in fields such as Business Education, Nursing, Teacher Training, Computer Studies or Engineering.

WHICH EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY THE LEAVERS PROGRAM?



250 CHF
per month
sponsors a student
in our
Leavers Program

3K CHF
covers the
yearly cost per
student, ensuring a
brighter future



ONGOING PROGRAMS

40

leavers
are currently pursuing
their career
aspirations

120K CHF

is the
yearly running cost
of the
Leavers Program

100+

beneficiaries have
gone through the
program since its
inception

TESTIMONIES SHARED BY OUR BENEFICIARIES:



In 2017, Dennis Sikuku became the first student from our school to go to college at Moi University. This made everyone in the Kimilili community very proud. Dennis was really grateful for the chance he got and promised to work hard in his studies. He also wants to become a teacher one day and inspire other kids to do well in school and follow their dreams.

In 2023, Dennis has started his Master after successfully completing his Bachelor. In two years, Dennis will enter the job market with many opportunities to succeed.



Since 2008, Clementine Nyiraneza has been receiving ongoing support from School4Life, which has helped her immensely in her education and pursuit of her dreams. Clementine has a strong passion for Culinary Arts, and her chosen field of study reflects her deep love for the world of fine food. With unwavering determination, she completed her education as a chef in June 2023.

Clemy, as her friends call her, is now ready to enter the job market.



Since 2018, School4Life has been a vital support for Barak Alhady Checheya, who is studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health at Chuka University in Kenya. Despite facing challenges as a half orphan after his father passed away, Barak has a strong ambition to become a Public Health Officer and work towards preventing, protecting, and promoting health. He dreams of giving back to his supportive community and continuing his academic journey.



NEW PROJECT: MATSARIGI CBO

With the handover of our first project (Kimilili Project) to the local community, we started our next mission in Kilifi county: MatsaRigi in 2020. Our dedication to empowering vulnerable children and communities remains strong as we strive to provide them with essential resources and opportunities to grow.

We started the journey by building a **kindergarten** for 100 pupils, enabling the youngest of the community to start the journey to excellence. A well-equipped kitchen, toilets, and a spacious dining hall to support the free meal programs rounded up the first batch of construction.

Our vision is to offer the complete learning path to our children as well as supporting with sustainable projects to secure the funding of the school, paving the way for a brighter and prosperous future for all involved.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

IMPACT IN MATSARIGI

So far MatsaRigi has had a significant impact on the lives of over 100 children, providing them with access to quality education, improved well-being, and increased opportunities for growth. Additionally, the project has played a vital role in creating job opportunities within the community, empowering individuals and contributing to the overall socio-economic development of the region.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:

Substantial progress has been made in infrastructure development at MatsaRigi. The construction of two vibrant classrooms has provided an enriched learning environment for students, fostering a conducive atmosphere for academic growth.



ESSENTIAL FACILITIES:

Essential facilities such as a well-equipped kitchen, toilets and a spacious dining hall have been established. These facilities support the provision of nutritious meals, promoting student well-being and ensuring that basic needs are met.



SUSTAINABLE FARMING INITIATIVES:

7.5 acres of land have been bought and dedicated to sustainable farming projects, fostering agricultural practices that promote self-sufficiency and community empowerment.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

Over 1600 trees, including shade trees and papaya trees, have been planted. This commitment to environmental conservation aims to create a greener ecosystem, promote biodiversity, and contribute to a sustainable future.



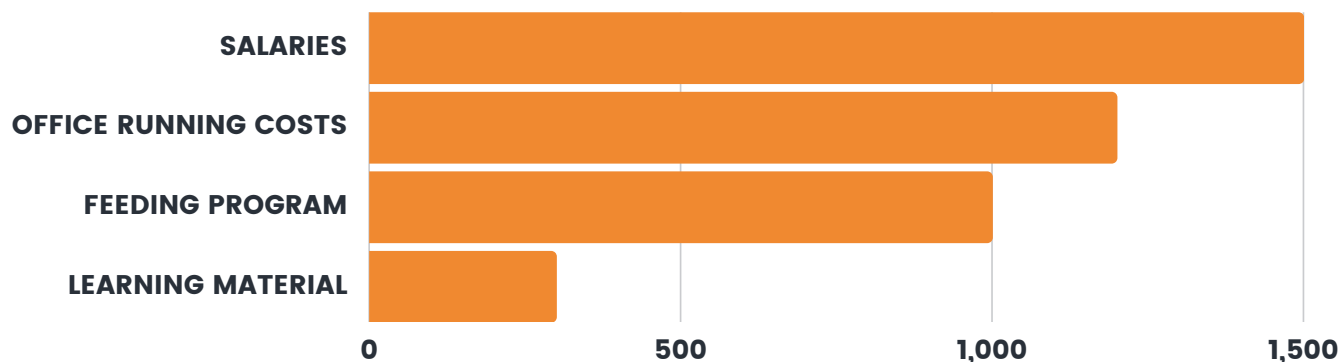
ACCESS TO RESOURCES:

Installation of 4 power plants has brought electricity to the community, opening up new possibilities for growth and development. Additionally, we connected water pipelines, providing an initial (unfortunately unsteady) supply for the community.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

MATSARIGI RUNNING COSTS

To ensure the smooth running of the kindergarten a monthly budget of CHF 4000 is needed. This includes salaries for key personnel like teachers, cooks and guards. They are the heart of our day-to-day life at school. A significant portion of the budget is allocated to the feeding program, providing nutritious meals to the children like porridge in the morning and a plate of hot food over lunch. On average this is as little as 0.50 cents per plate, a total of 10 CHF per child and month. Office running costs like electricity, water, transportation and office cost as well as education-related expenses such as learning materials are also covered. The school currently creates ten regular jobs to the local community, ensuring that our children are well looked after on their way to a brighter future.



4k

CHF per month will cover the basic needs of the project

10+

staff are currently employed on a monthly salary

48k

CHF per year are the running costs of the Kindergarten

100+

needy children are pursuing education

NEXT STEPS:



PRIMARY SCHOOL:

To continue education, we need a primary school including:

- 6 classrooms: 50k CHF
- Toilets: 25k CHF
- Kitchen: 20k CHF
- Admin: 40k CHF

135K

for 6 classrooms
hosting 300 kids



SECONDARY SCHOOL:

To open a secondary school, the following is required:

- 6 classrooms: 50k CHF
- Toilets: 25k CHF
- Admin: 40k CHF

115K

for 6 classrooms
hosting 300 kids



SUSTAINABLE FARMING:

Harvesting our papaya project, ensures a constant source of vitamin C and serves as an opportunity to support the school's initiatives.

12K

1600 papaya trees
with water irrigation
system



WATER BOREHOLE:

Installing a borehole to secure permanent access to water is crucial for our farming projects and the overall well-being of the community.

44K

includes drilling,
analysis of water,
desalination etc.



CHICKEN FARM:

To generate sustainable income to maintain the school running cost, a free ranged chicken farm will be opened.

65K

Infrastructure,
starter kit with
poultry chicks,
labour, food etc.



SOLAR PANELS

With the goal of promoting energy efficiency and reducing our carbon footprint, we are actively working towards the installation of solar panels.

19K

includes starter kit
and installation

MEET OUR SUPER TEAM



Agnes Ellis
Co-Founder and Board Member



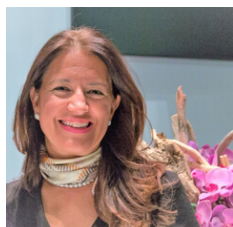
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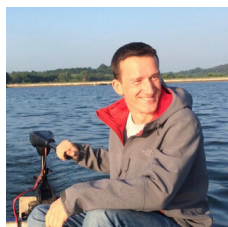
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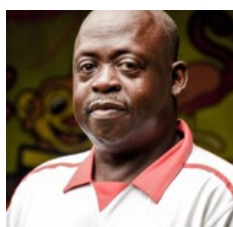
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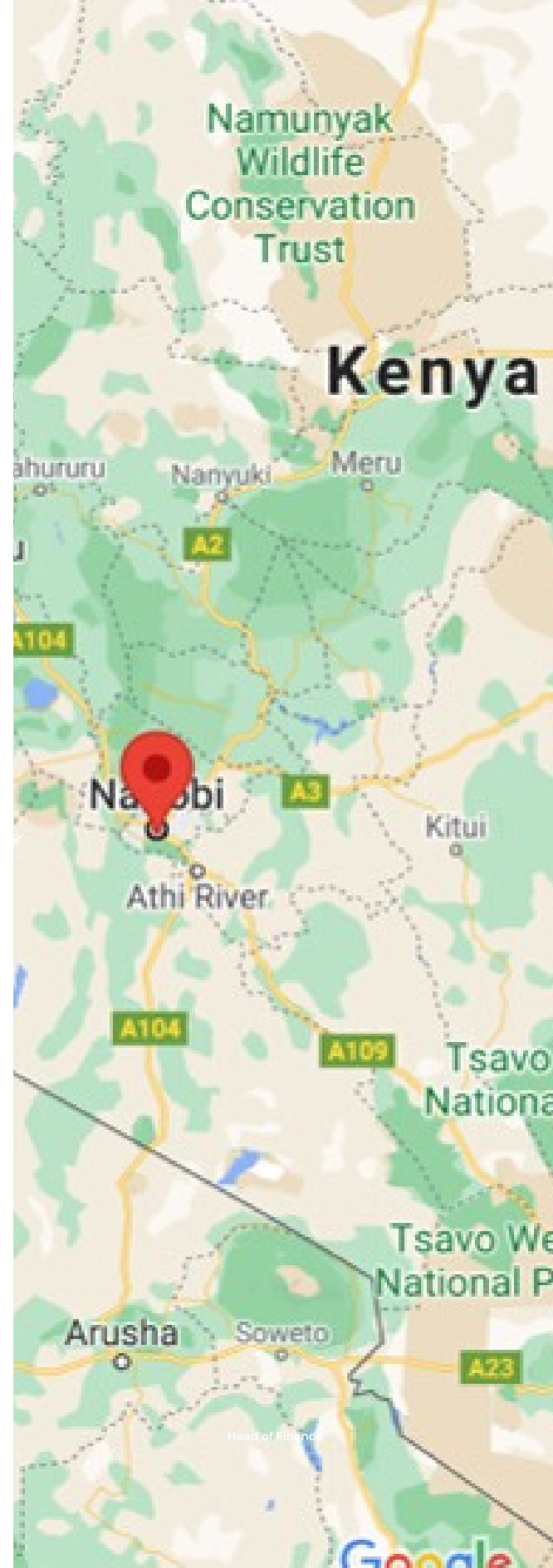
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THANK YOU



We warmly invite you to connect with us at School4Life. Whether you have a question, feedback to share, or a special request, our dedicated team is here to assist you every step of the way. Join us in creating a lasting legacy of education, empowerment, and change. **Together, let's illuminate the path towards a brighter future for these deserving children.**



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