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THE DIRECTOR'S Welcoming Remarks

Consola Norberts

Ladies and Gentlemen,
This year marks a significant milestone in our journey as we celebrate the 18th anniversary of The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust Kenya and our 13th graduation ceremony. We are also commemorating the exit of our major partner, The Mango Tree Orphan Support Programme UK, after 20 remarkable years of service to orphans in Kenya, Tanzania, and Malawi.

As we reflect on our journey, we are reminded of the countless lives transformed through our efforts. Our many graduates stand as testament to the power of education, community, and unwavering support. They embody the hope and resilience that define our mission.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to The Mango Tree Orphan Support Programme UK. Your dedication and

support over the past two decades have been instrumental in realizing our vision. You have helped us nurture dreams, restore dignity, and empower communities. Though you are closing this chapter, your legacy will continue to inspire and drive us forward.

Our success is built on collaboration and community-based interventions. We have cultivated strong partnerships, developed sustainable programs, and fostered a network of alumni who mentor and guide the next generation. Our holistic approach ensures that vulnerable children not only receive education but also thrive in safe and supportive environments.



We are thrilled to announce our new partnerships with Kids Club Kampala, ITSA Digital Trust, Miracle Foundation, The Department of Children Services, International Coalition for Girls Schools, CIB, and HOSDET. We announce our official entry into Kisumu and Kilifi Counties. These collaborations will enhance our capacity to serve our communities and expand our impact.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our other partners, including World Youth International, B1G1, LVTC Health, KCB Foundation, Kapu Africa, and APDK Mombasa. We appreciate the County Government of Homabay and all government line ministries who have worked with us, supported our work and appreciated our efforts in transforming lives. Your continued support and commitment are invaluable to our mission.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission. We will continue to innovate, expand, and adapt to meet the evolving needs of our communities for the sake of our children. Together, we will build a brighter future for every child under our care, only through communities. Thank you for your unwavering support. Let us celebrate our achievements and look forward to many more years of transforming lives. Warm regards,



Consolata Norberts

Co-Founder and Director
The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust
Kenya



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OUR JOURNEY



The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust Kenya (TMTK) is a unique initiative born out of a university student-led project. It was created in response to a critical research question: “What is the best model for orphan care in Africa, considering scarce resources, the magnitude of the problem, and the rich culture of the African people?” Established in 2006 in Homa Bay County, TMTK represents a conscious departure from institutional care for vulnerable children. Instead, it embraces a community-based approach, empowering local communities to take responsibility for their orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs).

Supported by William Fulton and other dedicated individuals, TMTK has grown into a holistic program that addresses the educational, health, and livelihood needs of orphans and HIV/AIDS-affected families. The project evolved into a sustainable model that leverages African traditions and extensive research in Kenya, Tanzania, and Malawi. Today, TMTK remains focused on empowering communities, ensuring that children not only survive but thrive in safe and healthy environments.



BACKGROUND

The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust Kenya (TMTK) was established with the goal of providing community-based support to orphans and families affected by HIV/AIDS in Homa Bay County. The region, situated along the shores of Lake Victoria, was severely impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, leaving thousands of children orphaned. TMTK envisions a thriving child in a safe community and a healthy environment, striving to achieve this through its mission of facilitating mechanisms that guarantee children's safety, growth, and development.





MEET OUR TEAM



Consolata Norbert
Co-Founder & Director



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Project Coordinator -
VUKISHA 95





VISION AND MISSION

GOAL

To improve the immediate condition and future prospects of the orphans and vulnerable children through the village-based programs that are developed within the traditional systems and are sustainable.



VISION

A thriving child in a safe community and a healthy environment

MISSION

To facilitate mechanisms that guarantee children's safety, growth and development in safe communities and healthy environments through capacity building to all.



OUR MODEL

Community-Based Approach

TMTK operates through a partnership model, Human-Centered Design, and Co-Creation

models, which empower local communities to take charge of their situations. The organization is governed by a Board of Trustees (BoT) with diverse expertise that collectively contributes to TMTK's growth. The Chief Executive Officer, supported by a team of 20 staff members and 175 village volunteers, leads the organization's efforts on the ground.



Strategic Plan Overview

TMTK's strategic plan for the next five years is centered around four key pillars:

1. TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:

Addressing barriers to education, particularly for girls, and responding to recent policy changes that affect access to higher education.

2. HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND WELLBEING:

Focusing on the ongoing impacts of HIV/AIDS and the challenges in accessing adequate healthcare in Homa Bay.

3. ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS:

Providing alternative livelihoods to mitigate environmental destruction caused by economic hardships.

4. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT:

Strengthening governance, building a functional secretariat, and securing resources to ensure TMTK's sustainability



Our Program

Education and Skills for Life:	Girls for the Future:	Sustainable Aquaculture:
Bursaries and extra tuition for orphans and vulnerable children.	Reducing inequality in education and combating gender-based violence.	Empowering women and promoting sustainable resource management.

Community Health:	Sustainable Community:	Environmental Conservation:
HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and WASH programs.	Building household resilience and improving resource management.	Promoting biodiversity, reducing erosion, and enhancing soil conditions.

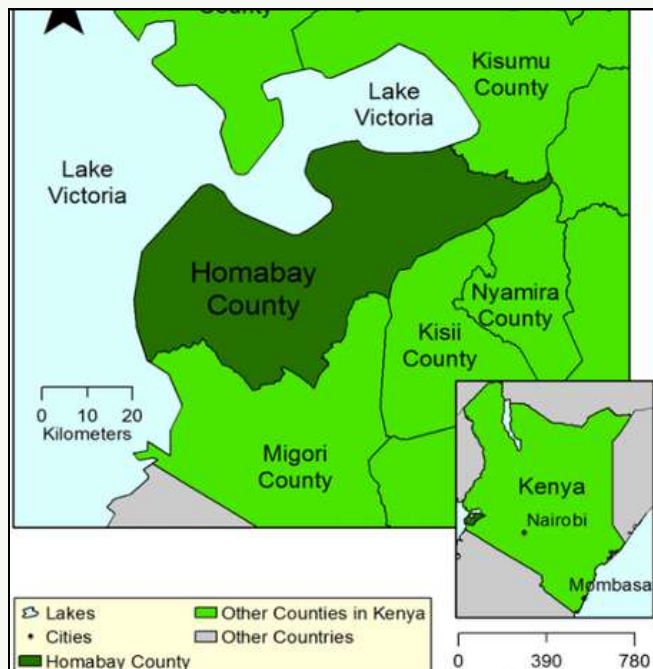
TMTK's journey continues, driven by its mission to empower orphans through community-driven initiatives and sustainable practices.



OUR IMPACT



Since its inception, TMTK has supported over 8,000 orphans and disadvantaged children and their families in Homa Bay County, Kenya. The organization has provided education, school infrastructure, family-based foster care, health and welfare services, HIV awareness and testing, clean water, and climate-smart sustainable agriculture.



As TMTK celebrates 18 years of service, it remains dedicated to its mission of empowering orphans through community-driven initiatives, ensuring that vulnerable children have the opportunity to thrive in a safe and healthy environment.



OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

8,092+

Orphans supported with bursaries for education & life skills training

3,000+

Orphans graduating with diverse industry skills

230+

Girls and young women empowered through life skills apprenticeship training and advocacy

1,692+

Farmers empowered with sustainable climate-smart agricultural skills



1,127+

Women led village based enterprises established through Village Savings & Loaning Associations

100+

Girls and young women protected from gender-based violence

100+

Children with disabilities supported for corrective surgeries enabling their mobility

314,000+

Forest and fruit tree seedlings planted contributing to environmental conservation and community sustainability





OUR PROJECTS

Learning and Skills for Life (LS4L)

The Learning and Skills for Life project has been pivotal in breaking down barriers to education for vulnerable children. Over the past 18 years, the initiative has supported more than 8,000 learners by providing essential resources such as school fee bursaries, uniforms, and books. In addition to promoting school retention and academic success, the project offers workshops and seminars that build critical life skills, including problem-solving, communication, and adaptability, preparing students to face the challenges of modern life.

This holistic approach has empowered beneficiaries not only to excel academically but also to thrive in their personal and professional lives. Over 3000 graduates have pursued successful careers in fields such as medicine, education, engineering, and skilled trades, becoming valuable contributors to their communities. By focusing on both education and personal growth, The Mango Tree has created lasting change for individuals and the communities they serve.





Empowering Rural Women and Girls

"In life, you cannot predict how your destiny will unfold, so girls should take seriously any skills they can acquire to help them in the future. I thank the Mango Tree and their donors for supporting my apprenticeship and enabling me to have a skill that puts food on the table and supports my family,"

Sharon Awuondo
25-year old GFF beneficiary

Girls for the Future (GFF)

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Key to the project's success is its apprenticeship program, which provides young women who dropped out of secondary school with practical skills in beauty therapy, barbering and mentorship.



Over 85% of participants, who receive training through locally based businesses, have successfully reintegrated into their communities, applying their newly learned skills in agribusiness, crafts, and trade. These apprenticeships help retain local



talent, create jobs, and promote self-reliance. Girls who complete the program report increased self-confidence, improved leadership roles within their communities, and enhanced protection from discrimination and violence.



Girls for the Future has also fostered strong support networks among young women, with over 200 cohesive women's groups formed to share resources, advocate for rights, and collaborate on business ventures. These groups, combined with ongoing confidence-building activities and networking opportunities, have solidified the project's long-term impact on gender equality and women's empowerment. As the program continues to expand, it aims to reach even more women, creating a ripple effect that enhances the well-being of families and communities for generations to come.



A smiling woman with braided hair, wearing a blue and white striped V-neck shirt, stands in a papaya orchard. She is holding a large green papaya. The background shows other papaya trees and a blue building.

Community Livelihoods

"I was motivated to work harder because The Mango Tree staff visited me regularly to see how my crops were doing. They advised on how to prevent crop damage from birds and I learnt more about weeding and good water use."

Florence Amuom - TMT Community Volunteer



Our Lives Our Land

Our Lives, Our Land is a pioneering environmental conservation initiative designed to create a sustainable model that benefits both natural ecosystems and local communities. By integrating natural resource conservation with community-driven income-building activities, the project aims to improve livelihoods, enhance biodiversity, and foster collective environmental responsibility.

In partnership with various organizations like the Kenya Forest Services, and Community Forest Associations, The Mango Tree Kenya has implemented activities such as beekeeping, kitchen gardening, and fruit farming to promote economic resilience.



Additionally, the project advocates for smart farming techniques and forest restoration, having successfully distributed over 300,000 trees to schools, government institutions, and private farms.



The Happy Widows Goats Project has had a profound impact on the lives of over 400 widows and their families, providing a sustainable source of income through goat farming. By gifting widows, who are primary caregivers of orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs), a local doe, bred with high-yield exotic buck, the initiative ensures better returns and faster-maturing offspring.



This project has not only enhanced food security and household incomes, but has also created a strong social support network through Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs).

These groups enable participants to save for their children's futures while sharing best practices in goat-rearing. The *"pass on a gift"* model, where the first offspring is given to another widow, has expanded the project's reach, fostering long-term sustainability. Through training and community support, the project has contributed to improving the economic resilience of rural households and strengthening community bonds.

Apiculture (Beekeeping)

Through the introduction of beekeeping, the project has seen a remarkable increase in the bee population, positively influencing

crop pollination and boosting local food production. This has led to improved food security and enhanced nutrition for the community.

In addition, honey, with its recognized health benefits in managing respiratory conditions like coronavirus, has become a valuable resource. With more than 500 bee hives distributed to farmers, an average of 350 kg of honey has been harvested by each farmer generating income and significantly improving their household economic status. This initiative continues to strengthen both community health and livelihoods, contributing to sustainable development.

Beekeeping is environmentally friendly, labor input is minimal and profits can be high"

Wycliffe Achieng,
TMT Community Development Manager





“Former fisherwomen in Homa Bay are being hit hard by the impact of climate change. We are helping to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.”

Wycliffe Achieng

Community Development Officer TMT-K

Aquaculture

TMT-K’s innovative aquaculture project has transformed abandoned sand mines Rachuonyo North, Homa Bay county into productive fish ponds, reversing environmental damage and enhancing local livelihoods. By rehabilitating these degraded areas, the project has directly benefited over 2,200 farmers, providing training, dam liners, fingerlings, feeds and support for initial harvests. The integration of tissue culture banana cultivation alongside the fish ponds has increased food security and diversified income streams for the community.

The project has also helped reclaim over 100 hectares of degraded land, significantly reducing soil erosion and boosting biodiversity, while

creating sustainable economic opportunities for former fishermen and local farmers. Through these efforts, household incomes have risen by an estimated 40%, showcasing the project’s lasting impact on both the environment and the local economy.

“Low fish stocks in Lake Victoria have increased demand for fish and led to fishermen demanding sexual favours from female fish traders”

Consolata Achieng Norbert,
TMT Kenya Director



Acts Against HIV

Towards Elimination

Vukisha 95

Since 2018, The Mango Tree (TMT), in collaboration with partners such as the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) and LVCT Health, has implemented the Timiza 90 and Vukisha 95 OVC programs across Homa Bay, Rangwe, and Rachuonyo Sub-counties. These programs have provided critical support to over 2,500 orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC's) and their families affected by HIV/AIDS. Through a structured case management approach, TMT has worked closely with healthcare facilities to address health, education, and socio-economic challenges, achieving measurable progress in viral load suppression and school performance. The programs have also empowered families by providing income-generating opportunities, access to essential legal documents like birth and death certificates, protection against gender-based violence, and violence



against children, and support for adolescent girls through mentorship and sanitary pack supplies. By fostering community resilience using Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) groups, these initiatives have enhanced the long-term stability of both households and the broader community. With these efforts, the beneficiaries have experienced notable improvements in health outcomes, economic self-sufficiency, and overall well-being, contributing to the region's sustained fight against triple threat of HIV, Gender-Based Violence, and Teenage pregnancies.

The Vukisha 95 project continues to improve the well-being of children, having a huge impact on the health and education of our children,"

Keziah Abeka

TMT Vukisha 95 Coordinator





Health and Wellness for People Living with Disabilities



The Mango Tree Kenya (TMT) has taken significant strides in addressing the plight of children with disabilities, particularly those with mobility, hearing, and visual impairments.

In rural areas like Homa Bay County, where disability prevalence reaches 4.3%, many children with disabilities have been historically neglected due to lack of awareness and resources. In response, TMT is partnering with the Association of People with Disability of Kenya (APDK)-Mombasa to provide life-changing interventions. Children with mobility challenges, such as clubfoot, knocked knees and bowed legs, receive corrective surgeries, restoring their ability to walk, while those with hearing or visual impairments are linked to specialized schools where they gain essential skills like sign language.

Since the program's inception, 156 children have regained their mobility, completed post-surgery rehabilitation, and successfully reintegrated into their families and communities. This initiative has not only improved individual lives but also fostered greater awareness and inclusivity within the community.





The Mango Tree Girls School

In Pursuit of Excellence and Integrity

The Mango Tree Girls School was started in 2022, following its construction which began in 2019, and was built with the vision of providing an academically enriching environment for young girls, one in which they would feel nurtured, supported, and cared for in every aspect of their lives. The school upholds true Christian values, and

strives to deliver not only the best education it can to the young minds of Kenya, but also to teach strength and independence to the girls. The Mango Tree Girls School hopes to create a strong academic environment and community, and already hosts eighty bright minds who are preparing to contribute to Kenyan society.



The School Principal's Message



Established through the vision and support of donors such as Willy, Gail, Pop, and Consolata, The Mango Tree Girls' School has become a beacon of hope and transformation for girls in Kenya.

This unique school model, built on national and international standards, ensures that all students have access to the highest quality education without the burden of additional costs. With everything from academic materials to boarding essentials provided, the environment fosters a culture of trust, discipline, and excellence. Through partnerships with institutions like St. Andrews Turi Kenya and the International Coalition of Girls' Schools, the school provides world-class opportunities for young girls, nurturing their talents and ambitions.

The impact of this school extends beyond academics. With comprehensive mentorship, guidance, and counseling programs, students are given the emotional and psychological support they need to thrive. Through initiatives like family meetings, spiritual talks, and health forums, the school has cultivated a strong community that encourages personal growth, integrity, and leadership. In particular, the school serves vulnerable populations, including teenage mothers, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and learners living with HIV/AIDS.



The tailored support system has empowered over 200 students to develop critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills, preparing them to become visionary leaders in their communities. The school's emphasis on holistic development is reflected in its



success both academically and in extracurricular activities. Ranked second in the sub-county during last term's joint exam and in drama and sports at the sub-county level this year, the school has become a model of educational excellence.

Its commitment to nurturing talent and maintaining a positive, joyful environment – emphasized by the school's motto of "SMILE" (Rule 1 - Smile, Rule 2 - Smile, Rule 3 - Smile forever) – continues to inspire confidence and ambition in its students. With the support of organizations like the KCB Foundation, individual donors, board of management, parents and a dedicated team of teachers, The Mango Tree Girls' School is transforming lives, one student at a time.

Wilkister Orenge

Chief Principal
The Mango Tree Girls School





“As a passionate advocate for girls’ education, I was delighted to officially open TMT’s secondary school for girls - this new project gives me hope for the future for girls and women in education.”

Callista Mutharika
Malawian High Commissioner to Kenya

Kenya's competency-based curriculum.

Situated in the rapidly developing Mawego region of Homa Bay County, this school has become a beacon of hope for families seeking quality foundational education.

Serving 180 pupils from playgroup to junior school, supported by 10 qualified teachers and a dedicated administrator, the school is providing top-tier educational facilities fostering holistic growth through a blend of classroom learning and extracurricular activities. This school equips children with essential skills, contributes to the region’s development, and prepares students for future opportunities.

With 85% of students showing marked improvement in literacy and numeracy, and a growing reputation for excellence, the Mango Tree Comprehensive School stands as a key pillar in community advancement.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Opening of The Mango Tree Comprehensive School

“Education is Life”

In 2024, The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust Kenya expanded its commitment to education by establishing the Mango Tree Comprehensive School, addressing the growing need for specialized skills development introduced through



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to share a series of inspiring stories from our alumni, each highlighting the transformative impact The Mango Tree has had on their diverse journeys. Through these narratives, you'll see how our community has empowered them to overcome challenges, achieve their goals, and embark on new paths.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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The Journey

In the face of desolation in a sleepy village along the shores of Lake Victoria, there emerged a story of hope. The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust painted the blue waters with hues of gold, a true testament that the once little-known corner of the world was about to see light. Whispers of his beacon of hope simmered from the banks of the mighty Sondu Miriu to the lagoons of Simbi. The once dejected faces of widows and widowers

beamed with smiles as children sang with zeal. The story of The Mango Tree is one that cannot be reduced into a single page, it would need volumes of publications. It is tale of resilience, compassion, and the power of education. Charity would be an understatement.

Whenever I take a trip to the village, I sit outside every evening to enjoy watching the red ball dip behind the Lake, the landscape is full of reminiscences from the past, the endurance and the growth. For in the heart of vulnerability, hope takes root and miracles unfold. Today, the organization boasts of thousands of beneficiaries who have been empowered and are self-reliant. Ours is a story of perseverance in the face of destitution, affliction from disease, and norms. As we celebrate 18 years of impact, we remain laser-focused because we know that the future has even better things for us.

Happy birthday to us!
Happy birthday to TMT!!

OTARE OUKO
Medical Lab Scientist
Marie Stopes Kenya





Faith at Virtual Tours Kenya

Orphaned at a tender age, Faith, the eldest of four children from the rural village of Ramba, East Karachuonyo in Homabay County has been supported by TMT since 2008, when she was at primary school. Over the past twelve years, the support provided through our Learning & Skills 4 Life Programme has transformed her life – she is now a confident, university graduate and a teacher.

After graduation, Faith has balanced various jobs, including participating in the government initiative "Kazi Mtaani," joining a gospel band, and working with Able Source Virtual Tours Kenya. By mid-2023, Faith resumed teaching at a school recommended by her church, balancing teaching with her virtual tours side job and performing with the StillBridge Band. She has also supported her siblings and family members with stable housing and education.

Reflecting on her journey, Faith credits The Mango Tree for shaping her life: "All of these achievements have been made possible due to the steadfast support of The Mango Tree organization and the valuable skills acquired during my time under their care. I am profoundly grateful to be considered a member of this supportive community, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Madam Consolata and The Mango Tree family. May divine blessings continue to abound upon you." Despite the challenges of her upbringing, Faith remains optimistic about her future, focusing on her relationship with her partner and hoping for a wedding soon.



Faith with a group of her students (above) and with her siblings (below)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CASE STUDY

From the Village to Aerospace

Mophert Munga, a 25-year-old graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Science from Moi University, is a testament to the life-changing impact of The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust. After losing his father in 2011, Mophert's family of three boys struggled to make ends meet, with his mother as the sole breadwinner. As Mophert approached the secondary school, the financial strain became unbearable, but The Mango Tree stepped in at a critical moment. Enrolled in the program, Mophert was fully sponsored through Oriwo Boys Secondary School, where he excelled academically. Upon completing his secondary education, he gave back to the community through voluntary service as an untrained teacher at Liera Primary School for a full year.



With continued support from The Mango Tree, Mophert joined Moi University to pursue his dream of studying aerospace science. Today, he is developing his career at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport as an intern, working with Kenya Airways in the maintenance department. Reflecting on his journey, Mophert shares, "I thank The Mango Tree Orphan Support Trust for identifying me from my small village and lifting me to where I am today. Without them, my siblings and I would not have gone beyond secondary school. But now, I am a university graduate, courtesy of TMT, and I am forever grateful." His story is a powerful example of how education, mentorship, and support can uplift individuals and their families from poverty to professional success.

"When I came to the village, I started by transforming it by building houses for the people who couldn't do it. People who had no good houses today have decent homes especially in my community."



Jared Odhiambo during a past official function

"As the bible states, you have to start from home, this has pushed me to empower our people through education as a way of giving back to what The Mango Tree enabled me achieve. To this end I want to thank the Director and our donors from UK for the support"

Jared Odhiambo

**Deputy Director Supply Chain Management
Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK)**



Jared Odhiambo (Jamawego) & family

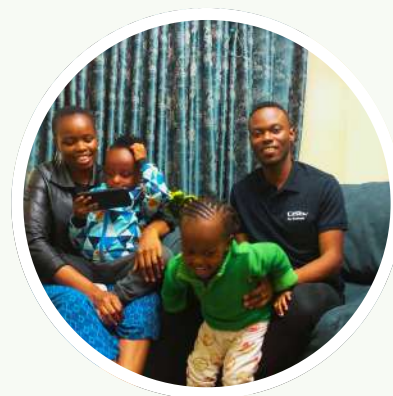
From Orphanhood to Leadership

Orphaned at just 9 years old, Hellen was registered with The Mango Tree in 2010 and placed in a family-based care home, where she received support to complete her secondary education. Volunteering at a foster home for children living with HIV during her community service deeply impacted her, teaching her valuable lessons in confidence and independence. Hellen



went on to pursue a degree in Kiswahili and History at Tangaza University, graduating in 2019. Despite challenges, including family pressure to marry, she secured scholarships and a grant to complete her education. Today, Hellen serves as the deputy headteacher at The Mango Tree Girls School, where she is also in charge of discipline. Reflecting on her journey, she says, "Volunteering at The Mango Tree family-based care home transformed me - I learned how to live and interact with different people. It gave me confidence and independence." Committed to empowering others, she plans to continue teaching and encouraging girls to stay in education, saying, "I plan to teach in Kenya and to encourage girls to stay in education for as long as possible." Hellen's success stands as a testament to the resilience and the life-changing support of The Mango Tree.

"One thing that I learned while at The Mango Tree is issues to do with HIV/AIDs as many individuals, though confidential, would talk about orphans whose parents died from HIV-related complications. This kept ringing in my mind as it was something frequently mentioned during meetings which eventually shaped my relationship life in the fear of getting HIV".



Bonface Otiende & family



Bonface Otiende at work

"I totally appreciate the support accorded to me through the Mango Tree Organization for through it, I have become who I am and from this I have learned the true definition of the African philosophy of Ubuntu - I am because we are."

Bonface Otiende

HR Business Partner Multi-choice Kenya Ltd





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CASE STUDY

Lifesaving Nurse and Midwife



Mother of three, Millicent (36) works as a Midwife and Nurse at Homa Bay Referral Hospital in western Kenya. Originally from Kobuya in Karachuonyo, she was registered for support in 2006 whilst she was at secondary school.

“With no parents to support me, I thought my dream of going to college was lost – until TMT supported me.”

Millicent did well in her secondary school exams and then completed a year of community service as a volunteer teaching assistant at Burlum Community Primary School.



“Volunteering as a teaching assistant was a life-changing experience. I learned about peer-mentoring to support other young disadvantaged girls to stay in education.”

Millicent went on to study nursing and midwifery at Kenya Medical Training Centre, and graduated in 2012. She now works in a specialist ward, treating pregnant women and girls who have complex gynecological issues. She is passionate about her work supporting mothers and babies. Also, she hopes to study a course in Health System Management to enhance her leadership skills, so she can eventually take on a more managerial position in the hospital.

“Graduating from nursing college was a big milestone for me and my community. No one expected to have a nurse in our village. My job is challenging and exciting – I even delivered a baby by the roadside! I feel very proud that I can support not only my three children but also two of my nephews and a cousin to get an education.”





FOSTERING COMMUNITY GROWTH THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Empowering the Community units

The Mango Tree recognizes the critical role village volunteers play in advancing the organization's mission. Comprising over 150 community members, primarily widows and widowers of reputable standing, these volunteers are each assigned to oversee registered orphans within their specific villages and locations. During monthly meetings, held on the last Thursday of each month, they report on the progress of every orphan under their care, as well as on community projects supported by The Mango Tree.

For the past 18 years, recruiting, training, and supporting these local volunteers has been vital to The Mango Tree's successful and sustainable community development efforts. The volunteers have become respected advocates and community leaders. They have benefited from a wide range of training, including safeguarding, bookkeeping, enterprise development, and sustainable agriculture. Many have acquired new skills, returned to education, or even started their own businesses and community projects, further contributing to the growth and resilience of their communities.



Kentice - A village volunteer

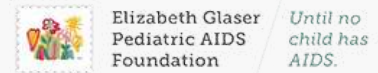
"I am very glad to be an old mama graduating alongside so many young people. My business is now doing well and, having joined the TMT savings and loan scheme, I can access loans and support to help me grow my business."

Kentice graduated in 2022 having undertaken a 6-month apprenticeship course in beauty therapy



THANK YOU

Our donors, partners, alumni and the local community for your unwavering support.





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