



# IMPACT REPORT 2016





During 2016 we have continued to see the Fountains of Hope school grow and support more children, providing a holistic education to the children we serve. Providing a high quality education remains at the heart of what we do, and is also supported by our transition class and community library. As you will read in the rest of this report, we also provide surrounding services such as parenting classes, as we very much want to partner with parents and carers in their task of raising children and young people. We have also been delighted to partner during the year with other organisations and people to help us in this task.

We are very grateful to our staff who work with children and parents on a day to day basis, often dealing with challenging situations. We are also grateful for our supporters and donors in Kenya, the UK, and elsewhere without whom our work would not be possible. Wider economic changes have created some funding challenges for us and many other organisations during the year, but we remain determined to pursue our vision to help the children we serve become the people God made them to be.

**Peter Wichmann**  
Chairman of Directors

We are grateful to God for allowing us to serve more children and families in 2016. Our education programmes are flourishing and we are proud to see our children grow spiritually, socially and academically. We continued to strengthen our relationship with parents through the parenting course and school meetings. The community library played a major role in cementing our relationship with local schools and the wider community in Kibera.

We have added Standard Seven to the Fountains of Hope School and in 2018 we plan to add the final year, becoming a complete primary school offering the full eight years of primary education. With the help of our partners and volunteers, we aim to continue giving our children a holistic education in 2017. We also plan to continue encouraging and equipping parents as they support their children through school.

Once again, we are thankful to our dear supporters and friends in Kenya, the UK and different parts of the world for their continued support, love and prayers.

Lastly, my special appreciation goes to my colleagues who tirelessly and joyfully serve our children and families as we pursue our vision.

**Judy Akoth**  
CEO

## OUR VISION

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Our vision is to see vulnerable families and children living in Nairobi's informal settlements achieve their full God-given potential

## OUR MISSION

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Our mission is to demonstrate God's heart for the poor through programmes that relieve poverty, transform lives and restore hope amongst vulnerable families and children in Nairobi's informal settlements.

## OUR GOALS

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We aim to provide access to quality education through our Kianda Children's Centre, Fountains of Hope School, and Primary and Secondary School support.

We aim to empower parents to start and grow small businesses through interest-free microloans and business training.

We aim to offer children learning resources and opportunities through our community library.

We aim to develop friendships with all the families we work with and demonstrate God's love through practical support.

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# KIANDA CHILDREN'S CENTRE



**26**

children  
returned to  
school in 2016



**44,770**

meals provided



**121**

vulnerable children  
in feeding  
programme

Our Kianda Children's Centre is the entry point for children who are out of school or on the streets. 30 children joined our Prep and Transition classes in Kianda in 2016 to prepare to return to school. 26 children progressed enough during the year to join the Fountains of Hope Primary School in January 2017.

Our partners, Colour My World, ran a weekly art club in Kianda throughout 2016. They covered themes like gratitude, cleanliness and hygiene as they taught songs, performed dramas and did craft activities with the kids. Colour My World mobilises university students and other young people from all over Nairobi to volunteer and share their time and talents with disadvantaged kids across the city.

It costs £13 per month to provide  
a child with 2 meals a day





# FOUNTAINS OF HOPE SCHOOL



In 2016, the Fountains of Hope School provided free primary education to 91 students from Kibera. Academic assessments throughout the year found 78% of students improving their overall exam scores. The average exams score improved between the first term and the third term in every class.



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The children also enjoyed school trips to the Nairobi Museum and Snake park and the Bomas of Kenya where they visited traditional homesteads and watched traditional dances by different Kenyan tribes. The upper school classes also enjoyed I.T. lessons throughout the year and can now confidently use word processor, spreadsheets and drawing software.

£40 per month sponsors a child  
in Fountains of Hope School

Bernard's family are nomadic Maasai from Tanzania. Bernard spent his early life with his parents living a very traditional Maasai lifestyle and formal education was not part of it. When Bernard's older brother decided to leave and move to Nairobi, he brought Bernard with him and the two of them made a small income selling charcoal in Kibera.

An elderly lady took Bernard into her home and was determined to send him to school. For a time, he attended a local primary school but she was unable to continue paying the school fees. That's when she heard about Turning Point and Bernard joined Transition Class at the Kianda Children's Centre.

The teachers at Kianda and Bernard's foster mother struggled at times with his behaviour, he would often run away from class and from home. He suffered from nightmares and would sleepwalk out of the one-room house where they lived.

Bernard came through Transition Class and joined the Fountains of Hope School where he is now in Class Four. At Fountains of Hope, Pastor David who leads discipleship classes with the children, has been able to spend some more time with Bernard and they

have prayed together about his nightmares. Since praying together, the nightmares have reduced significantly.

## **Bernard's story shows how children benefit from the holistic care that Turning Point provides**

Bernard is now 14 years old and doing really well in class, he performed well in the end-of-year exams and his behaviour is improving greatly. He still visits his family in Tanzania during the school holidays with his brother.

Bernard's story shows how children benefit from the holistic care that Turning Point provides, caring not only for children's physical needs but also their social and spiritual needs.



## PARENTING COURSE



**70**

parents attended  
parenting course

We run an annual parenting course with the aim to support parents in their challenging but vital role in raising their children. In June and July 2016, we ran an eight week parenting course attended by around 70 parents each week.

Guest speakers shared wisdom on different topics including parenting in God's way, affirmation, assertiveness, consistency and being available to our children. The guest speakers did an excellent job of engaging the parents in interactive discussions.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL



**9**

graduated from  
secondary school

In April, we gathered the students we support in Secondary Schools during their Easter break. The teens enjoyed a day out at the Tumaini Children's Centre in Nairobi. Our friend, Pastor Munyambu ran a seminar for the students and young people from the Centre shared their testimonies.



**73**

students supported in  
secondary school

These one-day seminars are an opportunity for our staff to catch up with the secondary school students who are scattered in different boarding schools across the country during the rest of the year.





**In November 2016, we had the great honour of attending Ombisa's graduation. He is now a fully qualified nurse!**

Turning Point first met Ombisa in 2004 when he was on the streets, an orphan. We supported him through primary and secondary school where he worked hard to achieve high grades. Ombisa's dream was to become a surgeon but after secondary school he only managed to get odd jobs working in kitchens. Together, we saw that training to be a nurse would be a great first step in Ombisa's medical career and he had an ambitious goal of getting into the training course at Nairobi Hospital – a quality training hospital in Nairobi that has sent its graduates to work around the world.

Back in September 2012, we dropped off an excited and nervous young Ombisa to begin the rigorous course in nursing. In November 2016, we had the great honour of attending Ombisa's graduation. He is now a fully qualified nurse!

Ombisa has worked so hard and grown so much over the last twelve years. At the time of writing, he is completing his internship as a nurse in the Nairobi Hospital and is hopeful that he will be offered a permanent position at the end of the internship.

Ombisa's story is an amazing testimony of God's work to turn lives around – we at Turning Point are privileged to play a role in that work. And we are so grateful to our supporters who partner with us in this life-changing work.

# HOLIDAY CLUBS AND CAMPS

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During the Easter Holidays in April, we once again teamed up with our partners Colour My World to run a five-day Holiday Club in our Mashimoni Centre for the Upper Primary School students we support.

Colour My World brought together a team of young volunteers from around Nairobi who ran a full and exciting programme including dramas, dance competitions, crafts, creating vision boards, debates, a treasure hunt and other outdoor games. The Turning Point pupils really connected with the older young people and listened to what they had to share.

In November, we took the same bunch of Upper Primary Students on a five-day residential camp at a boarding school, 2 hours drive from Nairobi. Our focus for this camp was on drug and alcohol abuse and more generally on making good life choices. We invited Pastor Munyambu who works with young people who have come through substance abuse to share with our students. He also brought one of the young people he has worked with, MC Baridi, to share his testimony which was a real challenge and inspiration to our students.

Beyond the serious topic, the 56 attendees enjoyed drama competitions, team games, sports and swimming as well as three huge meals a day – a highlight for the ravenous growing teenagers.



# LAINI SABA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Community Library in Laini Saba continued to offer a quiet and well-resourced space for children to read, research and do homework. Primary school children from eight local schools have been visiting throughout the year.

Our partners, Vitabu Vyetu, provided volunteers to run a reading club three afternoons a week to grow a love for reading amongst the children and develop their literacy skills. The team also revamped the library in October with a new coat of paint – creating a bright, happy, child-friendly environment.



average

**20**

visitors per day



**5,501**

total visits in 2016



**April**

busiest month  
with 1,453 visitors



# FINANCE PROGRAMME



**75**  
new members  
received loans



**212**  
total members served  
in 2016



**£10,557**  
given in loans in  
2016



**Savings Groups**  
established in every centre

At the beginning of 2016, the Turning Point Finance Programme (TPFP) team undertook a thorough evaluation of their programme. They identified several changes they could make to improve how they work. One key change was in the way we recruit new members. The team found that some of our members are deeply in need while others are actually quite comfortable. We want to target those with the greatest need, where our loans and training will have the greatest impact. The new process of recruitment filters out those who are less in need. As a result, 75 new members joined the programme and received their first loans in 2016.

These 75 new members joined over 130 existing members and in 2016 we gave out a total of £10,577 (1,478,046Ksh) in loans.

At the end of 2016, we moved all our paperwork into a new computer system called mifos – a programme designed specifically for microfinance programmes. Mifos helps us to keep track of all of our members and their loans in one database. This will hugely improve our efficiency and free up more time to focus on developing strong supportive relationships with our members.



£16 provides a business start-up loan to one parent

£80 provides business start-up loans to 5 parents





Priscilla, mother of three, is a hard working lady who believes in running her own business to support her family. Priscilla joined Turning Point's Finance Programme in 2011 and started selling charcoal using her initial loan.

She has faced several challenges over the last five years and had to experiment with different products to find the most profitable mix. She has grown her business using capital from TFPF and currently she is selling vegetables, charcoal, chips and more recently started selling clean piped water in Kibera.

Today, she speaks with a lot of courage and joy, about her business and her family. She uses the profit she gets from her business wisely to feed, clothe and educate her children.

The TFPF team has been supporting Priscilla throughout this slow, tough but progressive journey. Priscilla says her prayer is that God blesses Turning Point for showing her the true meaning of love and friendship by giving out business skills and capital to start a business.

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# VISIT TO THE UK



In May 2016, CEO Judy Akoth and Kibera Centres Director John Kariuki travelled to the UK for the first time to meet with our friends and supporters. They spent time with some of our supporting churches - Buxton Church in The Peak, ChristChurch Woking and Holy Trinity in Knaphill.

They also had the opportunity to share about Turning Point's work to children at Brookwood School, a few Kenyans who live in Woking and at two main fundraising events in Woking.

We are grateful for all who organised and attended the TP Hi! Tea at Holy Trinity Knaphill and the TP Harambee at ChristChurch Woking. Both events were a huge success and a great opportunity to gather together in support of Turning Point's work in Kibera.



## Total Revenues

**Ksh27,466,398 | £189,423**

774,777Ksh | £5,343 International donors

292,540Ksh | £2,018 Local Income

26,399,080Ksh | £182,063 Turning Point UK



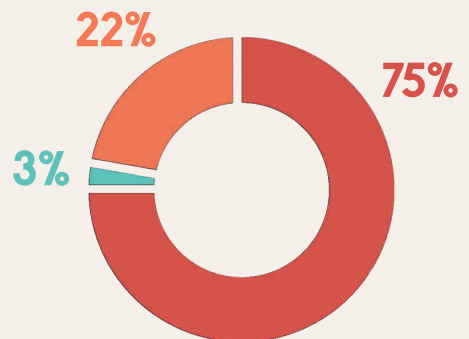
## Total Expenses

**Ksh27,061,897 | £186,634**

6,050,636Ksh | £41,729 Admin Costs

689,136Ksh | £4,753 Fundraising Costs

20,322,125Ksh | £140,153 Project Costs



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