



# IMPACT REPORT

# 2023



# Welcome

Welcome to our 2023 Impact Report. Like me, I hope you enjoy reading about the fantastic work done by our team in Kenya as they look to fulfil our mission to help children and young people reach their full God-given potential. You will read some stories of specific children and young people, but of course they represent a much larger group who have been touched by our work in the last year.

During 2023 we celebrated 20 years of working in Kibera. You will read in this report that over that time we have helped over a thousand children to school through our transition programme, in addition to many more who have benefited from our work. The report also showcases how our community library has increased the number of children and young people visiting by over 400% through improved engagement with the community and local schools, giving these students a safe place to extend their learning. This is part of a broader effort that the team, led by our CEO Judy Akoth, have made this year to work with our beneficiaries and the local community to ensure that we are targeting our work to meet the needs of the people we serve. Within the report you will read testimonies from some of the older children and young people that provide inspiring stories about the impact our work has made over many years of standing with them.

Judy writes below about the work we have done to articulate a 5-year strategy as we look to continue, deepen and extend the work we do.

I would like to thank our entire staff team in Kenya for the great work they do which I know can often be very challenging. Thanks as well to those who support us in prayer, financially and in other ways – without you none of this would be possible.

**Peter Wichmann**

CHAIRMAN

2023 was a hard year for many, including our beneficiaries who were gravely affected by the high cost of living resulting from slowed economic growth, global inflation, and a slowdown in business activity. Even so, I am pleased that the passion, dedication and hard work of our team and all stakeholders enabled us to achieve our goals and to continue transforming the lives of vulnerable children and families in Kibera.

My highlight of the year was the work we did to intentionally engage with our beneficiaries and the larger community in Kibera. The leadership developed a clear strategy to engage the community with the sole purpose of drawing the community closer to our work and helping us understand their needs better to aid us develop relevant and impactful solutions through our programmes.

I also take pride in the managers' continuous training and development in programme management. The managers continued honing their skills in planning, budgeting, communication, collaboration, monitoring and evaluation. This helped us become even better at what we do and has contributed to great results throughout the year, as seen in this report.

In the last half of the year, the leadership of the organisation involved key stakeholders including the parents we work with, the community leaders, the TP Board of Directors and the staff in an exercise to put together a 5-year strategic plan for the organisation starting in 2024. It was encouraging to hear great dreams and ideas from the stakeholders and to see how everyone involved was aligned with the vision of TP.

The leadership grouped the dreams and ideas into 5 priority areas: 1) High-quality programmes and services, 2) Sustainability and financial robustness, 3) Staff leadership development, accountability and organisational culture, 4) Enhance TP's reputation through community engagement, branding, marketing and public relations, 5) Growth in the number of beneficiaries.

Moving into 2024, we are guided by the ambitious goals set in our strategic plan. I am proud of our exceptional team and am convinced that 2024 will bring a wealth of possibilities for us to keep doing our work and touching the lives of children and families in Kibera. While the macroeconomic and geopolitical environments are fluid, we are resilient, and I trust in our ability to navigate with agility, vigilance, and discipline.

We remain grateful to our friends and supporters for their constant love, cheer and support. Lastly, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our team, Board of Directors, and all stakeholders for their trust and ongoing confidence in our work. We look forward to what the year 2024 has in store for us.

**Judy Akoth**  
CEO

# Vision

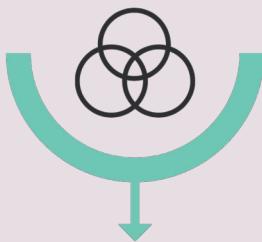
Our vision is to see vulnerable families and children living in Kibera achieve their full God-given potential.



# Mission

Our mission is to demonstrate God's heart for the poor through holistic education and support programmes that help relieve poverty, transform lives and restore hope amongst vulnerable out of school children and their families in Kibera, Kenya.

## Our Values



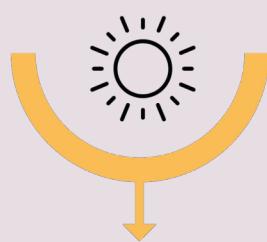
### Holistic

We aim to see the people we serve develop physically, socially and spiritually.



### Relational

We value relationships because so much positive change can occur through strong, caring relationships.



### Hopeful

We aim to inspire hope by pointing people to Jesus and to the innate potential He has planted in them.

# IMPACT SUMMARY



## 136

**Students** received free Holistic Quality Primary Education at the Fountains of Hope School.



## 30

**Children** supported in Preschool. 100% transitioned into Grade 1.

## 22

**Children** returned to primary school.



## 80

**Students** supported in Secondary School. 79% qualified to join higher education institutions after completing secondary school.

## 80

**Children's talents** and passions nurtured in football.



## 15,199

Visits to the Turning Point Community Library.

## 47,060+

**Meals** fed to the children at the ECDE Centre and Fountains of Hope.



## 138

**Families** fed during the December holidays.



## 76%

**Of parents** attended the annual Parenting Course.



# A Hub for Transformation

**30**  
Children  
supported in  
Pre-school.

'Investing in Early Childhood Development has strong dividends for individuals, communities, and national economies through improved livelihoods, workforce participation, and GDP growth. ECD is a cross-cutting area

encompassing health, education, social protection, nutrition, and caregiving. To reach their full potential, children require these five interrelated components.' -*Global Development Incubator*

The Turning Point ECDE Centre serves as a hub for preparing children who have delayed joining school. Joseph, now a Grade 1 student at 9 years old, delayed beginning his education. He joined at 7 years instead of the required 3 or 4 years. Joseph is the fourth of five children in his family, and he lives with both parents. Being one of the youngest in his family, Joseph's parents saw it fit to prioritise the education of his three older siblings, therefore leaving him no choice but to stay back home and hopefully wait for his turn to begin school.

In 2022, Joseph got the opportunity to join Turning Point's ECDE Centre, where he learned how to hold a pen and write his name. Despite his age and height difference from the other children, Joseph was not discouraged at all. He completed the Pre-Primary 1 class and moved up to Pre-Primary 2. In 2023, he graduated to Grade 1 after completing his early childhood development education. The centre equips

learners with literacy and numeracy skills so that they can catch up with their peers as they look to join primary school.



In 2023, The Turning Point Trust gave sixteen children from Kibera the opportunity to begin and acquire Early Childhood Development Education at the ECDE Centre, bringing the number of children supported at the centre to thirty during the year. A total of 14 learners transitioned to primary school after completing their early childhood education during the inaugural graduation ceremony at the centre. This reflected a 100% transition from ECD to primary school.

**Ksh. 8,100** provides tuition fee for a child at the ECDE Centre for a year.

# A Path to a Brighter Future



The Turning Point Trust's Transition Programme is designed to onboard out-of-school children who have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out due to the low-income status of their families. Since its inception over two decades ago, the organisation has returned more than **1,000** children to school and supported them to acquire the education and skills they require to transform their lives and their community.

Precious, who was orphaned at the age of 9 years, was born and brought up in Western Kenya. Three years after his parent's death, his aunt took him to live with her in Kibera because there was no one to take care of him and his younger sibling. Precious' aunt approached The Turning Point Trust in October 2022, seeking a chance for him to join the Fountains of Hope School.

After doing his academic assessment, Precious did not perform well because he was out of school for a whole year before joining the Fountains of Hope School. This

prompted his aunt to suggest that he repeat the same class the following year. After getting help from his teachers, he started catching up with his peers. His performance in classwork also improved, with his confidence being restored. He contested for a school bell ringer position during the leaders' elections at the school, and won. His aunt became proud of the leadership skills that he was portraying at home and the responsible boy that he was becoming.

Precious is among 22 out-of-school children in Kibera that we supported to return to school in 2023 through our Transition Programme. This was an increase from the 20 children that we supported in 2022.

**22**  
Children returned to primary school.

**10%**  
Increase in the number of children that were returned to school in 2023.

# Holistic Quality Education



Basic education has proved to be a key pillar in the transformation of an individual, a transformation that contributes to not only personal but societal change and development.

Besides providing free holistic quality education, The Turning Point Trust's Fountains of Hope Primary School exists to develop the children holistically by investing in their character, development, talents, and life skills, which collectively improve learning outcomes and prepare them for the future.

The school provided free, quality education

to 136 children who were drawn from low-income households in Kibera in 2023. Out of this number, 22 students sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) national examination, with 50% of the candidates scoring more than half of the total possible marks in the examination. Twenty learners sat for the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KEPSEA), with 65% of the candidates meeting examiners' expectations.

**Ksh. 8,100** caters for a child's tuition fee at the Fountains of Hope School for a year.

## A Distant Dream Come True

In Kenya, secondary school education is tailored to offer a platform for career choice to students after acquiring basic education and skills in primary school, which is why the Kenyan government is advocating for a 100% transition from primary to secondary school.

**80**

**Students supported in Secondary School.**

The Secondary Education Support Programme has restored hope of a fulfilled future for many students.

Juliat, one of the beneficiaries of the programme, recalls how she was able to complete her secondary education through the support she got from The Turning Point Trust. “I lost my dream of completing my secondary education when I lost both of my parents to illness. I was left at the mercy of my eldest sister, who was also on the verge of dropping out of college because there was no one to raise the needed fees for her education. Through Turning Point, I was able to get a full scholarship to attend secondary school without interruption.”

After completing her secondary school education, Juliat joined The Multimedia University to study Bachelor of Commerce.

**79%**

**qualified to join higher education institutions after completing secondary school.**

7 out of the 14 students from The Turning Point Trust who did their final secondary school examinations in 2022 qualified to join the university in 2023. Four others received offers to continue their studies at the college level, and one has a job. Juliat is among the seven students that The Turning Point has been journeying with to ensure that they reach their full God-given potential. She shares how elated she is to reach this point in her education, especially after giving up hope in education due to the financial constraints that her family was facing.



**Ksh. 16,100** will cover the tuition fee for 1 student for 1 year.

# Growth in Visits!



The community library provides a well-lit space with learning resources meant to help children from different primary schools in Kibera do their homework, reading, and revision. The library has been a great asset for children from the Kibera community who rely on the space to support them in improving their literacy and learning outcomes.

**15,199**  
Visits to the library in 2023.

In 2023, the library recorded 15,199 visits, up from 3,025 during the previous year, signifying a 400% increment in the number of visits. The high number of visits is attributed to visits the library team made to the neighbouring schools to reintroduce the community library and the introduction of activities such as one-on-one reading, learning games, and teaching assistance, which motivated the children to visit the library.

**400%**

Increase in the number of visits from  
2022.

The consistency of the children was encouraged through the introduction of the activity calendar, whereby children had different activities scheduled on different days.

Part of the plans that The Turning Point intends to undertake to create a greater impact on literacy and learning outcomes for the children of Kibera is the introduction of a mobile library within the community. The goal of this initiative is to bring library services closer to children who don't have access to learning resources within the community.

**Ksh. 1,000** helps to equip the Turning Point Community Library with 3 age-appropriate storybooks.

# Investing in Potential



To achieve our vision of promoting the holistic development of a child, The Turning Point Trust has been at the forefront of supporting and nurturing the passions and talents of children who enjoy playing football. The Turning Point Football Club (TPFC) has been offering a platform to children attending Turning Point's education programmes to discover and develop their sporting talents.

**80**  
**Children's talents and passions  
nurtured in football.**

Through partnerships with other organisations, players with outstanding talents have been scouted and benefit from education scholarships to join various secondary schools in the country.

Janet, Prudence, and Zakir are three children whose lives were touched by the transformative power of the TPFC in 2023. Born into backgrounds marked by

vulnerability and financial hardship, they faced numerous challenges growing up in the shadows of the slums. Amidst adversity, they displayed remarkable resilience and unwavering dedication to both their education and their passion for football. As each of them played on the field, their talent shone brightly, and their passion for the sport was evident.

They each earned scholarships to different secondary schools, opening doors to a world of opportunities they never imagined they could have. Their journey from the depths of informal settlements to the halls of academia is a testament to the power of resilience, dedication, and opportunity. Their story serves as a rallying cry for action, inspiring others to invest in the potential of the children of Kibera and create more pathways to success for those born into the shadows of poverty.

**Ksh. 6,500** provides a child with a full sports kit and facilitates sporting activities for a year.

# Nourishing Children



The School Feeding Programme has greatly contributed to the retention of children in school. Many children, who mostly get one meal a day at home, are encouraged to come and stay in school due to the assurance they have of a hot breakfast and lunch while in school. This has improved learning outcomes since children do not have to miss lessons to look for food outside the school.

**47,060+**

**Meals fed to the children at the ECDE Centre and Fountains of Hope School.**

In 2023, a total of 47,060 meals were served to children at the ECDE Centre and Fountain of Hope School during the 160 days that they were at school. We partnered with a local organisation, Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO), to conduct growth monitoring and deworming of 166 children from both schools. We also embarked on nutritional improvement, whereby fortified porridge was served daily at the ECDE Centre, with fruits and milk being served twice and three times weekly, respectively. The deworming and

nutritional improvement have greatly contributed to the health and nourishment of the children.

Florence is a parent of one of the pupils at the Turning Point ECDE Centre. She remembers how her son regularly fell sick and lost weight when he started school, which affected his performance in class. He was found to be malnourished and underweight during the growth monitoring activity that took place at the beginning of the year. Florence was contacted by the health workers, who advised her on a balanced diet



to consider for her son's healthy growth.

Florence adhered to the advice and changed her son's diet at home. This was also the time when The Turning Point introduced enriched nutrition at the ECDE Centre. Weeks passed, and her son's health started to improve.

After seeing her son's health progress, Florence went ahead to introduce the specialised diet to her 1-year-old daughter, who was also malnourished.

Through better health, her son's performance in class started improving. Florence attributes

this transformation in her children's nutrition to the specialised diet that her children were receiving both at school and at home.

**Ksh. 3,000** provides a child with 2 school meals a day, for a month.

## Holiday Feeding Programme



Most of the children attending the Turning Point education programmes depend on the food offered by the school feeding programme. Therefore, every long holiday brings forth disruption of daily breakfast and lunch for children in our schools.

This means that parents have to provide meals for their children who are at home during the holiday. Due to the low income levels experienced in Kibera, most parents are not able to provide food regularly. This leaves the children with no alternative other than to beg for food on the streets and engage in crime or child labor. The disruption also contributes to nutritional loss in children as a result of irregular feeding patterns.

It is on this premise that The Turning Point

Trust introduced this programme which helps the children and their families get food during the November and December long school holidays by providing foodstuffs that can sustain them over the period.

During the 2023 November and December holidays, the programme benefited over 670 individuals from 138 households through the provision of food supplies, which consisted of dry cereals, cooking oil, sugar, bar soaps, and flour.

**138**  
**Families supported during**  
**the December Holidays.**

**Ksh. 7,200** feeds a family in Kibera for a month during a school holiday.

# Unlocking Potential

The Discipleship Programme runs activities that enhance spiritual support and daily bible teachings for children and young people attending the education programmes and their families. This impacts the young people and the children's behaviour, in the long run increasing their ability to achieve their full God-given potential in all aspects of their lives.

# 76%

**of Parents attended the Parenting Course.**

These activities include the annual parenting courses, which bring together and train parents on positive parenting towards their children and how they can support their growth in a righteously acceptable way, and holiday retreats and camps for secondary and primary school students.

In 2023, a total of 11 parenting sessions were held, with an average of 113 out of 148 parents attending, representing 76% attendance. Topics covered during the course included Self-Awareness, Economic Empowerment, Gender-Based Violence, Addictions, and Healing and Reconciliation.

One of the parents who attended the parenting course in 2023 was Juliana, who was attending the course for the first time. Out of the six topics that were spread over six weeks, the topic that inspired her most was economic empowerment. This topic enlightened participants on how they can establish microbusinesses to empower themselves economically and be able to support their families.



'I began attending the Parenting Course in August 2023, and a particular topic caught my attention: Empowerment. This topic slowly transformed my mindset without knowing. I suddenly started thinking of ways to save money for future use and raise capital for a business. I then found myself attending the course intentionally, not just for the sake of it. I was seriously jotting down notes and reflecting on them every chance I could get. I then began to think about which business I could start.' Says the mother of seven, who at that time, depended on her husband to provide for the family. 'I later implemented what I had been learning. I started saving the little money I would get from doing casual jobs, like doing laundry for other people and cleaning their houses. When I saved enough money, I bought a pan, a small charcoal stove, baking flour, and cooking oil. I decided to start a *Chapati* business. My life instantly changed.' Juliana's ambition is to expand her small business into a restaurant.

With her newfound success, Juliana's life is gradually changing for the better. Her heart now overflows with gratitude for the unwavering support of Turning Point's Parenting Course. Turning Point's support helps parents shatter the shackles of poverty, paving the way for a brighter tomorrow filled with endless possibilities. Juliana is now a testament to the transformative power of knowledge, perseverance, and the unwavering belief that within every hardship lies the seed of opportunity, waiting to blossom beyond barriers.

# Partner with us Today and Change a Child's Future.

Turning Point's vision is to see vulnerable families and children living in Kibera achieve their full God-given potential.

To achieve this vision, we have been partnering with individuals and organisations in running our programmes which are meant to relieve poverty, transform lives, and restore hope for the children and families in Kibera informal settlements.

By partnering with us and becoming a Friend of The Turning Point, you can transform a child's life by supporting them to start or return to school, offering them a meal to stay in school, or even supporting their sporting talents and passions. You can also volunteer your time and skills by working with us.

Here is how you can transform and restore hope by gifting a child:



**Stationery:** Children are rehabilitated and prepared to return to school in our Transition class. They get to practice reading and writing after being out of school for a while. **Ksh.1,500** caters for stationery for a child for the whole year. Paybill: 4122379, A/C 'EDUCATION'

**School Nutrition:** Children look forward to coming to school every day because they are assured of breakfast and lunch. **Ksh. 3,000** will provide for a child hot breakfast and lunch for a month. a satisfied stomach helps the learners concentrate in class. Paybill: 4122379, A/C 'SHOOLFEEDING'



**Art Supplies:** **Ksh.3,500** provides one child with art and creative learning materials. Children are often excited to learn, and art often helps them to explore their creative sides through drawing, painting, and crafts, as well as develop their talents. Paybill: 4122379, A/C 'ECDE'

**A Bible:** **Ksh.1,500** will purchase a bible and one bible story book. Illustrated bibles and bible storybooks enable the children to learn about the teachings of God and love that He has for them. Paybill: 4122379, A/C 'DISCIPLESHIP'





**ECDE & Primary School Support:** The children have an opportunity to access holistic quality education. **Ksh.8,100** supports a child with tuition fee and keeps them in school for a whole year. Paybill: 4122379, A/C 'EDUCATION'

**Secondary School Support:** After completing primary education, the children proceed to join secondary school. **Ksh.16,100** will partially support a child's secondary school tuition fee for a year. This allows them to continue their education. Paybill: 4122379, A/C 'SECONDARY'



**Library Books:** Children visit the Turning Point Community Library after school and during holidays to read storybooks, do homework, or read up on their favourite subjects. **Ksh.1,000** will equip the library with 3 age-appropriate storybooks for the children. Paybill: 4122379 A/C 'LIBRARY'

**Afterschool Activities:** **Ksh.6,500** supports a child with a full sports kit and facilitates sporting activities for a year at the Turning Point Football Club (TPFC). The afterschool activities keep the children off the streets and keeps them engaged in healthy activities. Paybill: 4122379, A/C 'AFTERSCHOOL'



**School Trips:** The children are often confined to the slum. These trips expose the children to life beyond the slums and provide fun opportunities to learn more about different things around them. **Ksh.3,500** will help 10 children to go for a school trip. Paybill: 4122379 A/C 'AFTERSCHOOL'

**Holiday Feeding:** The children rely on the daily meals we serve through our school feeding programme. However, when they close school, their parents are often not able to provide daily meals at home. **Ksh.7,200** will feed a family in Kibera for 1 month during the school holiday. Providing food will prevent the children from working small jobs to earn money or begging on the streets. Paybill: 4122379 A/C 'HOLIDAYFEEDING'



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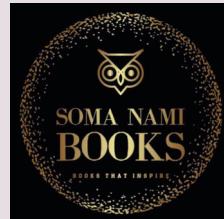
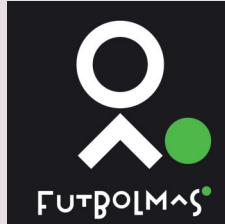
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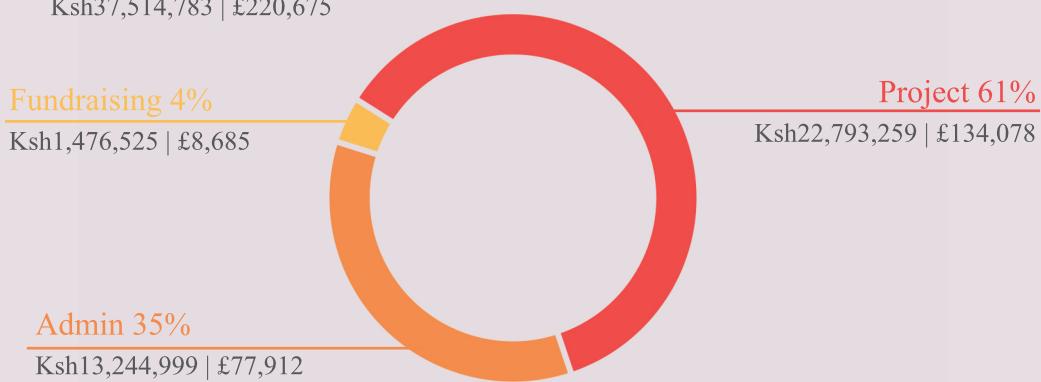


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