

IMPACT REPORT 2015



2015 has been a significant year for Turning Point in Kenya. We achieved a smooth handover of the CEO role from Jon Parsons to Judy Akoth. We are enormously grateful to Jon and Jo Parsons for their work in Kenya as the founders and those who led it as it grew. We are also delighted that Judy has taken over as CEO and made such a positive start. It has been an aim of Turning Point to be more Kenyan led, and we are very pleased to have achieved this milestone.

The Fountains of Hope School has really begun to flourish this year, and in December we were very excited to see the new buildings take shape in Mashimoni. The new buildings enable us to provide a rounded education to more children which we firmly believe will help them as they grow. We continue to support children who have dropped out of school through our Kianda centre, our library in Lania Saba continues to develop, and more parents are being supported through the microfinance programme.

Looking forwards, our aim remains to see the children we serve develop into the people God intends them to be. We hope to expand our work in a sustainable way, and we are continuing to monitor our work so that we can continually improve and grow as we pursue our vision.

Peter Wichmann
Chairman of Directors

2015 was a year of great progress for Turning Point. One of our most significant successes was rebuilding Fountains of Hope primary school into a beautiful place for our kids and staff. We also formed new partnerships with like-minded organisations and I'm excited to see what we will achieve together in 2016.

As we look forward to 2016 we aim to continue giving spiritual support and love to the children and families that we serve. Our priorities this year are to give more time to non-core creative subjects in our school; to create more time to invest in our secondary school students and prepare them for life after school; and we are excited to roll out our 2016 monitoring and evaluation plan. We plan to carefully assess our work to improve our impact in Kibera in 2016.

I would like to thank our friends and supporters for their much needed prayers, love and financial support. Thanks to the UK trustees and TP-Kenya directors for encouragement and direction. I want to recognise the hard work and dedication of the entire staff of TP, the achievements of 2015 were made possible by their belief in our work. Lastly, a special thanks to our former CEO Jon Parsons and his wife Jo for their continued prayers, valuable advice and guidance.

Judy Akoth
CEO

OUR VISION

We exist to serve vulnerable children and families living in Kibera by creating opportunities for them to develop to their full God-given potential

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.



KIANDA CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Kianda Children's Centre hosts our Prep and Transition Classes where children aged from 7 to 14 prepare to join formal school. Each year we welcome 15 children who have never been to school before, and 15 children who have been to school but were forced to drop out along the way for various reasons. This year 26 children from Kianda successfully completed their transition year and have now joined the Fountains of Hope Primary School. Four children who aren't quite ready will repeat the year in Kianda.

Mary, Kianda Centre Manager, is delighted that several children who joined Turning Point through the Kianda centre have obtained over 60% in their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams this year.



48,400 Meals

In 2015 we provided 48,400 meals to 100 vulnerable children through our centres in Kibera

26
Children
returned
to school in
2015



FOUNTAINS OF HOPE SCHOOL



70

Children received
free quality
education in 2015

In 2015, the Fountains of Hope School became a completely free school for the most vulnerable children in Kibera. We strive to provide a quality and well-rounded education to our pupils. The children made excellent progress in the core subjects in the Kenyan syllabus, thanks to a teacher:pupil ratio of no more than 1:20 and a conducive learning environment.

Beyond the academics, pupils receive daily meals, have discipleship workshops every week and enjoy art, music and drama classes. The pupils have also been on a school trip to visit the Elephant Orphanage.



95% of Fountains of Hope pupils are on track to get the grades to join Secondary School

50% of Turning Point children in Government schools graduated to Secondary School in 2015

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS



When we opened the Fountains of Hope school in January 2014, we started with what we had – four teachers and four classrooms. But our dream was to run a full school providing all eight years of primary education so that we can ensure children receive a quality education and move on to secondary school.

In December 2015 we replaced our mud and iron sheet structures with new two-storey buildings. These buildings provide 15 rooms including eight classrooms, a creative arts room and an I.T. suite, five offices for various staff and the microfinance programme. There is also a refurbished kitchen and assembly hall that the Mashimoni Outreach Community Church, our long-term partner, uses for their Sunday meetings.

We officially opened the buildings on 11th January 2016 and were joined by representatives from Turning Point's Kenyan Board of Directors, the school parents and the local community. The children performed poems, memory verses and songs before they went to explore their new school and enjoy a celebratory lunch of rice and stew.

This building project has provided space for us to grow. We are continuing to add a new class every year and by 2018 we will have achieved our goal of providing all eight years of primary education.



**8 New
Classrooms**



**A Creative Arts
Room**



**Fully Equipped
IT. Suite**

HOLIDAY CAMPS



In the August school holidays we took 90 upper primary school students aged 12-16 away for the annual Holiday Camps. The children enjoyed a jam-packed schedule of bible teaching and small group discipleship, drama, crafts, sports, games and swimming.

At Turning Point we value our relationships with the people we serve. These camps give us an opportunity to spend quality time with the children we support in Government Primary Schools.



Small
Groups



Drama



Art & Craft



Football



Swimming



Bible



When Kevin came to Turning Point he was living on the streets, he had no parents and no home. It was a desperate situation.

Turning Point was able to reconnect Kevin with an uncle, the brother of his single-mother who passed away when he was very young. Kevin now lives with this uncle and Turning Point supports him to attend a local primary school.

Kevin was way behind in his education, but it's never too late to make a change. At 16 he was unable to read or write but Kevin is a humble and determined young man and he was happy to join primary school despite being older than the other children in his class. He has persevered and shown amazing progress and is now in Class 7.

Outside of school, Kevin is a great songwriter and footballer.

Life has been hard on Kevin. Turning Point social workers meet up with him often in the school holidays to offer counselling and encouragement and they are so proud of the progress he has achieved. It is a testament to his strong character that he has overcome a very difficult childhood and is growing into a hard-working and determined young man.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL

100%

100% of Form 4 students supported by Turning Point graduated from Secondary School in 2015

56

Students supported by TP in secondary school in 2015

In August, we took secondary school students out to the Ngong Hills for a picnic with Rachel, our guest speaker, who shared on the theme 'Arise and Shine'. The students had fun catching up with old TP friends who now attend boarding schools across the country. Margaret, our social worker, and teachers took the opportunity to catch up with the students on their progress and challenges as they hiked across the hills.



LAINI SABA COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Turning Point's Library serves the community in the village of Laini Saba, particularly primary school pupils from the surrounding schools. The library runs a popular homework club used by around 30 children daily.

The Laini Saba Library began the second inter-school spelling competition in October. Eight Kibera schools entered teams to compete for the trophy. The crowd was so big in the first round that the competition had to be hosted by Glory Primary School, one of the participating schools, as there was not enough space in the library.

29

Average visitors per day

15th June

Busiest day with 71 visitors



8 local schools competed in the spelling competition



FINANCE PROGRAMME



100

New members
received loans

During 2015 the Turning Point Finance Programme (TPFP) team recruited 100 new members across the three centres in Laini Saba, Mashimoni and Kianda in Kibera. Meanwhile, 47 members graduated out of the top of the programme and joined Kiva, an online lending platform, to gain larger loans and continue building their businesses.

The programme gave out a total of Ksh2,345,792 (£16,258) in loans to build small businesses in Kibera in 2015 and supported over 350 parents to grow a stable income for their families.

£16,258

given in loans in 2015

47

Members graduated to Kiva



“If today I can feed, clothe and save something for me and the children to use later, I thank God who cares for us”

Martha began her small business with only two thousand shillings and now can stock up to Ksh8,000 (£55) worth of vegetables. She generates a profit margin of nearly Ksh4,000 (£28) per week. Most of the money she gets from the business is used to pay her children's school fees, house rent and to feed her family.

She says there are times when the business is low and her profits go way down, but even that can't kill her entrepreneurial spirit. She sometimes goes to visit her family members out of the city and carries products from the farms to sell in Nairobi. Her business training has helped her to identify such opportunities and make the most of them.

Martha speaks of how sad she was before getting her first loan to start her business, life was a daily struggle. Today she is a happy businesswoman with a growing business thanks to TFPF and those who stand with us to empower the people of Kibera.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND CEO



New Partners

Towards the end of the year we established new partnerships with two Kenyan youth-led organisations. ONWARDS Kenya will be helping to get more books for our library and mobilising volunteers to help children with homework in the library. Colour My World Kenya will work with us to run art clubs for the children in our centres. It is really exciting to be working with young Kenyans who want to serve their communities.

New CEO

In June 2015, Judy Akoth became CEO of Turning Point Kenya. Judy has worked with Turning Point since 2010 as an Office Administrator and then Finance Manager. When Jon and Jo Parsons relocated to the UK in 2014, Judy emerged as an excellent candidate to lead TP-Kenya forward. Judy brings a fresh perspective and a different skill-set to the role and we're excited that the Kenyan side of the organisation is now under Kenyan leadership.

Ksh34,923,803
(£240,854)
Total Revenues

Turning Point UK

Ksh34,788,815 | £239,923

Other Sources

Ksh55,000 | £379

Local Support

Ksh46,115 | £318

Global Giving

Ksh33,873 | £234

Ksh33,373,438
(£230,162)
Total Expenses

Children's Programmes

Ksh22,002,341 | £151,740

TPFP

Ksh3,707,102 | £25,566

Admin

Ksh7,350,335 | £50,692

Fundraising

Ksh313,659 | £2,163

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