

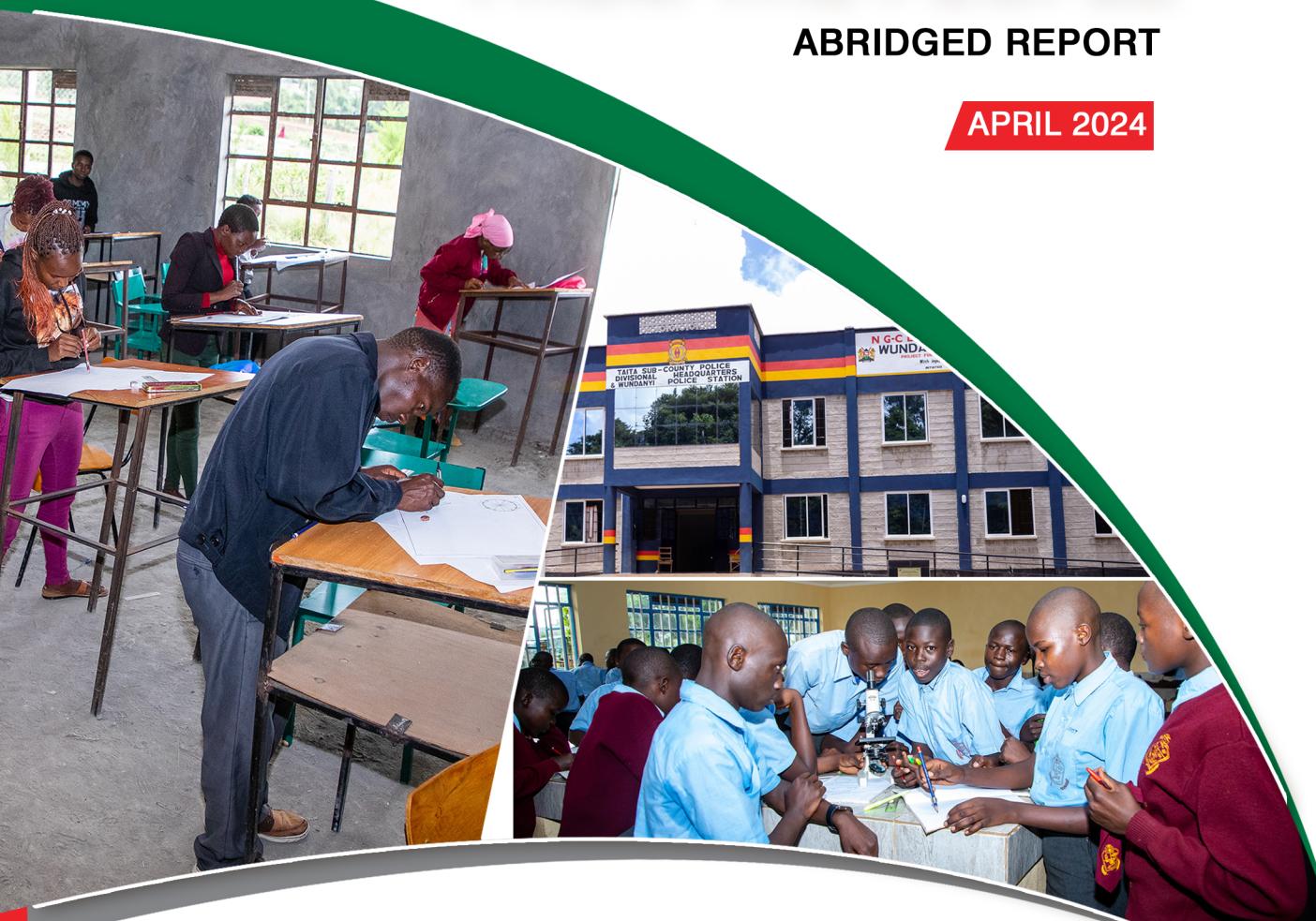


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To transform the country through sustainable development in all parts of the republic.

Mission

To ensure prudent allocation and utilisation of resources and promote best practices at the Constituencies.

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Optimal utilisation of resources and sustainable development

High standards of professional ethics

Accountability in service delivery

Transparency

Inclusiveness

Teamwork

Integrity



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Abbreviations

BoM	Board of Management
CSR	Community Social Responsibility
DCI	Directorate of Criminal Investigation
ECDE	Early Childhood Development Education
FGDs	Focused Group Discussions
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board
ICT	Information Communication and Technology
JSS	Juniour Secondary School
KES	Kenya Shillings
KCPE	Kenya Certificate of Primary Education
KCSE	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education
KIIs	Key Informant Interviews
KMTC	Kenya Medical Training College
MoH	Ministry of Education
MoE	Ministry of Education
NG-CDF	National Government Constituencies Development Fund
NG-CDFB	National Government Constituencies Development Fund Board
NG-CDFC	National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committee
NKPU	New Kenya Planters Union
NTSA	National Transport and Safety Authority
OCPD	Officer Commanding Police Division
OCS	Officer Commanding Station
PMC	Project Management Committee
PP1	Pre-Primary One
PWDs	Persons With Disabilities
SHIF	Social Health Insurance Fund
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
TTI	Technical Training Institution
TSC	Teachers Service Commission
TVC	Technical Training College
TVETs	Technical and Vocational Training Institutions

Introduction

1.1 Impact Stories and Testimonies from the People

The NG-CDF “*Impact Stories and Testimonies From the People*” is a summary of collection of case studies and significant stories as relayed by direct NG-CDF beneficiaries from various constituencies across the country. It encompasses success stories and testimonies across the following thematic areas:

- a) NG-CDF funded education and learning infrastructure development projects that have created conducive environment for learning, facilitating 100% transition. They include:
 - 1) NG-CDF funded primary schools.
 - 2) NG-CDF funded secondary schools.
 - 3) NG-CDF funded science laboratories
 - 4) NG-CDF funded Technical and Vocational Training Institutions (TVETs) and Medical Training Colleges (MTCs)
- b) NG-CDF bursaries and scholarships to needy students.
- c) NG-CDF funded security infrastructure and installation of solar security lights and surveillance cameras to enhance security at community level.
- d) NG-CDF emergency interventions.
- e) NG-CDF funded climate change mitigation and environment programmes in line with the government agenda on climate change.
- f) NG-CDF social security programmes (healthcare financing) through Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) for the vulnerable persons, contributing to the Universal Health Care.

Some of these projects were funded 100% under NG-CDF while others were funded jointly with other government agencies, majorly the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government.

1.2 Case Studies and Stories of Change

The cases and stories summarise evidence of change as experienced by different beneficiaries of NG-CDF programmes across the country. The method for gathering these cases and stories concentrated on two main approaches:

- a) **Representative cases.** These describe the typical effect that NG-CDF programmes have had on beneficiaries and communities.
- b) **Best cases.** These showcase the significant contributions of the NG-CDF to the development of various sectors.

The cases and stories featured in this document were collected from eight regions: Coast, Eastern, Nairobi, Central, North Rift, South Rift, Western, and Nyanza, representing the constituencies. It is important to note that there are numerous exemplary NG-CDF projects across all constituencies. However, the projects highlighted in this report have been specifically chosen to demonstrate the Fund's impact on communities within the sectors mentioned above.

Results: Programmatic Areas

2.1 Infrastructure Development in Schools

NG-CDF has greatly funded projects in education sector across the country. Projects range from construction of classrooms, science laboratories, dormitories, administration blocks, staff houses, sanitation blocks, etc. The implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) and the introduction of Junior Secondary School (JSS) covering grades 7 to 9 have led to an increased emphasis on practical learning experiences, hence the demand for science laboratories. The impact of NG-CDF investment in schools can be seen in the following areas;

Access to education. Expansion of learning facilities in existing primary and secondary schools and development of totally new schools by NG-CDF have contributed immensely to the growth of primary and secondary education in Kenya over the last 20 years. A notable number of schools have been established from scratch with funding primarily from NG-CDF, although some also received additional funding from the Ministry of Education. This extensive funding has enhanced educational access across the country, contributing to the government goal of achieving 100% transition from primary to secondary school level.

Improving sciences in schools. Funding science laboratories in Secondary Schools has enhanced science education by providing students with hands-on experiences that



Friends Secondary School Namarambi 4 classrooms and a twin-science laboratory enhancing access and improving science knowledge in our schools. Navakholo Constituency.

deepen their understanding and retention of science concepts. This approach makes learning more engaging and interactive, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The Fund is now extending science laboratories in Junior Secondary Schools. This early exposure to practical sciences through these laboratories prepares students for advanced studies in STEM fields, crucial for national development and innovation. It was noted in all schools with science labs that such investment in science education has improved students performance leading them to pursuing science related careers.

Addressing congestion and distance to schools. In each year, since 2003, the NG-CDF Board allocates significant portions of the Fund to improving school infrastructure. These include the construction and renovation of classrooms, laboratories, dormitories, and administration blocks, which have addressed the challenges of congestion and significantly reduced distances learners had to cover to schools. This has had multiple effects; improved school attendance, retention and completion. It has improved security for learners some of whom would cross rivers to the then nearby schools.

Access and equity. NG-CDF has helped increase access to education for marginalized and underprivileged communities. Covering all 290 constituencies, the Fund has been used to build and renovate school facilities, making learning more accessible in geographically isolated areas. Furthermore, providing scholarships and bursaries to needy students and enhancing facilities in these remote areas, the Fund has had a substantial impact on reducing educational disparities in the country.

Improvement of sanitation facilities. In numerous schools, the NG-CDF has significantly improved sanitation by building new or upgrading sanitation facilities. Investing in sanitation facilities has improved health and hygiene, which directly impact student attendance and performance, particularly benefiting girls.



Drumvale Secondary School, Kasarani Constituency.
Newly constructed pit latrines.



Sambu PEFA Lukuku Primary School, Webuye West
Constituency. Newly constructed pit latrines.

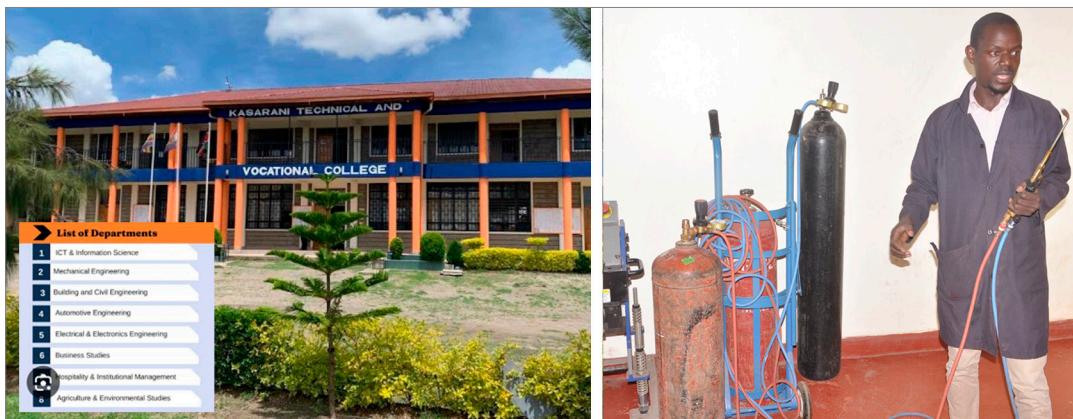
Schools as community hubs. Improving sanitation within these schools is immediately extended to the surrounding communities, reducing overall disease incidences. It also

had an environmental impact. Proper waste management and sanitation in schools leads to better environmental health in surrounding areas, preventing issues like water contamination.

2.2 Infrastructure in Tertiary Institutions – Technical Training Institutions

In 2013, the government decided to expand technical training institutions to improve quality and access to technical training across the country. This initiative aimed to establish a technical institution in each of the 290 constituencies, significantly increasing the number of TTIs nationwide to enhance technical vocational education and training (TVET).

Towards this goal, there has been strategic collaboration between the MoE and the NG-CDF Board in establishing TTIs across the constituencies. In total, the NG-CDF Board and Ministry of Education have partnered to establish 145 TTIs across the country. TTIs are pivotal in enhancing Kenya's educational and economic landscape by providing practical skills that meet the immediate demands of the modern job market. The case studies profiled here demonstrate the impacts being created and the results that are emerging, some of which include the following:



Kasarani Technical and Vocational Training College offering employable skills to the youth. Kasarani Constituency.

Skills development. The TTIs have provided practical skills and vocational training to trainees tailored to specific industries, ranging from mechanics, engineering, construction, fabrication, electrical, hospitality, agriculture, entrepreneurship etc. They have contributed to intermediate skill-sets required in the local market.

Employment. Skills acquired from TTIs have led to immediate employment of graduates. The TTIs have enhanced the employability of youths who are ready to enter the workforce in various sectors such as engineering, construction, manufacturing, technology, hospitality etc who either get self-employed or employed by companies or SMEs, reducing significantly unemployment rates in the country.

Youth engagement and empowerment. TTIs have removed youths from the villages where they would stay idle in unproductive groupings. Willing youths are now engaged and the TTIs have provided, especially those who may not have access to traditional academic pathways, with opportunities to gain skills to secure meaningful employment or start their own trades and cottage industries. This empowerment has helped in social mobility and economic independence of young Kenyans, who hitherto had very little options.

Reduction in youth idleness and criminal behavior. Probably this is one of the most revealing social impact of the TVETs mentioned across the interviews. The case studies show that the TVETs have offered structured programmes that keep young individuals engaged in productive activities during the day. This structured time has reduced the periods they might otherwise spend idle, which are opportunities for engaging in or being coerced into criminal activities.

Local economic growth. It is interesting how these TVETs have opened businesses in surrounding communities, for example construction of hostels, eateries, markets (shops and groceries) and transport to and from colleges (by matatus and bodaboda). The presence of TTIs has increased the population of students in the areas, which in turn boosts the demand for various goods and services such as housing, food, and transportation, etc. Local entrepreneurs have capitalized on this increased demand by establishing businesses such as hostels, eateries, and transport services by matatus and bodaboda.

Economic multiplier effect. This is an impact that is easily observed around the TVETs. New businesses have opened to serve the needs of the TVETs community, creating in the locality jobs and also generating more economic activities with direct injection to both local and national GDPs. The expansion of these institutions will lead to the growth of even more businesses, such as retail stores, entertainment venues, food chains, horticulture and various service providers.

2.3 Infrastructure in Tertiary Institutions – Kenya Medical Training Colleges

The NG-CDF's contributions to KMTC campuses across the country are threefold: infrastructure development, provision of equipment, and bursary support for students, which also aids in the operational aspects of the institutions. Over the past 20 years, the NG-CDF Board has funded significant enhancements in KMTC facilities, including the establishment of new campuses and the upgrading of existing ones with additional lecture halls, laboratories, dining halls, dormitories, and improvements in water, sanitation, and security features like fencing. These developments have contributed to meeting the increasing demand for medical training and healthcare services in the country.

As of December 2023, the NG-CDF Board had approved KMTC projects in 80 constituencies, significantly impacting the expansion of medical training and



Teso Medical Training College administration block, resource centre and the skill lab. NG-CDF contributing to improved health services in the country by supporting KMTCs to develop skills of health care professionals. Teso Constituency.

healthcare services. The NG-CDF has fortified the healthcare system by providing infrastructure development and student bursaries through the KMTC. This network of medical campuses equips students with the practical skills and knowledge crucial for healthcare services. By focusing on practical and contemporary training, it addresses the healthcare workforce gap, tackling both rural and urban challenges. The NG-CDF shares this achievement with the Ministry of Health and other relevant government agencies involved in the health sector.

Moreover, the expansion of KMTC campuses has significantly increased access to medical training and health education. This decentralization allows more students from various regions to receive quality training closer to their homes, which in turn encourages many to serve in their local communities or counties after graduation. Consequently, this localized approach to healthcare training enhances the distribution of medical professionals across the country, thus improving the overall accessibility and quality of healthcare services.

The presence of KMTC campuses in local communities has catalyzed a host of economic and social benefits. These institutions not only enhance local healthcare services but also stimulate economic growth by driving demand for local businesses such as hostels, eateries, and transport services like bodabodas. As KMTC campuses attract students from various regions, these students often require accommodation, food, and daily commuting services, providing a steady income stream for local entrepreneurs. KMTC students frequently engage with the surrounding communities through practical training and volunteer activities, such as offering first aid and basic healthcare services. This interaction not only improves community health outcomes but also fosters a symbiotic relationship between the students and local residents, enhancing the social fabric and economic vitality of the areas.

2.4 Infrastructure Development in Police Stations and Local Administration Offices

The security sector projects funded by NG-CDF target to improve working environments for chiefs, county commissioners and police officers by constructing and renovating chief's offices, county commissioner offices, police stations/posts, armories, police and prison staff houses, fencing of the compounds, among others. The case studies have been drawn from four security funded projects (i) Ruaraka Police Station (Ruaraka constituency), (ii) Wundanyi Police Station (Wundanyi constituency), (iii) Gambogi Police Station (Hamisi Constituency) and (iv) Machafuko Area Solar Security Lights and Surveillance Cameras (Kisauni constituency). These cases directly reveal the views of the police officers and community members on the benefits of the NG-CDF investments in security sector, coming out as real impact stories and testimonies.



Ikinu Police Station, Githunguri Constituency and Lokori Police Station, Turkana East Constituency. NG-CDF improving working conditions for police officers to enhance community security.

New and spacious offices have boosted the morale of these security personnel, providing a more comfortable and conducive work environment. They also symbolize the government's commitment to supporting these essential services. Renovated police stations and offices ensure that the facilities are more accessible and welcoming to the public, fostering a stronger relationship between security personnel and community members. This was seen in Ruaraka Police Station for example. Moreover, the construction of new facilities in underserved areas brings security services closer to the communities, thereby reducing response times and increasing the public's trust in these institutions.

Installing security lights and surveillance cameras in crime-prone areas acts as a deterrent to criminal activities and has enhanced community safety, confirming the role of technology in fighting crime. Well-lit streets reduce the incidences of mugging, break-ins, and snatching, creating a safer environment for residents, particularly women. This proactive approach not only prevents crime but also promotes a sense of security and well-being among community members. Community members now

engage in evening social and economic activities unlike when the places did not have security lights, slowly turning some market centres and towns into 24 hour economies.



Vitengeni Police Station, Ganze Constituency and Egetont/Baranne Police Post, Bomachoge Chache Constituency. NG-CDF improving working conditions for police officers to enhance community security.

2.5 Bursary and Scholarship Programme

NG-CDF bursary and scholarship programme benefits needy learners from various levels:

- a) Primary School Education (special cases).
- b) Secondary School Education.
- c) Education in Tertiary Institutions.
- d) Education in Non-Formal Institutions, and
- e) University Education – mainly undergraduate.

This programme is probably the most popular among students and parents as revealed in the KIIs and FGDs. It has:

- a) Contributed to the attainment of universal primary and secondary education as per Article 43 (1) (f) of the Constitution of Kenya.
- b) Supported the government in the attainment of 100% transition from primary to secondary level of education.
- c) Contributed to an enhanced access to tertiary and university education with a view to matching skills to market demand as intended in Kenya Vision 2030.
- d) Enhanced the retention rate of students in secondary schools, tertiary institutions and universities.



Mitchelle, the NG-CDF scholarship beneficiary.



Mitchelle's mother during the conversations in Kiambaa.

As demonstrated by beneficiary stories, the programme has had a profound impact on students and their families by removing financial barriers to education, which is crucial for underprivileged families. Particularly, full scholarships have been impactful for students through secondary and college/university levels, ensuring consistent support throughout their educational journey. Bursaries and scholarships have alleviated the financial strain of education costs, which can be prohibitive for many households.

2.6 Social Security Through SHIF



Mzee Reuben and his wife Annah, both beneficiaries of SHIF cover.
Kipkelion East Constituency.

The Social Security Programme, outlined in Section 48 of the NG-CDF Act, 2015, finances healthcare for vulnerable community members via the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF). The programme targets inhabitants of respective constituencies falling under the categories of (i) orphans and vulnerable children, (ii) needy elderly persons of 65 years and above, (iii) needy persons with chronic health conditions, (iv) persons with disabilities without

regular income, (v) poor widows and widowers; and (vi) persons without fixed abode. The current level of funding per family is based on the current minimum monthly premium of KES 500 per month (i.e., KES 6,000 per year) or the amount determined by the SHIF at any point in time. Currently, going with 2022/2023 financial year data, a total of 98 constituencies are implementing the Social Security Programme providing affordable healthcare services to about 233,500 individuals every financial year. The cases highlighted serve to confirm that the programme has not only improved their access to healthcare but also provided financial relief and a sense of security, reducing the strain of medical costs.

2.7 Emergency Interventions

NG-CDF Board funds Emergency Interventions which are implemented in the constituencies. As at now the supported emergencies are in schools and other learning institutions, ranging from collapsed latrines, burnt dormitories to wind-blown classrooms-restoring them back to normalcy.

2.8 Environment Projects

The NG-CDF Board funds Climate Change Mitigation Activities in all the 290 constituencies, covering afforestation, reafforestation, water catchment and wetland restoration, soil conservation, grassroot sensitisation and tree seedling production. Environment activities have focused on planting of trees in learning institutions, water

harvesting in schools and energy saving efficiencies in schools, etc. These initiatives align very well with the government campaign to plant 15 billion trees in ten years from 2022 to 2032 targeting to reach 30% tree cover in Kenya.

The programme has also promoted rainwater harvesting in learning institutions improving water availability and reducing dependency on unreliable water sources. Moreover, soil conservation projects have been implemented in regions such as Kitui Central and Samburu North, involving the construction of sand dams and gabions to prevent flooding and soil erosion, thus enhancing the sustainability of agricultural activities and local biodiversity. Energy saving efficiencies in schools have reduced wood consumption and addressed respiratory health cases of complaints among the cooks in schools.



Kiptenden Primary School 5 renovated classrooms after the roofs were blown off by the wind. Plus 2 new classrooms for JSS. Nakuru Town West Constituency. NG-CDF restoring normalcy in schools.

Case Studies of NG-CDF Supported Secondary Schools

3.1 Cheptigit Mixed Day Secondary School, Ainabkoi Constituency



Cheptigit school bus 100% funded by NG-CDF, Ainabkoi Constituency.

The school was started by the community in 2014 with an enrolment of 35 students who were hosted at Cheptigit Primary School for one year. Currently, (as at March 2024), the school had an enrolment of 665 students, implying 1,800% increase in the last 10 years. NG-CDF Ainabkoi Constituency has invested about KES 15 million for 4 classrooms and administration block, science laboratory, computer laboratory, modern toilets of 8-door for staff, 16-door for boys and 14-door for girls; with provision for changing rooms or bathrooms in each section and 29-seater school bus. They gave bursary for 235 needy students at KES 5,000 each in 2023/24 FY.



Administration block fully funded by NG-CDF, Ainabkoi Constituency.

The science laboratory with a modern design is fully equipped and has motivated learners and teachers to improve their interest and achievement in science subjects. This school has transformed the educational landscape in Ainabkoi Constituency, providing opportunities for students who previously lacked access to quality secondary education.

“Many of our learners here are having their education being funded by NG-CDF. This year alone a total of 235 were given KES 5,000 each as bursary totaling to KES 1,175,000,” Ben Aibei, School Principal.

“Labor-based contracts have ensured the quality of materials. The PMC plays a crucial role in supervising the work and facilitating community involvement by providing locals with opportunities for casual employment and the supply of local materials such as stone, sand, and water. We strongly encourage the NG-CDF to maintain this approach,” said Ben Aibei, School Principal.

3.2 Nambacha Mixed Secondary School, Navakholo Constituency

The school was founded in 2011 as a day mixed community school and was later registered with the MoE in 2017. From 168 students (90 girls and 78 boys) in 2017 with 2 TSC and 3 BoM teachers, the school has grown to 490 students in 2024 (262 girls and 228 boys) with 8 TSC and 11 BoM teachers. Before NG-CDF, students from this community would cover on average between 3 and 4km to other schools in the neighbourhood.



One storey building containing 8 classrooms with a ramp to cater for students with different challenges. Fully funded by NG-CDF, Navakholo Constituency.

NG-CDFC Navakholo Constituency purchased land, constructed 2 classrooms, one storey building with 8 classrooms and adminisitraton block and bursaries of KES 332,500 to 95 students in 2023/2024 FY, all totaling to about KES 18m. These efforts have contributed greatly to the students' academic performance and learning outcomes, and the overall development of the area.

“The school started with a paltry population of 198 students, which has risen to 490, about three times the original number courtesy of NG-CDF support in expanding school facilities,” Sumba Kasim Ramadhan, School Principal.

“2020 was our first year to take our first student to the university. In 2021 and 2022 we managed to take 3 students each to the university and 1 for diploma in civil engineering. We attribute this breakthrough to the improved facilities by NG-CDF,” Deputy Principal.

3.3 HGM Kinoo Secondary School, Kikuyu Constituency

The school was established in 2018 to address the issue of overcrowding at Mama Ngina Senior Secondary School and to support the 100% transition policy by the government. It is a partnership between the Catholic Church and NG-CDFC Kikuyu constituency. The school has 8 classrooms, 2 laboratories, and adequate toilet facilities for both students and staff members ensuring a conducive learning environment. These projects costed KES 33 million.



Part of the desks and chairs bought by NG-CDF, Kikuyu Constituency.



Classrooms funded by NG-CDF, Kikuyu Constituency.

The school had its first intake of 22 students in 2019 and as of 2024 the enrollment has increased to 192 students (103 males, 89 females), indicating remarkable growth. Before establishment of the school, students had to commute a long distance (about 4-5 km) to mainly Mama Ngina Senior Secondary School. They sacrificed waking up very early and getting home very late. Both trips were not safe for them. Secondly, the neighboring schools were already congested and were unable to accommodate the large number of children in demand and they were too far for young students.

“The school has benefited the community tremendously and in a unique way, for instance the first enrolment consisted mostly of bodaboda riders who had been pushed out of other schools for one reason or another. They were accorded an opportunity to learn and passed reasonably well considering their challenges and posted a mean of 3.17 in KCSE,” Josephine M. Kirubi, Principal, HGM Kinoo Secondary School.

3.4 Kawaida Secondary School, Kiambaa Constituency

The school was started on 21st February 2023, with a population of 33 students which has now grown to 95 students. It was an initiative of the community and fully funded by NG-CDF Kiambaa Constituency, to address the burden of students in Kawaida surroundings commuting to distant schools. Before construction of the school, the



Ablution block funded by NG-CDF Kiambaa Constituency.



Students using new classrooms constructed with support from NG-CDF Kiambaa Constituency.

students used to attend Cianda Secondary School which is approximately 5.1km away. Some children were opting not to go to school. For those who went, they would travel for about 5km to be able to find a school. Kawaida Secondary School was thus initiated in response to the pressing need for accessible secondary education within the community. NG-CDF Board invested KES 11 million to construct 4 classrooms, offices, procurement of furniture and 12 toilets (6 for girls and 6 for boys). These facilities are complete and functional. The school has 8 teachers, 6 from TSC and 2 BoM. This has significantly improved access to education within the community, allowing many students who might have previously found it impossible to attend school due to distance and other barriers.

"The project was a community initiative championed by Kawaida community to reduce the distance to the next secondary school (Cianda Secondary) which was 5.1 kilometres away." Mr Walter Nyakundi, Teacher, Kawaida Secondary School.

3.5 Kimani Ngunjiri High School, Bahati Constituency

The school which started in January 2015 with first enrolment of 37 students and two classrooms - one which served the students and the other used by the teachers as staffroom, occupies 2.5 acres of land. The current enrolment as of 2024 is 309 students, 60% being girls and 40% being boys. The school has 17 teachers (11 TSC and 6 BoM).

Over 80% investment in the school is from NG-CDF, with 20% coming from Ministry of Education and parents. NG-CDF has funded 2 classrooms, 1 science lab (structure & equipment), two-storey classroom block of 6 classrooms, 14-doors pit latrines and 10,000 litre water tank, all at a cost of KES18 million. Students used to walk to nearby high schools, St Joseph High School which is 4 kilometres and Lanet High School which is about 7 kilometres away. The school has significantly reduced distances and eased the strain to students and parents.



Kimani Ngunjiri High School. One of the classrooms funded by NG-CDF, Bahati Constituency being used by students.



Kimani Ngunjiri High School. Two storey building containing 6 classrooms constructed by NG-CDF, Bahati Constituency.

"The school compound was a bush with nothing on it. The learners nearby could go to far-off schools. They had to cross a river that had no bridge. As a result, most of them failed to enroll. The idea of this school was conceived through the NG-CDF. We built the classrooms and a laboratory without which the performance in sciences was a mean of 1 and below. Now the mean has progressed to 2 and above. We are very grateful to NG-CDF, for they have greatly assisted us. As a result of the school, community members are working in the school, shops have been built around, and the value of land around here has increased," James Ndegwa, The Principal, Kimani Ngunjiri High School.

3.6 Olashapani Girls Secondary School, Narok South Constituency



An active class in progress in one of the classrooms funded by NG-CDF, Narok South Constituency.

Olashapani Girls Secondary School, was established through community efforts to address the need for a girls' secondary school. It evolved from Oleshapani Primary School, initially spanning 36 acres, which was divided via public agreement into 12 acres for the primary school, 14 acres for the secondary school, and 6 acres for a polytechnic.



Classrooms and ablution block funded by NG-CDF, Narok South Constituency.

Prior to the establishment of Olashapani Girls Secondary School through NG-CDF interventions, most local students attended either Masai Girls Secondary School, located 13 kilometres away, or St. Mary's Secondary School, roughly a 40 kilometre distance. The long journeys were costly and burdensome for parents.

Starting with two classrooms funded by the NG-CDF in Narok South, it opened in February 2017 with an initial enrollment of 28 girls. As of March 2024, the school boasts of 896 boarders, with 23 teachers, including 6 from TSC and 17 employed by BoM. The NG-CDF, Narok South has invested a total of KES 22.7 million, funding the construction of 3 classrooms, one staff house, pit latrines, dormitories and a dining hall. Establishment of the school has provided access to quality education for girls in the area and also acts as a girls rescue centre.

"Students from around here used to attend Maasai Girls Secondary School which is about 13 kilometres away and St. Mary Secondary School which is about 40 kilometres away. The long distance had been a burden to parents. The construction of this school through the support of NG-CDF has thus made it possible for the parents in the neighborhood to bring their girls here," Glory Nkatha, The Principal.

3.7 Dr. Idah Odinga Girls Secondary School Asango, Ugunja Constituency

Dr. Idah Odinga Girls Secondary School, was funded by the NG-CDF in 2021 with 3 classrooms under the Community Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. The school occupies 8.5 acres of land, with 5 acres donated by the mother school (Asango Primary) and 3.5 acres purchased through NG-CDF funding. The school had its first enrolment of 22 girls in 2022, and the current enrolment stands at 158 students. The school has 12 teachers, 7 TSC and 5 BoM.



School gate as part of facilities funded by NG-CDF Board CSR.



Students using desks in a spacious and modern classroom fully sponsored by NG-CDF Board CSR.

Before the establishment of the school, students in the area attended Moi Uloma Secondary School, which is approximately 4 kilometres away. The community expressed a specific desire for a girls' boarding school, which led to the development of the new institution to meet these educational and social needs. Ugunja NG-CDF has invested a total of KES 38.5 million in the school since its inception, funding construction of classrooms, dormitories, ablution block, kitchen, dining hall and fencing of the school.

“This school has influenced the construction of shops around here to cater for the needs of students. The community also enjoys the supply of water, which is pumped from the school borehole. The school also gets casual workers and support staff from the local community. It is therefore an ecosystem of sorts”.

“We thank the NG-CDF for all the facilities it has provided for them and I encourage them to continue doing the good work for the school so that it can be a center of excellence,” Nelly Otieno, Principal, Dr. Idah Odinga Girls Secondary School.

3.8 Mekatilili wa Menza Girls Secondary School, Mvita Constituency

Mekatilili wa Menza Girls Secondary School started in 2019 as a pure girls’ day secondary school to decongest the other girls’ schools in the area. The school started with 146 learners in 2023 and now has an enrolment of 295 girls spread across form 1 and 2. The Makatilili wa Menza complex has been designed to facilitate a comprehensive educational environment. It includes eight classrooms, three fully equipped science laboratories, a library, and a computer lab. To support the administrative functions, the complex features an office area that houses the principal’s office, secretary’s office, staff room, deputy principal’s office, and other academic offices. There is also a designated prayer room catering for Muslim students.

“NG-CDF had planned well, this is indeed a model school. From the concept of Mekatilili wa Menza, the Giriama heroine to the design of the infrastructure and what we now instill in the girls, the idea of this school and support from NG-CDF was timely. The school has eased pressure on the other schools and we are growing in our enrolments,” Mrs. Mwaringa, The Principal, Mekatilili wa Menza Girls Secondary School.



3.9 Jomvu Girls Secondary School, Jomvu Constituency

Jomvu Girls Secondary School, established in 2013, is constructed on 10 acres of land donated by the Methodist Church. The Jomvu NG-CDF and the MoE supported the initiative, aiming to develop the school into a centre of excellence. Initially starting

with 125 students, the school has grown significantly and has 640 girls, of whom 75 are boarders and the remaining are day scholars. This school continues to expand its impact, providing valuable educational opportunities in the area. Specific support and interventions by NG-CDF include offices, hostels, principal's house and a twin house for the boarding mistress, matron and deputy, a laboratory and chain link fencing. MoE capitation and infrastructure funds went towards the construction of toilets.



Four classrooms fully funded under NG-CDF Board CSR, 2 in FY 2018/19 and 2 in FY 2020/21.

"This school in its entirety is the effort of Jomvu NG-CDF. The Fund has supported this school in the development of the infrastructure and continues to give bursaries to most of the students, majority who are boarders. It would be really difficult to run this school without the support of the NG-CDF. This has increased the confidence of the local community in education," Ms Janet, The Principal, Jomvu Girls Secondary School.

Case Studies of Science Laboratories in Secondary Schools

4.1 Science Lab at Kimani Ngunjiri High School, Bahati Constituency

Kimani Ngunjiri High School was established in January 2015. It has received substantial support from the NG-CDF Board, which funded approximately 90% of its infrastructure, while the Ministry of Education contributed the remaining 10%. The school's laboratory, built at a cost of KES 4.2 million, is well-equipped for Biology, Physics, and Chemistry. This facility has been crucial in enhancing practical applications for science subjects. Since the construction of the laboratory, performance in science subjects at the school has been gradually improving. The school's overall performance has also improved, with the number of students joining universities from the school increasing. In the last KCSE, the school was ranked 11th out of 35 schools in the constituency.



Well equiped modern science laboratory by NG-CDF Bahati Constituency.

"NG-CDF assisted us in constructing a very well-equipped laboratory with sufficient apparatus for the three sciences. The facility has been of great importance to the students, transforming their theory lessons into practice. The performance of science studies has since 2018 improved. We thank the NG-CDF," James Ndegwa, The Principal, Kimani Ngunjiri High School.

4.2 Science Lab at Moi Uloma Secondary School, Ugunja Constituency

Moi Uloma Secondary School was established in 1987 with just 20 students. It now has an enrolment of 727 students. It sits on a 3-acre piece of land. The school has 25 teachers (13 TSC & 12 BoM). The NG-CDF has supported the school by funding multiple projects, including the construction of a twin science laboratory that can accommodate 90 students at a cost of KES 7 million, an 80-student dormitory for KES 2 million, two classrooms at KES 1.2 million, and a 51-seater bus costing KES 7 million, totalling KES 17.2 million in investments. Construction of the modern twin laboratory has significantly improved the school's performance in the three science subjects, with students developing a positive attitude towards physics, chemistry, and biology.



Students using a well equipped science laboratory for a practical lesson funded by NG-CDF Ugunja Constituency.

"We thank NG-CDF for the remarkable laboratory facility in the school. Before the laboratory was built, the students used to carry out their practicals in one of the classes, which was designated as a laboratory. The construction of a modern twin laboratory with a capacity of 90 students has improved the school's performance in the three sciences. Daniel Ochieng," The Principal, Moi Uloma Secondary School.

4.3 Twin-Lab at Friends School Namarambi, Webuye East Constituency

Friends School Namarambi has been a beneficiary of the NG-CDF's support in the construction of a science laboratory. Before the establishment of the laboratory, students were forced to improvise within their classrooms for practical exercises or miss these essential lessons altogether. The construction of the NG-CDF funded science



Form 4 students doing exams in one of the twin-labs funded by NG-CDF, Webuye East Constituency.



Two best science students in 2023 KCSE with DoS preparing to mentor and coach 2024 KCSE candidates in sciences.

laboratory has significantly improved the teaching and learning of science subjects in the institution. The well-equipped facility has motivated both learners and teachers, leading to improved academic achievement in science-related fields.

“The best thing which happened to Kenyan schools is NG-CDF. In fact a school like ours is a fully NG-CDF supported school,” Salome Musa Kataka, The Principal, Friends School Namarabi.

“Since 2021 we have seen steady increase in performance in science subjects, rising from 0 to 4 students with B and above in KCSE in sciences within 2 years, simply because of the NG-CDF funded and well equipped labs,” Mr. Joel Mundwe, DoS.

4.4 Science Lab at Peter Kibukosya Secondary School, Embakasi West Constituency

Peter Kibukosya Secondary School has seen significant growth with current enrolment at 1,208 students, with 39 teachers and 15 subordinate staff. Previously, the school had to convert a classroom into a makeshift laboratory, which was inadequate for practical science lessons. Thanks to NG-CDF support, the school has now constructed dedicated science laboratories, enhancing the learning environment and student access to practical science education. The NG-CDF funded laboratories have significantly

improved the teaching and learning of science subjects in the institution. The new facilities have boosted students' confidence and increased their comfort levels, leading to improved academic performance.

“Our laboratory is a state of the art and we have had other schools come for bench-marking from Nairobi and even from other counties,” Patrick Mburu, The Principal, Peter Kibukosya Secondary School.



Science complex funded by NG-CDF, Embakasi West Constituency.



Science laboratory with modern equipment funded by NG-CDF Embakasi West Constituency.

“Before the labs were constructed, we would literally skip the science lessons or sometimes we would improvise a laboratory within the classroom. The students would have a challenge during KCSE because they had not been used to some of the facilities,” Patrick Mburu, The Principal, Peter Kibukosya Secondary School.

4.5 Science Lab at Dr. Mwenje Secondary School, Embakasi West Constituency

Dr. Mwenje Secondary School, has benefited from NG-CDF support, including the construction of science laboratories and classrooms. The school currently serves 536 students, comprising 235 girls and 301 boys, with fewer than 10 students with disabilities across both genders. The NG-CDF investments have focused on enhancing the school's infrastructure to improve the quality of education for all its students. The labs are equipped and have created a conducive atmosphere for students to engage in practical lessons and hands-on learning experiences.



Classrooms funded by NG-CDF, Embakasi West Constituency.

The school has witnessed an increase in student enrolment, with the current population standing at 536 students, including a small number of students with disabilities across both genders. By providing essential resources and facilities, the NG-CDF has contributed to creating a more inclusive/engaging learning environment, enhancing quality of science education and promoting overall learning outcomes; catering for the needs of all students, including those with disabilities.

“Because of the science lab, the learners are now more interested in science activities and now they are involved in activities related to Science and Engineering fair. There is more love and appreciation of science.” Priscah Ochieng, The Principal, Dr. Mwenje Secondary School.



Science laboratory funded by NG-CDF Embakasi West Constituency.

4.6 Science Lab in Gathuthi Comprehensive School for JSS, Tetu Constituency

Gathuthi Primary and Junior School was established in 1934. It has been providing quality education to the community for decades. The current enrolment stands at 286 students (boys 153, girls 133) with the junior high school having 99 students (44 girls and 55 boys) while the primary school at 187 students (98 boys and 89 girls).

The introduction of Junior Secondary School (JSS) required a science laboratory to enhance practical learning and experience. Thus, the students were going to the neighboring high school for science practical lessons, and this resulted in wastage of time, breakages of the laboratory equipment and other related challenges. Because of the need, the NG-CDF, Tetu funded renovation of two existing classrooms to a JSS laboratory at a cost of KES 1,500,000. The JSS science lab has addressed the necessity for a practical learning facility aligned with the CBC curriculum and alleviated the

challenges faced by students in accessing their neighboring high school laboratory. Students no longer travel to neighboring schools to do practical lessons, have thus saved valuable learning hours, and done away with the risk of damaging equipment of the neighbouring school.

Other NG-CDF funded projects include construction of a kitchen, renovation of classrooms and other infrastructure improvements in the school.



NG-CDF funded facility at Gathuthi Comprehensive School.

“The students used to take upto about 10 minutes of lesson time (to and fro) going to the neighbouring Gathuthi Secondary to use the laboratory and sometimes our learners would break the materials which we had to replace using our budget,” Elizabeth Ndegwa, Headteacher, Gathuthi Comprehensive School.

Case Studies of NG-CDF Supported Primary Schools

5.1 Kwa Bullo Primary School, Nyali Constituency

Kwa Bullo Primary School was established in January 2021 to decongest the only public school in the ward. The projects funded under NG-CDF from 2019/20 FY to 2022/23 FY, with a total allocation of KES 43,720,050, have significantly modernized the school infrastructure. These initiatives include the construction of a multi-purpose three-storey building that features 12 classrooms, an administration block (still under construction), and the installation of various amenities. The facility enhancements comprise 200 desks, eight toilets with disability-friendly ramps, a borehole, water tanks, and office furniture. An outer perimeter wall has also been constructed. The school has experienced rapid growth, with enrolment increasing from 500 children to over 1,200 learners. The modern infrastructure has created a conducive learning environment, attracting students from nearby private schools. The establishment of the school has significantly increased access to quality education in the area, contributing to the overall development of the community.



Classroom block funded by NG-CDF, Nyali Constituency.

“Developing this school was not an easy task. It took a lot of engagements with the community members for people to relocate and pave way for the school to be constructed. Now, we can look back and appreciate our bold

decision. The enrolment of almost 1,200 children is a testimony that we needed this school. And this school is what it is today because of NG-CDF," Mzee Abubakar, Community member and security guard in the school.

5.2 ABC Katatha Maweu Primary School, Kangundo Constituency

ABC Katatha Maweu Primary School was established in 2020. The school has a current enrolment of 130 learners, excluding ECDE. It also serves children from nearby Mwala Constituency. Prior to its construction, local children faced the daunting task of walking up to 7 kilometres to school, a journey that included crossing Athi River, posing significant risks. The establishment of the new school was primarily to address these challenges of long distances and safety risks.



Classroom block constructed by NG-CDF, Kangundo Constituency.
Learners in one of the outdoor activities within the school.

Since its inception, the school has received about KES 8 million from NG-CDF for the construction of 6 classrooms and 10 pit latrines. Safaricom Foundation has also made contributions by building a single classroom and installing a 10,000-litre water tank, further enhancing the school's facilities and resources.

"This school is located on the border between Mwala and Kangundo constituencies. We thank the Kangundo NG-CDF for coming out to support the construction of this school even when most of the children come from the nearby Mwala Constituency," Mr Paul Mutinda, Headteacher, ABC Katatha Maweu Primary School.

5.3 Komarock South Primary School, Embakasi Central Constituency



School complex constructed with support from NG-CDF, Embakasi Central Constituency.

Komarock South Primary School, established on September 26, 2022, and officially commissioned by the President on October 12, 2022, represents a significant development in educational infrastructure. The project, entirely funded by the NG-CDF Embakasi Central, cost KES 126 million, supplemented by an additional KES 20 million donation from President William Ruto during its

commissioning. This funding enabled the construction of 42 classrooms, 3 offices, 72 toilets, and a disability-friendly ramp with 6 toilets for learners with disabilities. Prior to the school's establishment, children had to attend overcrowded and distant schools in neighbouring areas, which were not only understaffed but also ill-equipped to handle the growing demand for educational services.

"The construction of school in this area enabled decongestion of 7 schools in this area. This area has a very large population of school going children. We are currently full to capacity with a school population of 4,150 learners," Purity Gikaria, The Principal, Komarock South Comprehensive School



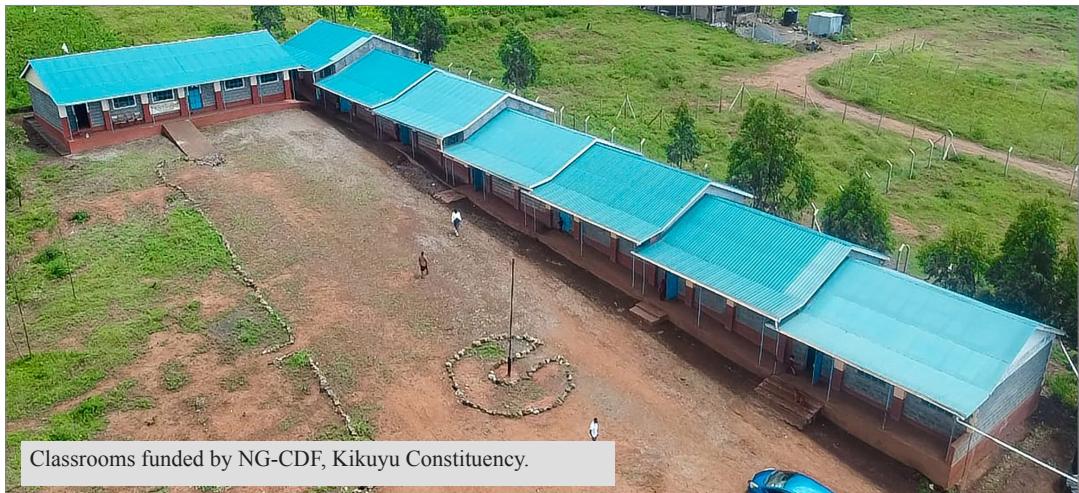
JSS class in progress in one of the NG-CDF, Embakasi Central Constituency funded classrooms.



Primary class in progress in one of the NG-CDF, Embakasi Central Constituency funded classrooms.

5.4 Ndiguini Primary School, Kikuyu Constituency

Ndiguini Primary School was opened in 2019, with the first PP1 class beginning that year. The school has a total population of 183 pupils with 92 girls and 91 boys, all between PP1 and grade 6. Before the school was built, there was great need for a school in the area as most of the schools were very far away. Students were therefore forced to walk for long distances of between 3-4 Kms. Some had to abscond school as well due to the distances and congestion in the existing schools.



Classrooms funded by NG-CDF, Kikuyu Constituency.



Learners in one of the NG-CDF funded classrooms, Kikuyu Constituency.

Since 2019, the NG-CDF Kikuyu has been constructing 2 classrooms every year, and the school now has 9 classrooms. The total cost of the project from 2018 to 2023 is about KES 32 million, which includes the purchase of land, construction of classrooms, levelling of the field, partial fencing of the school, and water harvesting facilities. The well-built, quality classrooms and facilities have significantly improved access to

education, ensuring that children can study and perform at the highest level.

"Before this school was constructed, the parents used to wake up very early to prepare their children and escort them to school because the nearby schools are very far (4-5 kilometres). Now they are comfortable because they don't have to go far but the school is nearby," Elizabeth Kimani, Headteacher, Ndiguini Primary School.

Landscaping and leveling of land around the school premises serve to confirm efforts to create conducive learning environment, improving accessibility and child-friendliness. Fencing the school has ensured protection and safety of pupils, while provision of amenities such as lockers and chairs has enhanced the learning environment promoting student engagement and comfort.

"The school has become the central communal place for the community where we have access to water, we also hold all types of ceremonies such as wedding ceremonies (ruracio), harambee (fundraising) for sick community members, funeral and other gatherings in this compound. This school is our pride because it has caused this community to grow and have access to the good road and there is electricity," James Njihia, Chairman, Project Management Committee, Ndiguini Primary School.

5.5 St. Paul's Shimanyiro Comprehensive School, Ikolomani Constituency



JSS class in progress in NG-CDF, Ikolomani Constituency funded JSS building with a total of 8 classrooms.

St. Paul's Shimanyiro Comprehensive School has benefitted from partial funding by the NG-CDF. This support facilitated the construction of a one-story building, comprising eight classrooms, commonly referred to as the JSS Building. This facility is now utilized by both the Junior Secondary School (JSS) and the upper grades of the primary section.

In addition to the classroom block, the NG-CDF contributions also covered construction of latrines and the installation of water tanks. During discussions, the head teacher and the Chair of the BoM expressed high satisfaction with the quality of these structures, affirming their significant positive impact on the school's infrastructure development.

The NG-CDF funded classrooms have enhanced the learning environment, contributing to improved participation and focus among students. The more spacious and conducive classrooms have alleviated congestion, thereby boosting learner engagement and concentration during class activities. This improved setting has correlated with a consistent rise in the school's performance in national exams (KCPE) over the past three years. Notably, the latest KCPE results in 2023 showcased top marks ranging from 364 to 398, with all of the top ten performers gaining admission to national schools.

"NG-CDF has carried out a number of projects in our school, including the JSS building with 8 classrooms. We therefore don't have any stress when it comes to classrooms even with the introduction of JSS. In addition we have very good washrooms courtesy of NG-CDF. They have reached the heart of our community through these initiatives, as this is where the heart of the community is," Ms Jacqueline Agitsa, Head Teacher

5.6 Mwiciringiri Primary School, Naivasha Constituency

Established in 1969 by school alumni and parents on a 15-acre piece of land. The school has received various project funding from NG-CDF, addressing critical needs that arose due to several challenges. Prior to these interventions, many students attended the distant St. Catherine School Mwiciringiri, approximately 4 kilometres away, leading to fatigue from the daily commute. NG-CDF contributions total to KES



Renovated 8 classrooms in Mwiciringiri Primary School.



Upper primary pupils in one of the NG-CDF, Ikolomani Constituency supported classrooms.



Learners in one of the renovated classrooms using desks purchased by NG-CDF, Naivasha Constituency.

6.9 million. These projects include the renovation of eight classrooms at a cost of KES 4.4 million that is now being comfortably used by learners, see below.



Old and disused latrines in the school.



New latrines funded by NG-CDF, Naivasha Constituency to improve sanitation and hygiene conditions in school.

Other projects include an 8-door pit latrine that has replaced an old dilapidated latrine, including a door accessible to persons with disabilities (PWDs), costing KES 1.4 million, a modern kitchen and a 10,000-litre water tank for KES 1.1 million. In addition, the school received 10,000 tree seedlings from NG-CDF, which have been planted to provide environmental cover and firewood. These enhancements have not only improved the school's infrastructure but also led to increased student enrolment and better academic performance reflecting.

"Renovation of the eight classrooms was of very high standard because the roof was even painted. The previous roof had rusted and was leaking. The construction of the pit latrine has given the students an excellent and conducive environment. The construction of two energy-saving jikos has helped save on the cost the school used to incur on firewood and charcoal. The planting of trees has provided shades and good air circulation," Tabitha Munene, Head Teacher.

5.7 Ibeno Mission Primary School, Nyaribari Chache Constituency

Ibeno Mission Primary School was started in 1986 with 45 students learning in mud classrooms. The school, which covers a geographical area of 1.32 acres has 15 primary teachers and 3 junior secondary teachers. The NG-CDF has funded projects such as



Ibeno Mission Primary School. Classroom block funded by NG-CDF, Nyaribari Chache Constituency.



Students in an active learning session in Ibeno classrooms sponsored by NG-CDF, Nyaribari Chache Constituency.

construction of 4 classrooms at KES 400,000 each in the 2005/2006 FY, a one-storey building consisting of 8 classrooms, a staffroom, and 8-door ablution block at KES 17 million in the 2021/2022 FY, and a pit latrine at KES 400,000 in the 2021/2022 FY. The total cost of NG-CDF contribution to the school projects is KES 17.8 million. These interventions have significantly improved the school's infrastructure and learning environment, leading to increased enrolment. The construction of classrooms funded by the NG-CDF has significantly improved various aspects of the educational experience at the school, impacting on enrolment, retention, progression, and student engagement.

"The construction of classrooms funded by NG-CDF has brought about several positive impacts on the learning environment and participation indicators, including enrolment, retention, progression, and engagement. By providing well-equipped classrooms and essential amenities, students now have an improved learning environment conducive to effective teaching and learning," Rodgers Kiboma Getugi, Head Teacher.

5.8 Katalel Primary School, Keiyo North Constituency

Katalel Primary School was established in 2015 through the efforts of a community-based committee and the support of the NG-CDF. The school opened its doors for the first intake in 2016, aiming to provide accessible and quality education to children in the area. Due to its location (just 3km from the border of two counties) the school serves children from both Elgeyo Marakwet and Uasin Gishu Counties – with about 30% of learners from the latter.



Pupils playing in the school compound. In the background are classrooms and administration block fully funded by NG-CDF, Keiyo North Constituency.

Before the school was built, children could walk for over 5km to Kitingo Primary school to the East, Muno Primary school to the South and Chebonet Primary school to the North. The area had 3 private schools which have since closed down as a result of Katalel Primary School. In the private school parents were spending as much as KES 4,000 per term for ECD leading to KES 12,000 in a year and KES 12,000 per term for primary level leading to KES 36,000 in a year.

Since its establishment, the NG-CDF has invested approximately KES 12 million for purchase of land, construction of 8 classrooms, latrines, administration block and water tanks. These investments have significantly improved the school's infrastructure and learning environment, leading to population growth from 46 students in 2016 to 467 students (including ECD, primary and JSS in 2024).

"The school started in 2016 with 46 pupils (21 boys and 25 girls) with full support from NG-CDF which has by now contributed a total of 8 classrooms, administration block, latrines, land and water tanks leading to surge in population to 396 pupils (193 boys and 203 girls)," Kimosop Paul, Head Teacher.

Special Projects to Promote Education Access, Retention and Learning Outcomes

There are many NG-CDF funded projects that could be tagged as special projects. Two of them have been highlighted here. These are Dagoretti Kitchen and Umoja 1 Primary School Swimming Pool, which are unique and impactful projects contributing to improved learning and community outcomes. The Dagoretti Kitchen addresses critical issues of nutrition and school attendance by providing daily meals to thousands of students, while the swimming pool at Umoja 1 Primary School offers recreational and competitive swimming opportunities, fostering physical health and inclusivity. These initiatives illustrate how NG-CDF funded projects serve schools as well as spill over to the wider communities.

6.1 Dagoretti Kitchen – Food for Education Project, Dagoretti South Constituency



Dagoretti Kitchen constructed in Mukarara Primary School by NG-CDF Dagoretti South at a cost of KES 7 million.

Dagoretti South NG-CDF established the Dagoretti Kitchen in the 2019/2020 FY at a cost of KES 7 million to address the problems of school attendance, absenteeism,



Dagoretti Kitchen staff on duty preparing lunch for the 16500 learners across the constituency.



Food for Education staff (NGO partner) loading packed lunches for delivery to all schools in Dagoretti South Constituency.



Learners being served hot lunch by Dagoretti Kitchen staff at Mukarara Primary School.

and nutritional deficiencies among primary and secondary school children in the constituency. The project started with 4 jikos in 2020, which have increased to 12 jikos in 2024. The Dagoretti Kitchen project serves hot lunches daily to 16,500 learners across 22 schools (17 primary & 5 secondary) in Dagoretti constituency. The project has reduced school drop-out rates, increased discipline, regular attendance, and school enrolment across the 22 beneficiary schools. The balanced meals have also led to a marked improvement in school health, participation trends, and learning achievement. Indirectly, this project has also contributed to the overall health and well-being of the beneficiary students, eased cost to households, created employment opportunities for community members working in the kitchen and supported a chain of local suppliers. In a nutshell, the projects impact has been three-fold – on learners, on families and on host communities.

“Even those children without anything to eat at home, at least there is some lunch in their schools to sustain them,” Linet Ndung’wa, Manager Dagoretti Kitchen, commenting on the benefits of the special project.

“The project has helped a great deal in retaining learners in school and our children no longer miss school. It is also very affordable

since it is highly subsidized with parents paying only 5/- and the rest are taken care of by other partners,” Agnes Karanu, Deputy Head Teacher, Mukarara Primary School



Githunguri Central Kitchen for Schools Feeding Programme is targeting 53 schools of about 22,000 learners. In future, they are considering to include 17 day Secondary schools. The arrangement is for parents to pay KES 20 per day per child making a total of KES 2,000 per term. The former feeding program of individual schools was charging KES 5,000 to 6,000 per term. In the new plan, parents will save KES 3,000 per child per term. The programme will engage 400 employees directly and approximately 400 indirectly through supply chains.

6.2 Umoja 1 Primary School Swimming Pool, Embakasi West Constituency

NG-CDF Board has funded four swimming pools: Umoja 1 Primary School (Embakasi Constituency), Changamwe Secondary School (Changamwe Constituency), Mvita Primary School (Mvita Constituency) and Maweni Scondary School (Nyali Constituency). The swimming pools have diversified recreational and sports facilities to cater for holistic development of students in schools and their local communities.

The NG-CDF Embakasi West funded the construction of a swimming pool at Umoja 1 Primary School, which was launched by the President (then Deputy President) Hon. William Ruto in 2020. The swimming pool has 15 employees and a capacity of 600 students when full. The swimming pool has provided students at Umoja 1 Primary School and 10 other neighbouring schools with access to quality swimming sports and recreation facilities, demonstrating the potential of sports and recreation initiatives in promoting student engagement, community participation, and overall well-being. The pool is also accessible to those with disabilities or special needs, with special trainers available to assist them. The establishment of the Umoja Sharks Swimming Club has increased the involvement of both students and community members in swimming sports and recreation activities. The pool has become a recreational centre for the constituency, bringing people together and fostering social cohesion.



Pupils from different schools enjoy the swimming pool at Umoja 1 Primary School, under watch of pool attendants.

"This facility has become a major recreation centre for people from Embakasi West. The nearby schools (both public and private) come here for their swimming lessons and this place is very active during weekends with community members coming for swimming. Before they used to go up to Buruburu (about 3 kilometres) away to access such facilities," Rosemary Kinyua, Manager, Umoja 1 Primary Swimming pool department.

"The project has many benefits to the community for instance it employs 15 community members, we have a facility (a hall) that hosts community meetings by the chief, MCA or member of parliament. The community has a swimming club (Umoja 1 Sharks Club) that has travelled to Tanzania and Uganda for competitions and now planning to travel to Dubai. We are also fighting the drug abuse menace in the community by the youth using the facilities to keep them busy," Fredrick Oondo, PTA Chair, Umoja 1 Primary School.

Case Studies of NG-CDF Supported KMTC Campuses and Technical Vocational Training Colleges

Five tertiary learning institutions have been covered as case studies: 2 Technical and Vocational Colleges: Kasarani TVC, and Kimasiani TVC (Kipkelion East), 3 KMTC campuses: Teso MTC, Mbooni MTC and Kangema MTC, and one Forestry College, Ugenya Forestry College. This chapter focuses on TVCs and MTCs. Ugenya Forestry College is discussed under Environment chapter.

The construction of TVCs has been a collaboration between the MoE and NG-CDF Board, while the MTCs has been the collaboration with MoH. NG-CDF contributes a minimum of KES 10 million to each TVCs as capital contribution. Students are also given bursaries to kick-start the enrolment and ensure retention and completion. In some constituencies, the contribution has been more than KES 10 million.

The growth of these colleges has not only provided opportunities for youth to acquire marketable skills but also contributed to the overall development of the host communities through increased economic activities and community engagement. They have contributed to economic development of the host communities.

7.1 Teso MTC, Teso North Constituency



KMTC Teso Campus complex constructed by NG-CDF Teso North Constituency and a practical session in the skills lab within the building - one of its own kind in Western Region.

Teso MTC, located in Kocholya, Teso North Constituency, was established in 2020/2021 with 64 students, following a ground-breaking ceremony in July 2020. NG-CDF has been instrumental in supporting the college; purchasing 8 acres of land at KES 10 million and funding the construction of various facilities, including administration/tuition block at KES 120 million, which includes a skills lab, a well-equipped library, a computer lab with 46 desktops, offices, 6 lecture halls with an 80-student capacity each, a customer service unit, a staff room, and a kitchen. NG-CDF has also funded a borehole at KES 2 million and an additional land at KES 5 million. The MoH funded a hostel at KES 24 million and an additional tuition block at KES 35million.

The college has a student enrolment of 166 as of March 2024, who over time have received scholarships and bursaries worth KES 35 million to students which has contributed to increase in student enrolment, retention and course completion.

"The college began in 2021 with 64 students fully sponsored by NG-CDF. They also paid for initial lecturers. NG-CDF has invested over KES 120 million in infrastructure development in the college so far," Cyrus Ashiriva, Deputy Principal Teso MTC.

"Without NG-CDF coming in to support us, some of us could be out there just taking liquor. But now our parents are very happy because of our new titles and prestige associated with them. Being called a doctor is not a small thing in the village," Emoit Jackson, 3rd Year Student, Teso MTC.

7.2 Mbooni MTC, Mbooni Constituency

Mbooni MTC was established in 2019 on a 6-acre land purchased through NG-CDF in 2014 at a cost of KES 4.5 million. Between 2015 and 2024, a total of 8 projects have been funded under NG-CDF at the college, costing KES 83.1 million. The campus has also received from NG-CDF a 40% funding towards development of a master plan. KCB Kikima branch supported the college in the form of a 10,000-litre water storage tank.

The college which started with 45 students has since graduated 346 students, with a current enrolment of 350 students taking different programmes. NG-CDF investment in Mbooni MTC has had immediate transformation of the college and the area. The college boasts quality facilities, including 6 classrooms, 2 laboratories, an administration block, girls' and boys' hostels, a dining hall, 12 pit latrines, 5 lecture halls, a powerhouse, a gate, a fence, a security house, furniture and fittings. The infrastructure is well-branded and built to quality standards, meeting the KMTC's brand requirements.

"As you can see, Tawa township where the MTC is located has transformed into a vibrant centre. Land value has gone up and construction and other businesses are now booming. We go out for outreach programs in the communities where we are witnessing a lot of interest in medicine related programs from high school students when we speak to them. It is more than just a college being located here," Administrator, Mbooni KMTC.

7.3 Kangema MTC, Kangema Constituency

Kangema MTC was initiated in 2018 with support from NG-CDF. The construction of the college was completed in 2023, and student enrolment is currently ongoing, marking a significant milestone in the provision of healthcare education in the region. The establishment of Kangema MTC has opened up new opportunities for aspiring healthcare professionals in the area, providing them with access to quality medical training and health education. The facilities and comprehensive curriculum that will be offered by the college are expected to contribute to the development of a skilled healthcare workforce, enhancing the quality of healthcare services in the region. Similar to other colleges, the college has created employment opportunities for teaching staff and support personnel, opening business opportunities and contributing to the socio-economic development of the surrounding community.



Part of the infrastructure at KMTC Kangema Campus which is one of the latest MTCs funded by NG-CDF, Kangema Constituency.

"Today we are admitting students for the Health Records & Information Technology and Community Health Assistants. The campus will also enable the students to train health workers who are fit for purpose in the following skills - keep medical records, carry research and analyse data. The skills lab will enable the Kangema KMTC to offer other courses such as nursing and clinical medicine, orthopaedic trauma medicine, nutrition and emergency medical technicians," Dr. Evelyne Nyamai, Principal, Kangema KMTC.

"I am so happy to have enrolled in Health Records and Information Technology because I have been aspiring to do it for long because it has good demand. I love the fact that this school is closer home, and I don't have to use a lot of finances for food, accommodation and transport. As a resident, I thank the Kangema NG-CDF for the bursary of KES. 40,000 for my enrolment into this course and I am only paying KES 3,200," Emily Kabui, New Student, Kangema KMTC.

7.4 Kasarani Technical and Vocational College, Kamulu, Kasarani Constituency

Kasarani Technical and Vocational College Kamulu was built by the Technical University of Kenya (TUK) between 2014 and 2017 at a cost of KES 66 million, with the Ministry of Education contributing KES 56 million and the Kasarani NG-CDF providing KES 10 million. The NG-CDF also gives annual bursaries to students, with 60 beneficiaries receiving KES 7,000 each in the 2023/24 financial year.



College Librarian organizing resource materials in the TVC's resource center within the complex.

Since its establishment, the college has experienced significant growth in student enrolment, from 200 students in 2019 to 2,220 in 2024. The college has produced 4 diploma cohorts and several groups in craft and certificate courses, with hospitality being the most popular programme. The college has also contributed to the economic development of the surrounding community, with residents investing in hostels for students, rental units for staff, shops and groceries.

The initial NG-CDF contribution of KES 10m and bursaries to students to kick-start the enrolment played a crucial role in actualising the college.

"With a population of 2200 students, the College offers courses like automotive, welding and fabrication, ICT, agriculture, business studies and electricals at artisan, certificate and diploma levels. NG-CDF partnered with us to build the college by contributing up to KES 10 million and giving annual bursaries to students. This year alone they have supported 60 students to the tune of KES 7,000 each," Principal, Kasarani TVC.



Kasarani TVC complex funded jointly by NG-CDF Board and Ministry of Education.

7.5 Kimasian Technical and Vocational College, Kipkelion East Constituency

Kimasian Technical and Vocational College was established in May 2019 along the Kericho-Nakuru highway in Kipkelion East Constituency. The college was a result of the collaborative efforts between the County Government of Kericho and NG-CDF Board, which contributed KES 26,510,000 towards the construction of classrooms, a modern gate, and the purchase of water tanks.



Lecture halls and workshops constructed with support from NG-CDF, Kipkelion East Constituency.

Before the college's inception, the nearest youth college was Kipsinende TVET, located 40 kilometres away. The establishment of Kimasian TVC has addressed these challenges, providing accessible and affordable technical and vocational education to the youth in the region. NG-CDF was very instrumental in supporting the first batch of students in September 2019 by giving bursary of KES 10,000 each to 250 students which helped to kick-start the college. As the college Principal said, *"Had it not been for NG-CDF the 348 students could not have made it to where they are today. To give back to the community we will create an alumni of NG-CDF students so that they can assist others."*



Agriculture students preparing for one of their practical sessions in the college.



Students undertaking assignments in one of the workshops funded by NG-CDF, Kipkelion East Constituency.

The college has seen significant growth, with a current student population of 850, including 345 girls and 505 boys. The impact of Kimasian TVC extends beyond its student body, catalysing economic growth in the region, with businesses benefiting from the influx of students and staff. Along the Kericho highway, hostels are coming up, and small-scale businesswomen also sell vegetables to our trainees.

Kimasian Technical and Vocational College has an ICT hub, providing a training programme in ICT. This infrastructure is equipping students with critical digital skills and has opened up avenues for them to secure online jobs. Students use income generated from these jobs for their upkeep and supplement their school fees.

Furthermore, the availability of the ICT hub encourages students to spend extra time in the evenings working on their online jobs or further honing their ICT skills. This extended access to technology and the internet is an invaluable resource, providing them with real-world experience and enhancing their employability upon graduation. For their families, the ICT benefits translate into some economic relief.

Case Studies From NG-CDF Scholarship Scheme

NG-CDF bursaries and scholarships are given to needy and deserving students in different schools across various constituencies. The cases highlighted here amplify the importance of bursary and scholarship scheme across the country.

8.1 Moses Njagi – Scholarship Beneficiary, Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency

Moses Njagi, a 4th year B.Ed Science student at the University of Embu, is a total orphan who lost his father in December 2018 and mother in May 2019. Moses has been a recipient of the NG-CDF scholarship for the last 3 years, alongside support from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB). NG-CDF scholarship has enabled Moses to pursue his university education with fewer difficulties. Apart from the scholarship, he also secured a loan and additional bursary from HELB, which provided him with a surplus that he used to start a business. The support has alleviated the financial burden on Moses and his family, allowing him to focus on his studies without worrying about fee balances.

“Chuka/Igambang’ombe NG-CDF really opened my eyes. I had some surplus from the savings I got from HELB after my fees got cleared. I used these savings to start a small business as a student. I have so far employed four people and the prospects are good. This was more than just financial support towards my education,” Moses Njagi, NG-CDF scholarship beneficiary.

8.2 Wandwasi Moses – Scholarship Beneficiary, Saboti Constituency

Wandwasi Moses, a partial orphan from a family which had three KCPE candidates, received full sponsorship from NG-CDF, Saboti Constituency to attend Nakuru High School from Form 1 to Form 4 between 2010 and 2013, when he was almost dropping out to join a day school back home in Kitale. He later received partial sponsorship for his degree studies at Embu University, graduating in 2018 with a B.Sc in Agro-Business Management.

NG-CDF scholarship enabled Moses to attend prestigious schools, including Nakuru High School and Embu University. After completing his studies, Moses worked as an



Moses (in white dust coat) giving a demonstration to Trans Nzoia Governor, George Natembaya, during the regional agricultural show & business expo held in Kitale in 2023.

intern at Family Bank in Kitale and later joined Cooperative Bank before securing a position as a Regional Field Officer for the New Kenya Planters Union (NKPU) in July 2021. The education he received through the scholarship has contributed to his steady income and promising career prospects. Moses's journey from a partial orphan to a successful professional in the agriculture sector demonstrates the long-term and life-changing impact of the NG-CDF scholarship programme in breaking the cycle of poverty and empowering beneficiaries to achieve their full potential. The scholarship has not only transformed Moses's life but also positioned him to contribute to the development of his community and the wider society.

"NG-CDF scholarship enabled me complete my studies when they picked me up at age 14 while in Form 1 at a time when I was at the verge of dropping out of Nakuru National School to join a local day school back home in Kitale. My future remained uncertain until I met NG-CDF, who has been a great source of support to my family, contributing over KES 192000 for my high school studies and KES 40000 for my university education,"

Moses Wandwasi

8.3 Mitchelle Waithera – Scholarship Beneficiary, Kabete Constituency

Mitchelle Waithera, a beneficiary of the NG-CDF scholarship from Kabete constituency, attended Kambaa Girls High School and graduated in 2023 with a C+ grade. Her family struggled to keep all their children in school, and the scholarship provided much-needed relief. NG-CDF scholarship enabled Michelle to complete her high school education, alleviating the financial burden on her family. With the scholarship covering her school

fees, Michelle's parents could afford to provide her with necessary school supplies and focus on supporting her siblings' education. Michelle's story highlights the effectiveness of the NG-CDF's scholarship programme in promoting access to education for vulnerable students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The scholarship not only reduced the financial barriers to education but also contributed to improved food security, household income stability, and overall well-being for Michelle's family.

"In Form 2 second term, the school fees had accumulated to KES 54,000 and I was sent home. I knew that all hope was lost. My mum heard our MP was coming to our area for a community baraza and I put on my uniform and went to the meeting. The MP noticed me and called me. I explained myself and he sent me to the NG-CDF Fund Account Manager where I have been supported all through. I managed to get C+ and I aspire to be a doctor but will have to do a bridging course before I do a medical doctor course,"

Mitchelle Waithera, Bursary Beneficiary, High school, Kabete Constituency.



Mitchelle, the NG-CDF scholarship beneficiary.



Mitchelle's mother during the conversations in Kiambaa.

"Michelle is a hard-working girl and despite our low income I had promised her that if she works hard whichever school she is called, even if it is Alliance Girls, I will ensure she enrolls into that school. When she was called to Kambaa Girls I did not have any money but I had only two pigs that had been part of my business. I sold them to enroll her into the school. But because of Covid-19 my business was affected and I could not continue to raise funds. NG-CDF came in handy,"

Alice Njeri, Mother to Michelle Waithera.

8.4 Sharon Chemutai – Scholarship Beneficiary, Belgut Constituency

Sharon Chemutai, a 23-year-old female has been a beneficiary of the NG-CDF scholarship since joining Form 1. As the second born in a family of seven children, Sharon faced financial challenges after the death of her father in 2012, leaving her mother, a low-income farm worker, as the sole breadwinner. NG-CDF full sponsorship enabled Sharon to join Belgut Starehe Girls' School, where she excelled and scored an impressive A- (minus) in her KCSE. The scholarship relieved Sharon's mother of the burden of paying her school fees, allowing her to focus on supporting Sharon's six siblings. Sharon has since enrolled at Egerton University to pursue a degree in



Sharon, the NG-CDF scholarship beneficiary.

nursing, specializing in midwifery. Sharon's academic achievements and her ability to pursue her dream career in nursing highlight the significant impact of the NG-CDF scholarships in providing opportunities for talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The scholarship has not only transformed Sharon's life but also alleviated the financial strain on her family, enabling her to study without the stress of school fees. Sharon has a dream to upscale into a degree in medicine.

"I could not have managed to reach at this point of my studies in Campus had it not been for NG-CDF. My family is not financially stable considering that my mother is a widow who works in a tea plantation and her income cannot cater for family basic needs let alone paying school fees for her seven children," Sharon Chemutai.

8.5 John Wamwea – Scholarship Beneficiary, Kinangop Constituency



John, the scholarship beneficiary with his mother and sibling at their home in Kinangop.

John Wamwea, a student living with a disability, has demonstrated remarkable resilience in pursuing his education with support from various sources, including a local businessman and the NG-CDF Kinangop Constituency. Despite the challenges he faced, Wamwea excelled in his KCPE exams, scoring 371 marks, and was awarded a full scholarship by NG-CDF Kinangop Constituency to attend a secondary school for students with disabilities. This scholarship enabled Wamwea to complete his secondary education, achieving a commendable B- in his KCSE exams. In 2023, Wamwea's

dream of furthering his education was realized when he enrolled at the Co-operative University under the sponsorship of NG-CDF Kinangop.

"Kinangop NG-CDF has supported me to go through the whole of secondary school (Meru School) and now am being supported in Co-operative University of Kenya where I am in First Year doing Bachelor of Disaster and Risk Management. But am facing challenges because of the infrastructure. Some of the classes are upstairs and I have to miss the lessons whenever they take place upstairs. If it were not for NG CDF I would not have made it to university," John Wamwea.

The scholarship has not only transformed Wamwea's life but also improved his family's socio-economic status, enabling them to support their other children's education. Wamwea's inspiring journey highlights the importance of inclusive education and the need for comprehensive support for students with disabilities. Despite the scholarship's immense benefits, Wamwea faces challenges in navigating the university environment due to inadequate infrastructure that does not fully accommodate his disability. Most of his classes are conducted upstairs, hindering his access and participation. Additionally, Wamwea struggles to meet his basic needs while in school, including essential amenities and support services tailored to his disability.

"I am a mother of seven and John is my second born. I have known and been supported by NG-CDF for now 7 years (since 2017). John was active in interacting with the NG-CDF staff and he used to visit them and they have consistently supported him. The staff have become like family and they frequently visit him like their son and support him in every step. The representative of this ward has been in the forefront in following up. Were it not for NG CDF we are sure he won't have proceeded with his education to this level," Esther Wamwea, Mother to John Wamwea.

8.6 Mado JoyMary – Scholarship Beneficiary, Webuye West Constituency

Mado JoyMary, a 37-year-old single mother of seven and guardian of two, faced significant challenges in pursuing her education. Mary who suffers from albinism, stayed at home for nearly a decade after completing her secondary education at Kitale Secondary School in 2005. In 2015, she approached the NG-CDF, Webuye West Constituency with a proforma to raise money for school fees. Instead, the constituency, which she refers to as her "baba na mama" (father & mother) selected her to join the scholarship scheme. With the support of the NG-CDF scholarship, Joy Mary has been able to attain a certificate and diploma in ECD from Bungoma ECD Training Centre and later pursued a degree in ECD at Kibabii University. The scholarship has transformed her life, enabling her to break the cycle of poverty and gain the necessary qualifications to secure a better future for herself and her family.

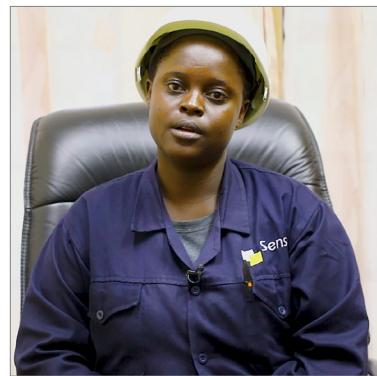


JoyMary, the scholarship beneficiary with her mother and 4 of her 7 children.

"As a single mother of 7 and a guardian of 2, things have not been easy since I left high school in 2005. From 2005, I stayed home for 10 good years since my parents couldn't afford to take me to college after form 4. But in 2014 my life took a new turn when I met Webuye West NG-CDF who took me in as their daughter, becoming my father and mother. They enrolled me for certificate, diploma and degree programmes in ECD," JoyMary.

8.7 Gloria Akinyi Oketch – Scholarship Beneficiary, Muhoroni Constituency

Gloria Akinyi Oketch (29 years old), is a beneficiary of NG-CDF scholarship programme. She grew up in a modest family with her mother and two siblings. After graduating from St. Brigid's Girls Secondary School in 2014, she faced significant financial barriers to furthering her education. However, her fortunes changed in 2015 when she secured a scholarship through the NG-CDF programme, enabling her to pursue higher education. With the support of the NG-CDF scholarship, Gloria was able to join the Technical University of Kenya (TUK) to study Civil Engineering. Throughout her five years at the university, the NG-CDF provided full sponsorship, covering her tuition fees which enabled her to focus on her studies without the burden of financial constraints. In 2021, Gloria graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Second Class Honors, Upper Division) and secured employment as a civil engineer at Muhoroni Sugar Company in 2022. Gloria is very happy with her achievements as a civil engineer.



Engineer Gloria in her office at Muhoroni Sugar Company.

"The NG-CDF scholarship meant the whole world to me. My widowed mother got relieved from the burden of paying fees. She was left with the task of providing me with money for my upkeep," Gloria Akinyi Oketch.

8.8 Shimani Mbishi – Scholarship Beneficiary, Ikolomani Constituency

Shimani is the second born in a family of 5 children. Between 2009 and 2012 she went through St. Annes Musoli Girls with a scholarship from NG-CDF, Ikolomani constituency. When she completed form 4, she lacked fees to continue to college. As a result, she stayed at home the whole of 2013.

In 2014 NG-CDF came in and offered her scholarship to join college. Shimani joined Mukumu Nursing College. She received an initial sponsorship of KES 100,000



Shimani Mbishi, during the interview.

for purchase of textbooks and other material requirements needed for admission. While undergoing the training she received partial scholarship for three years until she completed in 2017. She estimates total support from NG-CDF to be around KES 300,000.00.

After graduating with diploma in nursing Shimani joined Mukumu Nursing Home as a qualified nurse between 2018 and 2019, before moving out to work with St. Antony Mission Hospital in Kibabii from 2019 to 2021. Since 2022 to date she has been working in the same capacity (as a nurse) at Bungoma County Referral Hospital.

Shimani is so grateful of NG-CDF. She says, *“NG-CDF has been of much help to my life and my family where we are a total of 5 siblings. I don’t know where I could be now if NG-CDF didn’t pick me up, maybe I could have gotten married at an early age and could not have had the opportunity to continue with my studies.”*

Case Studies: Social Security Programme

9.1 Reuben Kipketer – SHIF Beneficiary, Kipkelion East Constituency

Reuben Kipketer Langat, an 86-year-old beneficiary of the NG-CDF social security programme, and his wife, Annah Langat (77 years old) are needy elderly persons, who were enrolled in the SHIF programme supported by the NG-CDF in 2022/2023 FY. They have been in the programme since then. Through the NG-CDF social security programme, Reuben and Annah have been able to access quality healthcare services whenever necessary, given their age and health conditions. The programme has improved their access to medical care, as demonstrated by an incident where Annah received prompt and effective treatment for severe hand pain at St. Leonard Kericho Hospital. The couple indicated that NG-CDF's healthcare insurance initiative has had an impact on their lives. Before they were enrolled in the programme, it would cost them an average of KES 9,000 per month in seeking medical care. Elderly beneficiaries like Reuben and Annah with SHIF card ensures they receive timely and adequate medical care without the burden of financial strain. The programme has provided them with peace of mind and a sense of security in their old age.



Mzee Reuben and his wife Annah, both beneficiaries of SHIF cover. Kipkelion Constituency.

"The enrollment in the NG-CDF healthcare insurance programme has had a profoundly positive impact on our overall well-being over time. It has relieved us of the burden of worrying about medical expenses, allowing us to focus on maintaining our health and quality of life. By providing access to essential healthcare services without financial strain, the programme has contributed to our physical and mental well-being. Regular check-ups and timely treatments have helped manage our health conditions effectively, ensuring a better quality of life in our senior years," Annah Langat.

9.2 Franklin Kipkemoi Rutto - SHIF Beneficiary, Marakwet West Constituency

Frankline Kipkemoi Rutto, a 40-year-old beneficiary of the NG-CDF financed healthcare insurance programme, lives with his wife and five children. The family has been covered by the SHIF card for the last three years. One of his children also received a bursary of KES 10,000 from the NG-CDF bursary programme.

In 2021 and 2022 Frankline's 17-year-old son had serious medical problems. Before receiving the SHIF card, Franklin family struggled to pay for his son's hospital bills, to the point that he sold livestock and crops to pay the bills. Since the family received the card, he now only needs to budget for registration and transport to the hospital. This is an example of cases where NG-CDF healthcare insurance programme has improved the family's access to healthcare services and eased their financial stress. Franklin's story shows the impact of the NG-CDF healthcare insurance programme in alleviating the financial burden of healthcare for vulnerable families. The programme has ensured access to quality medical care and protected the family's economic stability, allowing them to focus on other essential needs like food and education.



Kipkemoi at his home in Marakwet East during conversations with RPE team.

"Before getting this card I was struggling a lot with hospital bills. At one point in 2021 I had to sell 85 bags of maize @3600 per bag (KES 306,000) to foot hospital bills for my son who was admitted in critical condition. The problem recurred later the same year forcing me again to sell 2 of my cows, one at KES 65,000 and another at KES 50,000 (KES 115,000). It was after this major problem that I approached NG-CDF and was given the card. Now with the card I only budget for registration and transport in case of illness in the family," Kipkemoi, Marakwet East.

9.3 Mzee James Onyancha - SHIF Beneficiary, Lang'ata Constituency

Mzee James Onyancha, a 69-year-old male living with a disability, is a beneficiary of the NG-CDF healthcare insurance programme. The SHIF card covers six members of his household, including his wife, Rael Ondieki, and four grandchildren. The family accesses quality healthcare services at Mbagathi Hospital and Lang'ata Health Centre. In one notable incident, Mzee Onyancha's granddaughter received critical care during childbirth, with the SHIF card covering all expenses, including ambulance charges. The programme has ensured access to timely and quality healthcare for Mzee Onyancha's family and alleviated the financial burden associated with medical emergencies. This has provided the family with peace of mind and enabled them to allocate their resources to other essential needs, such as Mama Rael's small grocery business, which has improved the family's nutrition and overall well-being.



Mzee Onyancha at Lang'ata Health Center and Mama Rael in her grocery shop at Nyayo Stadium.

Mzee James Onyancha expressed his gratitude towards the NG-CDF Lang'ata. He highlighted the substantial impact of the SHIF card during his granddaughter's hospitalization at Mbagathi Hospital for childbirth. The program covered all medical expenses, demonstrating the direct and positive impact of the SHIF card on alleviating healthcare costs for families in need.

"NG-CDF Lang'ata waliangalia sana wazee na walemvu. Kwetu kama familia tumefaidika kwa kiasi kikubwa kutokana na hii kadi ya SHIF, haswa wakati mjukuu wetu alilazwa Mbagathi kujifungua bila sisi kudaiwa malipo yoyote. Tuliambiwa tu tipeleke kadi na garama zote zikachukuliwa na SHIF," Mzee James Onyancha.

"The NG-CDF Lang'ata has paid particular attention to the elderly and disabled. As a family, we have greatly benefited from the SHIF card, especially when our granddaughter was admitted to Mbagathi Hospital for childbirth without any cost to us. We were simply instructed to present the card, and SHIF covered all the expenses," shared Mzee James Onyancha.

9.4 Sammy Mwaura - SHIF Beneficiary, Masinga Constituency

Mzee Sammy Mwaura, a 75-year-old, is a beneficiary of the NG-CDF social security programme. As a poor, elderly widower, Mzee Sammy was enrolled in the SHIF programme supported by the NG-CDF. Through the programme, Mzee Sammy has been able to access healthcare services at a private facility in Matuu, where he receives treatment for his high blood pressure and eye problems. He visits the high blood pressure clinic every month and the eye clinic on need basis. The programme has alleviated the financial burden of healthcare costs for Mzee Sammy, allowing him to focus on managing his health conditions. NG-CDF's healthcare insurance initiative has had a significant impact on the lives of elderly beneficiaries like Mzee Sammy, ensuring they receive timely and adequate medical care without the burden of financial strain. Most importantly, the programme provided peace of mind and a sense of security in his old age.

"As you can see, I am old and being taken care of by my son who also doesn't have a job. I got to know of SHIF when I was still working at Devki before I retired. When I retired, I was worried of how I would manage my medical bills. When the Constituency began registering old people for SHIF, I got relieved and also encouraged other old people to get registered. I no longer need to worry about accessing healthcare. Whenever I am unwell, I go to Matuu and they check my name in the computer and I get medication. The hospital takes good care of me," Mzee Sammy Mwaura, SHIF beneficiary.

9.5 Mzee Rai and Mzee Haji - SHIF Beneficiaries, Jomvu Constituency

Mzee Rai, 65, and Mzee Haji, 73, are residents of an informal settlement in Jomvu Constituency. Both are enrolled in the NG-CDF supported SHIF programme. Mzee Haji was also diagnosed with a renal defect disease and underwent reconstructive surgery to correct an abnormal urine condition. The SHIF fully covered the bill.

Through the NG-CDF healthcare insurance programme, Mzee Rai and Mzee Haji have been able to access quality healthcare services. Although they sometimes face challenges with medication availability and co-payments, both Mzee Rai and Mzee Haji express gratitude for the significant reduction in healthcare costs brought about by the programme. Both Mzee Rai and Mzee Haji would be in serious stress without the NG-CDF's healthcare insurance. By providing access to essential medical procedures and reducing the financial burden on elderly beneficiaries like Mzee Rai and Mzee Haji, the programme has improved their health outcomes and peace of mind.

"I had a problem going for short call for many years. I had stopped my fishing trade. Through Jomvu NG-CDF, I underwent reconstructive surgery, my health and life are back. I have gone back to fishing and I can live my life normally," Mzee Haji, SHIF beneficiary.

9.6. Wycliffe Muhati Lusara - SHIF Beneficiary, Ikolomani Constituency



Wycliffe at NG-CDF Ikolomani Constituency office during the interviews with RPE team.

Wycliffe, a 47-year-old bodaboda rider and father of four, benefited from the NG-CDF healthcare insurance program following a severe road accident in 2021. After he was critically injured while riding his motorcycle, he sought medical support from NG-CDF. The local committee swiftly enrolled him in the SHIF scheme, which began covering his hospital bills six weeks later. Wycliffe, along with his wife and children, have been covered by SHIF since then. The scheme significantly alleviated his financial strain as he was hospitalized for over a year in Mbale and Kakamega Hospitals.

Wycliffe expressed his gratitude, saying, *"I couldn't believe that SHIF would support me for more than a year, paying most of my bills until I could return to my work. I am deeply thankful to NG-CDF for their help when I needed it most. I urge NG-CDF to ensure timely payment to SHIF to prevent delays and ensure hospitals accept the cards, and to continue aiding others like me."*

9.7. Beatrice Gatakaa – SHIF Beneficiary, Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency

Beatrice Gatakaa, a 57 year-old woman was initially NHIF-self sponsored when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2018. She sold her properties in an attempt to access medical services. In 2019, she was selected by NG-CDF Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency as a SHIF beneficiary and begun supporting her medical bills specifically for surgery procedures. The SHIF card also caters for clinical visits in Meru town.

Since the disease has rendered her unemployed, the NG-CDF also supports her child through bursary sponsorship. The child is currently at Machakos University first year after scoring a B+ in KCSE.

Beatrice still faces challenges in accessing housing and other basic needs due to difficulties in working. Since SHIF treatment is restricted to enrolled health facilities within a constituency, she cannot access better treatment in Meru town since 2023. But generally, the SHIF card has ensured that the beneficiary's life span and quality of life is improved.

9.8 Isabella Moraa Mokua – SHIF Beneficiary, Nyaribari Masaba Constituency

Isabella Moraa Mokua is a 61 year old widow, a who lives in Nyaribari Masaba constituency. She suffers from leg arthritis and hypertension and has to live under medication, taking a tablet every day. This had given her a lot of financial strain that she would go to NG-CDF and constituency offices to ask for money to buy medication.

Enrolment in the NG-CDF social security programme has had a positive impact on Isabella's health. It has provided her with consistent access to essential medical treatment and medication. This has managed the physical pain and stress associated with her health conditions, allowing her to lead a more comfortable life. Moreover, by reducing the financial burden of healthcare expenses, the programme has relieved her family's economic strain. The programme has provided her with essential medical coverage that she might not have been able to afford otherwise. This insurance ensures that she can receive the necessary treatment and medication for her conditions without worrying about the financial burden. It has eased the financial strain on her family.

"The NG-CDF healthcare insurance programme has improved my access to healthcare services. The programme has provided me with essential medical coverage that I might not have been able to afford. This ensures that I can receive the necessary treatment and medication for my conditions without worrying about the financial burden.

"The money I used to pay for medication, I have accumulated and bought chicken which I am rearing. It can also use it to buy vegetables and cooking oil," Isabella Moraa Mokua, Nyaribari Masaba constituency, Gesus ward



Isabella Moraa, during the interview.

Case Studies of NG-CDF Supported Environment and Climate Change Interventions

Four cases on environment are covered in this section: (1) Ugenya Forestry College, Ugenya Constituency, (2) Mporoko Water Catchment Project, Igembe Central Constituency, (3) Jomvu Girls Secondary School Environment Project, Jomvu Constituency, and (4) Tebe Primary School Afforestation Project in Marakwet West Constituency. The purpose was to demonstrate/showcase environment projects under NG-CDF.

10.1 Ugenya Forestry College - Promoting Environmental Conservation through Education, Ugenya Constituency

Ugenya Forestry College in Ugenya Constituency is situated on a 5-acre land donated by the Ukwala local community. The college was founded as a collaborative initiative between the Kenya Forestry College and Ugenya NG-CDF. An initial budget of KES 5 million was allocated in the 2016/2017 FY to start constructing four classrooms, launching the college's infrastructure. To date, NG-CDF Board has allocated a substantial funding of KES 42.1 million to Ugenya Forestry College that has been used to construct essential facilities such as classrooms, an administration block, dormitories, and pit latrines.



Upcoming complex to house administration block, lecture halls and resource centers being funded by NG-CDF, Ugenya Constituency..

The establishment of Ugenya Forestry College is primarily aimed at training students on climate management, serving as a vital component in climate change mitigation. The community is deeply involved in this initiative as a major stakeholder. The college aligns with the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation (BETA) agenda, targeting the ambitious goal of planting 15 billion trees by the end of 2032. The NG-

CDF has been therefore instrumental in this endeavour and will provide a foundation by training students in environmental conservation and climate change mitigation. It will serve as a model for sustainable forestry practices in the region and motivate community members to embrace tree planting and environmental conservation practices.

“However, the project is yet to open its doors to students, it has already inspired the community in climate change mitigation measures such as tree planting. We heartily thank the NG-CDF for the support they have provided us in constructing this college,” George Orente, PMC Member.

10.2 Mporoko Water Catchment Project, Igembe Central Constituency

Mporoko Water Catchment is a 141-acre complex in a wetland dominated by grass, natural trees, and some human activities. The local community has tapped into the water from the wetland, and the NG-CDF’s intervention in this area is part of the strategic initiatives in climate and environmental activities launched in 2022. NG-CDF has partnered with Mporoko Fisheries, a local community initiative, to rehabilitate the wetland. The group, which has almost 50 members, including women, youth, and men, is involved in planting indigenous trees that are environmentally friendly.

The group plans to plant 200,000 trees in 10 years and has already planted 50,000 trees. The environmental conservation awareness is high, and the community intends to extend this approach to schools. Different indigenous trees are visible in the catchment area, and it is expected that in five years, the tree cover will be restored, and the water will keep flowing. NG-CDF’s support for the Mporoko Water Catchment conservation initiative demonstrates the potential of community-driven environmental conservation efforts. By engaging local stakeholders and investing in indigenous tree planting, the project has not only contributed to the restoration of the wetland’s ecosystem but also fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among community members. The initiative’s success has also inspired the community to extend conservation efforts to schools, promoting environmental education and awareness among younger generations.

10.3 Jomvu Girls Secondary School Environment Project, Jomvu Constituency

Jomvu Girls Secondary School’s compound is divided into two sections by a gully, with one side housing the accommodation facilities and the other hosting the main tuition blocks. During the rainy season, the two sections would get cut off from each other, endangering the lives of students who would have to wait for the water levels to recede to cross to the hostels. In 2020 Jomvu NG-CDF funded the construction of gabions to mitigate the effects of the water upstream. A two-hundred-foot stretch crossing bridge was built, and gabions were constructed along the riverbanks and within the river course. Construction of the gabions has managed the water flow or course, leading to minimal erosion. Natural vegetation has returned, and trees are growing in the river

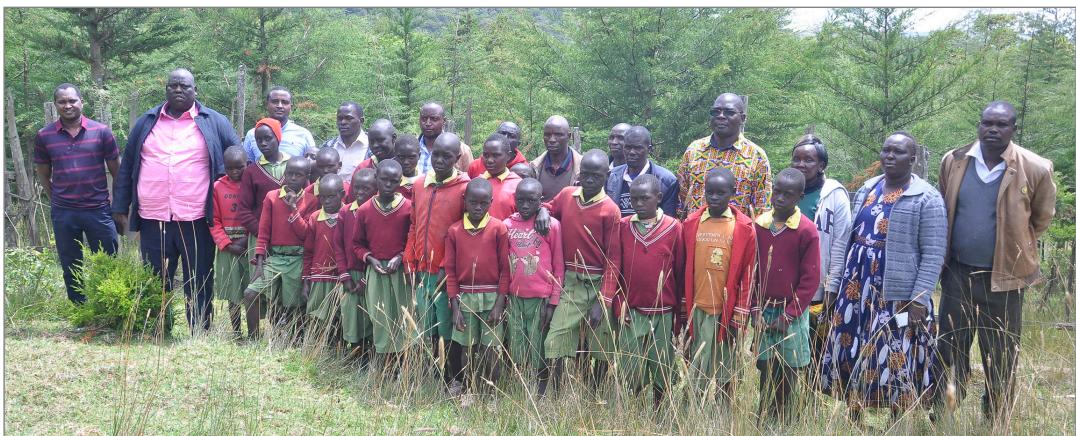
course, with the gabions now covered by natural vegetation. There is evidence that erosion has been contained, and the surviving trees have given the school a green look. Additionally, the installation of solar lights with sensors through the support of NG-CDF has increased security in the school, which lacks a perimeter wall. The solar lights have also reduced the pressure on electricity use reducing energy costs for the school.

"Whenever it would rain, learning would stop so that the borders would rush to the dormitory. The construction of the bridge and the gabions has done away with the nightmare that we always had as a school. We no longer experience lesson disruptions, and the soil erosion that was visible is since gone," PA chairman, Jomvu Girls.

10.4 Tebe Primary School Afforestation Project, Marakwet West Constituency

Tebe Primary School, has been a beneficiary of the NG-CDF's climate change mitigation and environmental conservation initiatives. The school has implemented afforestation activities, planting both exotic and indigenous tree species to promote environmental sustainability and mitigate the effects of climate change.

NG-CDF's support for tree planting at Tebe Primary School has yielded results, with exotic trees (cyprus) achieving over 90% survival rate. Although indigenous tree species have had a lower survival rate (less than 30%) due to invasions by wild animals, the overall impact of the initiative has been significant. The woodlot has not only sheltered the school from strong winds but also served as a learning resource for the community, inspiring residents to start their own woodlots. The tree planting efforts have also increased tree cover and reduced soil erosion, allowing for improved potato production around the woodlot. By involving students, teachers, and community members in tree planting activities, the initiative has fostered a sense of responsibility and ownership in protecting the environment. The success of the exotic tree species



Members of NG-CDF Committee, PMC, BoM and RPE team with representatives of the school environment club at the NG-CDF sponsored school forest.

plantation also highlights the importance of selecting appropriate tree varieties based on local ecological conditions and the need for proper maintenance and protection measures to ensure their survival.

"We have talked as teachers and with BoM on the need to put in place protective measures to guard against moles and other animals from destroying our indigenous trees given to us by NG-CDF," Deputy Head Teacher.

"Trees have become very important in improving the atmosphere and cleaning the air we breath," Scovia Chepkosgei, Representative student, Environment Club.



A classroom block which is part of the projects funded by NG-CDF Marakwet West Constituency.

Case Studies of NG-CDF Supported Security Projects

Five security cases have been covered. Three police stations and two digital surveillance cameras, demonstrating the impact of NG-CDF funding on community security.

11.1 Wundanyi Police Station, Wundanyi Constituency



Wundanyi Police Station complex supported by NG-CDF, Wundanyi. Constituency.

Wundanyi Police Station, the Taita sub-county police headquarters, is a modern three-storey mixed-use complex funded by the NG-CDF. The new station replaces the old, colonial-era structures that previously served as the police station, with a single room functioning as the OCPD's office. Owing to the limited space even within cells, it was very difficult to enforce arrests of criminals since there was huge congestion in the cells, which is the state in the other two police stations that have not received funding.

The new NG-CDF funded complex hosts almost all the operation needs of the station (offices, inquiry point with spacious offices, reception area, 4 standard cells fitted with washrooms and the command room including a modern armory). All these were

lacking previously. In particular, the block hosts the offices of the sub-county police commandant, the deputy, DCIO, a counseling room, OCS and deputy's offices. The increased holding capacity has made it easier to enforce arrests, which was previously challenging due to congestion in the old cells. The public can now receive services in privacy, and the improved facilities have boosted staff morale.



Improved latrines constructed by NG-CDF, Wundanyi Constituency.

11.2 Ruaraka Police Station, Ruaraka Constituency

Ruaraka Police Station was constructed over three financial years, between 2016 and 2020 with NG-CDF funding totalling KES 33.6 million. The compound housing the police station is also the sub-county headquarters for Starehe sub-county serving four constituencies and 9 stations. Previously, police operations were divided between Pangani and Ruaraka, causing inconveniences to the community.



Ruaraka Police Station offering centralized police services to the community, Ruaraka Constituency.

"Initially this station was located at Baba Dogo on rented property which meant that no development could be done. The offices were squeezed and because of limitation of space the services were spread between Ruaraka and Pangani. This made the offering of services to community very difficult," Fred Abuga, OCPD, Starehe Sub County.

The new station has centralized security services, bringing together various police departments under one roof. The consolidated services at the compound include the full office of the police department (OCPD) and DCI offices, the police station services, NTSA. The offices include even specialized workstations for police investigators. The offices also include the spacious cells with facilities such as water and sanitation



Toilets constructed by NG-CDF, Ruaraka Constituency, in FY 2022/23 as part of the package of support to the Station.



Ongoing construction of Ruaraka Police Station Complex by NG-CDF to house offices, cells and amenities.

rooms. Construction of Ruaraka Police Station has significantly improved the accessibility and effectiveness of security services in the constituency. The centralization of services has made it easier for community members to access all required services in one location, saving time and resources. The station's strategic location has also facilitated better mapping and service provision throughout the constituency.

"This location now hosts fully functional offices of the Starehe police department (OCPD), my office. The Ruaraka Police Station (OCS), the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and also on the other side we are having the office for Gender and Children. The public can get police abstracts (all kind of abstracts), the DCI services, traffic related services. The community has all services now consolidated in one location." Fred Abuga, OCPD, Starehe Sub county,

"NG-CDF Ruaraka has really been supportive to police infrastructure in Ruaraka. For instance, they have supported the construction of Korogocho Police Station, Lucky Summer Police Station, Drive Inn Police Post. All of these are serving wananchi - they (NG-CDF) are also doing (supporting

the construction) of Utalii Police post that is currently more than 50% complete. We look forward to continued support from NG-CDF," Fred Abuga, OCPD, Starehe Sub County.

11.3 Gambogi Police Station, Hamisi Constituency

Gambogi Police Station (along Serem road) was started in 1996 as a patrol base and was later promoted to a police post in 2014. In 2020, it became a full-fledged police station and was wholly constructed and equipped from scratch by the NG-CDF in the 2022/23 financial year. Specific facilities supported by NG-CDF include land and a modern facility containing offices (OCS, DOCS, OC crime, traffic), 2 stores, 1 VIP cell, 3 ordinary cells (juvenile, men and women), 1 mental cell, general crime office, clinic with pharmacy and 2 wards (male and female) and kitchen. Other support includes installation of CCTVs, water tanks, fencing and a gate. All at total cost of KES 26 million.



Part of the new Gambogi Police Station's modern facility containing offices, cells, crime center, pharmacy, wards and kitchen. Fully funded by NG-CDF, Hamisi Constituency.

The station was officially opened in October 2023. Before the establishment of Gambogi Police Station, residents had to travel about 6 Km to Serem Police Station to report crimes or seek security related services. The new station has enhanced the police's response to security threats, increased the number of security reports from residents, improved police-community relations, and, as said by the OCPD, reduced crime rates. The business environment in Gambogi market has also improved, with traders now operating until midnight.

"Wananchi were getting security related services from Serem 6km away before the new station was built. This negatively affected security of the area as it was difficult for locals to walk or use bodabodas all the way to Serem. The new station has really brought services closer to wananchi and addressed a number of security challenges". Evans Oruta, OCS.

11.4 Machafuko Area Digital Security Initiative, Kisauni Constituency

Machafuko is an area near Kongowea market in Kisauni constituency. It has been prone to petty crimes, muggings, break-ins, snatching and assault. In 2023, the NG-CDF Kisauni introduced an innovative solution to light up the pathways using solar lights raised on high mast canvassed steel poles. Within a 100-metre radius, surveillance cameras fitted with GSM were installed, and the infrastructure was handed over to the police. Since the installation of the streetlights and surveillance cameras, crime rates in Machafuko have decreased significantly. Residents report reduced incidences of insecurity, and the police confirm fewer cases of reported crimes. The project has acted as a deterrent to criminal activities, with the lights and cameras providing a sense of security to the community. NG-CDF's digital security initiative in Machafuko is a case in point demonstrating the effectiveness of technology in enhancing community safety. The solar lights and surveillance cameras have improved visibility and security in the area and reduced insecurity fears among residents. However, the project's sustainability relies on ongoing maintenance and collaboration with the police to ensure optimal utilization of the infrastructure.



Security lights which are part of the Machafuko area digital security initiative implemented with support from NG-CDF, Kisauni Constituency.

Case Studies of NG-CDF Supported Emergency Projects

Emergency cases covered in this section include classroom roof blown off at St. Benedict Primary School (Tigania East Constituency), fire breakout at Canon Kituri Secondary School (Wundanyi Constituency), collapsed pit latrines at Drumvale Secondary school (Kasarani Constituency) and at Sambu PEFA Lukuku Primary School (Webuye West Constituency), five-wind damaged classrooms in Kiptenden Primary School (Nakuru Town West Constituency) and burnt dormitory in Tulaga Secondary School (Kinangop Constituency). All these qualified as emergency projects.

12.1 Blown off Classroom Roof at St. Benedict Primary School, Tigania East Constituency

In October 2023, strong winds blew off the roof of a classroom at St. Benedict Primary School, leaving the school without a usable classroom. The school's BoM sought support from Tigania East NG-CDF, which had recently completed the construction of a modern ablution block with 12-doors and a urinal pit for boys in the same school. Tigania East NG-CDF responded to the emergency by approving KES 500,000 to rebuild and upgrade the classroom. The renovation works included installing a new roof, painting the walls, fitting window panes, and installing a metal grill door. All this took a period of 2 months. The classroom was transformed, providing a safe and conducive learning environment for the students.



The renovated classroom block whose roof was repaired by NG-CDF, Tigania East Constituency, as an emergency intervention.



NG-CDF supported structure whose roof was blown off by wind.

“Our school already had a shortage of classrooms and most of the classrooms are old. It was a big blow to us when the wind blew off the roof of the Grade 2 classroom. However, NG-CDF moved in quickly and helped restore normalcy. The classroom is already in use” Mr. Mugambi, Head-teacher, St Benedict Primary School.

12.2 Fire Breakout at Canon Kituri Secondary School, Wundanyi Constituency

In June 2023, an electrical fault caused a fire breakout at Canon Kituri Mixed Day and Boarding Secondary School, razing down the main boys' dormitory that had a capacity of 200 students. The NG-CDF approved an emergency allocation of KES 2.5 million to rebuild the dormitory. NG-CDF's emergency support enabled the reconstruction of the dormitory, with the walls being reinforced and the building fitted with new roofing, windows, and fittings. A 10,000-litre water tank was also installed as part of the restoration process. The boys were able to move back into the dormitory within two months, minimizing disruptions to their learning.

“The razed down dormitory is part of the school heritage and the largest dormitory in the school. The situation was dire, we just didn't know what to do as a school. The coming in of NG-CDF was timely and we cannot tell what we would do if NG-CDF had not come in to help us. Thank you.” Principal, Canon Kituri Secondary school.

12.3 Collapse of Pit Latrines at Drumvale Secondary School, Kasarani Constituency

In November 2023, heavy rains caused the collapse of pit latrines at Drumvale Secondary School in Kasarani Constituency. A joint team of assessors from the Ministry of Education, Public Works, and the Ministry of Health certified the case as very urgent in July 2023. The NG-CDF approved the request the same month. A 20-door ablution block (10 for girls and 10 for boys), with one door each for students with disabilities was constructed. The facility, which serves a total student population of 421 (277 boys



Form 3 learners now very comfortable in class after construction of modern ablution block with a biodigester by NG-CDF Kasarani Constituency.



School Principal showing part of the new 20-door toilets supported by NG-CDF Kasarani Constituency.

and 144 girls), also includes a bio-digester to address the problem of bad smell from the collapsed pit latrines. The bio-digester has two chambers of 2,000 litres each.

The intervention has improved school hygiene and health indicators, contributing to learner concentration in class, and increased comfort within the school compound. Congestions and competition for space during short breaks when students rush to toilets has greatly reduced given the number of doors for each gender. The construction of the ablution block has addressed the immediate health and sanitation needs of the students, created a more conducive learning environment, and improved comfort of the surrounding residents who complained of bad smell from the school.

"The emergency occurred when the exams were going on and we had nowhere to go. If we were to do a pit latrine, it would have taken ages, but we proposed the idea of a bio-digester to NG-CDF, which they gladly embraced, becoming a blessing in disguise. 470 students using a pit latrine was going to be such a big challenge." School Principal.

"Before we were forced to take off our sweaters when visiting the toilets because of the bad smell, but now we have very clean rooms without any smell," observed one student. "We learnt to flush toilets and learn in a cool and friendly school environment," added another student.

12.4 Collapsed Old Toilets at Sambu PEFA Lukuku Primary School, Webuye West Constituency



Sambu PEFA Lukuku Primary School, new pit latrine serving about 700 learners.

Old toilets in Sambu PEFA Lukuku Primary School in Webuye West Constituency collapsed abruptly due to heavy rains. The school urgently needed new toilets for its

population of 700 pupils (400 girls and 300 boys) and 12 teachers. NG-CDF, Webuye West Constituency responded by funding the construction of a 20-door latrine block (10 for boys with urinal pits and 10 for girls) at a cost of KES 4 million. The new facility has significantly improved the school's hygiene and sanitation, eliminating the health hazard posed by the collapsed latrines. The intervention has also contributed to a more conducive learning environment and eliminated bad smell that spilled to neighbouring homesteads. Like other similar emergencies discussed above, NG-CDF's response to the emergency at Sambu PEFA Lukuku Primary School has addressed an immediate health and safety concern and contributed to the overall improvement of the school's learning environment.

"It came abruptly like an accident. What followed was a faster decision to approach NG-CDF for help, who responded very swiftly giving us KES 4 million to construct new toilets to save our over 700 learners who couldn't go out in the neighboring villages to relieve themselves," Mary Consolata, Head Teacher.

12.5 Five Wind-Damaged Classrooms at Kiptenden Primary School, Nakuru Town West Constituency



Renovated classrooms by NG-CD, Nakuru West Constituency, which have greatly improved the learning environment.



Kiptenden Primary School benefited with 2 new classes for JSS.

Kiptenden Primary School was established in 1997 and currently has an enrolment of 586 students (300 girls and 286 boys). Strong winds damaged five classrooms, disrupting learning in the school. The school sought assistance from the NG-CDF Nakuru Town West to address this urgent need. NG-CDF Nakuru Town West responded by funding the renovation

of the five damaged classrooms at a cost of KES 2.8 million in the 2020/2021 financial year. The renovation works included roofing, painting, walling, floor repair and the repair of windows and doors. The NG-CDF also supported the construction of two additional classrooms for JSS, the supply of 80 lockers and chairs, and the provision of 300 tree seedlings. These interventions have improved the learning environment, leading to an increase in student enrolment from 283 to 586 and a boost in the school's overall mean score from 220 to 258.

"When we suffered an emergency of classrooms that were brought down by a wind storm, the NG-CDFC Nakuru Town West responded to the emergency by funding the renovation of the five damaged classrooms for KES2.8 million in FY 2020/2021. The renovation works included roofing, painting, walling, and repair of floors, windows and doors. The NG-CDF also supported the construction of two additional classrooms for JSS, supply of 80 lockers and chairs, and the provision of 300 tree seedlings to the school. These interventions have improved the learning environment, leading to an increase in student enrolment from 283 to 586, ". Samson Kenei, Head Teacher.

12.6 Burnt Dormitory at Tulaga Secondary School, Kinangop Constituency

Tulaga Secondary School, established in 1986, has experienced significant growth, with its student population increasing from 26 in 1986 to 1,369 (690 boys, 660 girls) in 2024. The majority of the students (99%) come from Kinangop Constituency, and the school has a total of 38 teachers (26 TSC, 12 BOM) and 15 non-teaching staff members.



New dormitory done by NG-CDF, Kinangop Constituency in response to the fire tragedy.



Temporary structure put up by the school after the fire incident.

The NG-CDF, through parent participation, reallocated funds initially intended for a bus to construct a dormitory catering for 168 boys that had been burnt down.

"Were it not for NG-CDF we would not have the students we have in this school because they have ensured that our high enrolment is retained," Joseph Ndii - Principal, Tulaga Secondary School.

Conclusions

The analysis of the projects visited across 46 constituencies covering 10 categories of projects reveals the significant impact of NG-CDF interventions in addressing various socio-economic development needs of local communities. The Fund has demonstrated effective community involvement, flexibility, and innovation in the implementation of projects, leading to capacity building and empowerment of beneficiaries.

The NG-CDF has numerous opportunities to enhance the impact and sustainability of its interventions across all categories in all 290 constituencies. By amplifying community voices, developing long-term strategic plans, partnering with private and other agencies, empowering communities through sensitization and education, advocating for increased resources, expanding the scope of SHIF coverage, embedding mentorship in scholarship programmes, and adopting sector-wide planning approaches for environmental sustainability, the Fund can continue to drive socio-economic development at the grassroots level and contribute to the realization of Kenya's development goals.





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