



Jaawabu for Communities

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Jambo From Jaawabu

Jaawabu For Communities started as a call for mentorship and guidance in Kibera slums during the Covid-19 pandemic, and we have grown and expanded our programs and outreaches in last twelve months.

Looking back, I am proud of what Jaawabu for Communities Organization has achieved. We have managed to launch different programs and impacted 350 schoolgirls, 30 teenage mothers, 57 schoolboys and 20 widows. We launched, Manzi wa Maana Program for girls, Tabasamu Program for widows and Angaza Program for boys. Manzi wa Maana and Angaza Programs are for mentorship while, Tabasamu Program is aimed towards economic empowerment.

Through the year and, for better impact and efficiency, we partnered with different organizations like Love Your Neighbour Organisation, The Strength Finder Foundation, Soles for African Child Organisation among others, enabling to mobilize resources easier and travel to other counties in Kenya, like Kilifi, Narok, Pokot and Baringo to offer mentorship and initiate economic empowerment activities.

**“ On 5th Dec, we were recognised by UN
Volunteers - Kenya as they celebrated their
International Volunteers Day, as a young
volunteering organisation. ”**

Jaawabu For Communities could not have achieved these hallmark progresses in its maiden year without the help of the volunteers, whose impact is immeasurable in monetary, resource and time aspects. We are sincerely grateful for their consistent contribution through human resource, mobilization of funds, coordinating and linking us to various donors, supporters, and well-wishers.

However, being a young organization, challenges have confronted us in terms of limited access and availability of financial support, limited human and time resource since some volunteers juggle between work and volunteering, transportation, storage and mobility for physical donations among others.

Looking forward to 2022, we intend to continue with our newly launched programs and reaching out to more people, increase our volunteer team, partner with more organisations to reach more people or have an impact on a bigger scale.

Wambui Okello
Founder & Team - Lead



OUR VISION

- Empowered African women thriving and transforming their economy and environment

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- To empower African women to transform their economy and environment through innovative and sustainable programs, relevant and customized trainings, equal access to resources and community leadership.

OBJECTIVES



Climate Change
& Clean Energy
Advocacy



Entrepreneurship
Trainings



Enlighten and Be a
voice in Gender Based
Violence (Causes and
Effects).



Reduction of
Menstrual Poverty



Mentorship

2021 Year Review

FEBRUARY

We provided a sexual and reproductive health training to 320 teenage girls drawn from local schools in Kilifi County. Afterwards, we distributed dignity packs inclusive of sanitary towels that will last for two months.

We also paid visits to teenage mothers' homes and families with children living with disability. We donated foodstuffs, pairs of shoes and dignity packs.

MARCH

We paid homage to Naikara, Narok West sub-county. The Maasai community are the majority occupants of this dry area. Some of the Maasai girls as young as 11 years are in danger of undergoing Female Genital Mutilation as a cultural practice. The girls are then married off to old and wealthy men. Poverty in these families contribute to such unwarranted acts. The government and like-minded community organizations have made significant strides to stop the menace.

We trained the 400 women on sexual and reproductive human rights, response to Gender Based Violence and Soap making as an income generating activity. We offered dignity packs and love gifts. It was a worthy International Women's Day Celebration.



APRIL

We paid homage to Mji wa Huruma, a home for the elderly. Distributed foodstuffs, toiletries, and gifts



MAY

We trained 63 young Muslim women drawn from Makina, Kibera Slums on menstrual Health and Hygiene, self-awareness and position oneself as an influence in the community. The team donated foodstuffs, dignity packs and clothes.

Afterwards, we visited AIC Kajiado Child Centre where children with disabilities live. We donated Zimmerman Frames, Foodstuffs and Sanitary Towels.

JUNE

The pupils at Bungu Primary School, Kilifi County were very excited when we paid them a visit. Mentorship talks were delivered to the 82 boys and 78 girls. Jarvis Mwarabu (Our beneficiary), studies in the same institution. We donated stationaries, dignity packages and pairs of shoes to the pupils. We also went for home visitation where we donated foodstuffs, solar lamps, and clothes.

We later hosted widows and teenage mothers and trained them on soap making.

SEPTEMBER

We partnered with Love your Neighbour organization in training young women on self-awareness and self-values, menstrual health and hygiene and distributed sanitary towels to 350 girls for 3 months.

We also trained widows and young mothers on soap making as an income generating activity and distributed food, clothes, and shoes.

We then visited Kikambala rescue center and distributed food, pampers and baby clothes. We visited few homes with children living with disabilities and distributed, food, clothes, and dignity packs.

OCTOBER

Nairobi slums are a home to thousands of people, among them are thousands of girls, who have limited access to education caused by, teenage pregnancies, early marriages, poverty, cultural influences, peer pressure, insecurities leading to school dropout. The school dropouts face, social stigma, fewer jobs' opportunities, lower wages, and underemployment. Thus, Women economic empowerment is important to give right skills and opportunities. Women who are economically empowered, contribute more to their families and society.

We managed to launch our first hair dressing school in a bid to empower the young mothers in Mathare slums with wig-making and hair care. We also trained on menstrual health and hygiene and distributed dignity packs, clothes, diapers, hair shampoo and food.



DECEMBER

We held a Christmas Event for more than 30 teenage mothers and more than 40 young boys in Mathare Slums. It was a well-planned event that started with a football tournament which saw the young talented boys show off their football skills. The teenage mothers got a chance to have one on one conversations with professionals on how to cope up with the day-to-day challenges, and be in control of their past, build the present and secure the future. The young boys were urged to integrate their talent with education. The event culminated with entertainment from both sides and organizers, and meal sharing with the Jaawabu Team. The event ended by donating food package to more than 80 families.





2021 highlight stories



Javis Mwarabu

Chasimba Ward, Chonyi
Kilifi County, Kenya

Meet Jarvis Mwarabu, a fifteen-year-old boy, who has spent his childhood without stepping in the corridors of a school.

Accessing Education was a pipe dream and he had already accepted his situation. Jaawabu For Communities spotted him during the numerous food distribution exercises to hard hit places in Kilifi County in 2019.

Coming from a family of eight children, his mother had been abandoned and rejected by the husband after giving birth to three disabled children. This made them to relocate to their maternal grandmother who offered a piece of land for them to take shelter.

After successful intervention, with the help of Love Your Neighbour organization, Jarvis secured a place in one of the local schools (Bungu Primary School).

Javis is now very happy to have accessed Education and now has a wheelchair to help his mobility unlike before when he was forced to drag himself on the ground.

Unfortunately, one of his sisters got pregnant at an early age, making her to drop out of school to take care of the baby. Poverty makes the young girls to fall prey to men who make empty promises.

The family highly depends on their mother who survives on menial jobs and tiling of the land which most parts of the year is dry due to the low rainfall experienced in the area. Still, payment of school fees is a big problem to the mum for all the children.





Mariam Chipa

Chasimba Ward, Chonyi
Kilifi County, Kenya

Meet Mariamu, as we call her, a young, devoted widow who lost her husband in a very mysterious circumstance. She lives in Chonyi Sub-county, Kilifi County, Kenya.

Under the Tabasamu Program, we noticed her ardent potential to provide for her three young children namely Velma Deche at 7 years, Ventus Deche at 4 years and Vera Deche at 2 years.

She came with a proposal of starting a tailoring business. Where she is located, people must go all the way to town to purchase school uniforms for school going kids and even do minor repairs.

Looking at the gap established, Jaawabu For Communities decided to take up the initiative by doing resource mobilization to make her dream come true. We have identified and assessed the land where we will construct for her the tailoring station. Meanwhile, we are paying her monthly rent in one of the local centers. We also purchased and stocked her business with necessary tailoring materials like Sewing measure ruler, dressmaking pearl pin, Stainless steel tailor scissor, sewing kits, fabrics, just to mention but a few.

Important to note, she is under the national medical cover (NHIF) which Jaawabu For Communities pays for. We also offer to her finance literacy trainings like good record keeping, table banking, culture of savings. Our goal next year is to construct her the tailoring station and make her one of the best local supplier of school uniforms.





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