



Photo: Women attending mass offered by Fr Lasantha in Kakuma Refugee Camp.

LETTER FOR PARTNERS AND DONORS

QUARTERLY PROJECTS UPDATES

**JULY
SEPTEMBER
2021**

AND SOME HUMAN TESTIMONIES

Nairobi Urban & Kakuma Refugee Camp



KENYA

Dear friends, greetings from JRS Kenya!

I am pleased to share with you the latest JRS Kenya quarterly report, covering the period July – September 2021.

It has been an intense period, characterized by new activities, challenges and achievements.

JRS Kenya has started to implement its plan of expanding its presence in the Nairobi Urban area, in order to be closer to the refugees where they live. In September, thanks to the support of St. Teresa Catholic Parish, the field office in Eastleigh area was reopened, to provide services and mental health support to the Somali refugees and the local community. Other spaces are going to be opened in Kayole and in Kangemi.

In Kakuma, we are finalizing the process of registering the JRS Inclusive education centres under the Kenyan Ministry of Education as formal schools for children with special needs, in order to provide a better service to the children we serve.

JRS Kenya also celebrated the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, with an event with refugees and partners in Eastleigh, Nairobi, following the invitation of Pope Francis to recognize an “ever wider We”!

As JRS, through the support of all our partners and friends, we are committed to keep accompanying, serving and advocating for the cause of refugees in Kenya, walking together in the path of peace and reconciliation.

We wish you all a peaceful and safe day,
Our warmest and best regards,

- Angelo Pittalunga
JRS Kenya Country Director

Special appreciation to:



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TESTIMONIES:



DR TAYAL, FROM KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP TO THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN BERLIN.

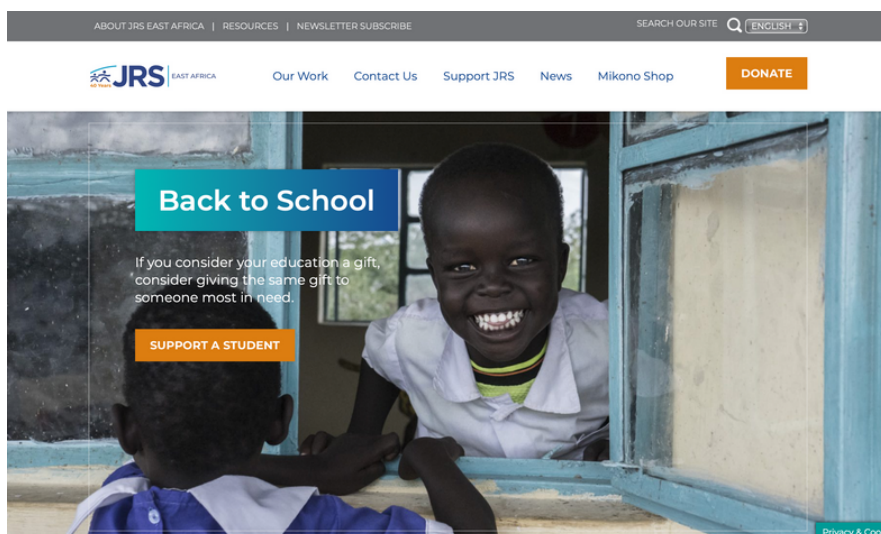
Dr Tayal is a young beneficiary of our Special Needs Education program in Kakuma Refugee Camp. And he will be going to the Special Olympics in Berlin in 2023... Want to know a bit more?

[Watch the video / Read the article here](#)

MUKAMANAM, A MIXED ETHNICITY RWANDESE LIVING IN NAIROBI.

The Story of Mukamana, a Rwandese Refugee of mixed ethnicity (both Hutu and Tutsi, and at the same time not one nor the other) who fled to Kenya with her family running away from violence and murder.

[Watch the video / Read the article here](#)







VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE !!

THIS SUMMER WE LAUNCHED THE NEW JRS EAST AFRICA WEBSITE, WHERE YOU CAN FIND STORIES, UPDATES, RESOURCES, IMPACT, OR DONATE FOR OUR PROGRAMS... AND MANY MORE!

[VISIT THE SITE EAR.JRS.NET](http://www.ear.jrs.net)

You will be able to find more human testimonies and stories uploaded on a regular basis in our social networks, in our Youtube channel and in our recently open medium webpage.

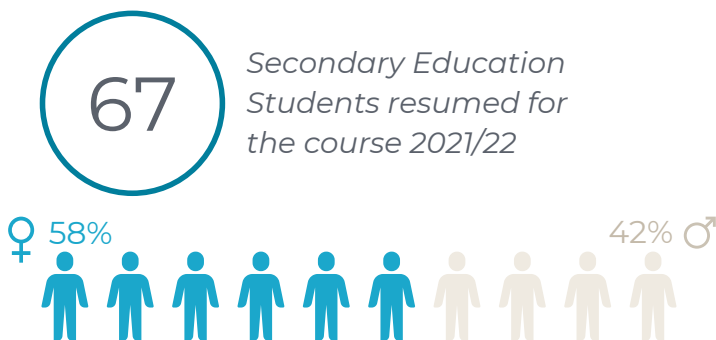
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NAIROBI: EDUCATION

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

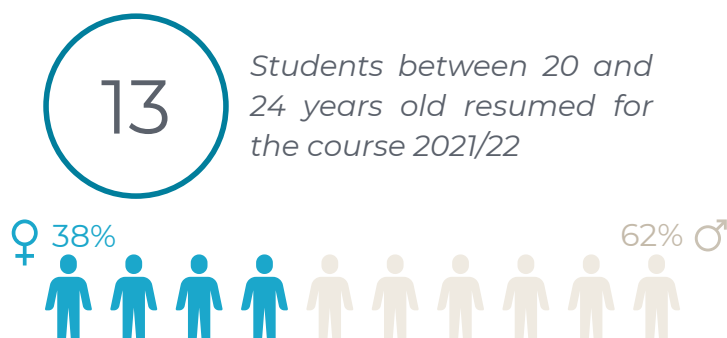
- 67 students resumed for the year 2021-22 from Form 2 to Form 4 (39F/ 28M)
- First and Second semesters have been fully paid and we are finalizing to distribute remaining non food items as soap, sanitary pads or transport fees.



TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

- 13 Tertiary Education students (5F / students 8M)
- **Students are struggling to follow up the online classes due to lack of computer.**
- The needs are bigger than the means. We need more funding to support the students who finalized Secondary School to proceed with Tertiary.

Some Form 4 graduates have been called by different colleges but they cannot afford the fees nor we have enough budgeted to promote them all.



ONLINE EDUCATION PATHFINDER

- 55 students enrolled for this year (28F / 29M)
- 10 new students started their internships, some online and others in person, making a total of 19 during this 2021.
- 11 more students have been recruited, to fill the gaps of those who dropped out. More than 150 candidates applied.
- Different workshops have been done: CV writing, team building, professional development, etc.
- 39 students are on pace to graduate.
- Students have transitioned to a new platform of study.
- **Students were struggling not to finish their data bundles before the ends of the month. Now we managed to provide them with unlimited internet, meals and NHFI.**
- Rent support has been given to 2 students and Medical support to 1.

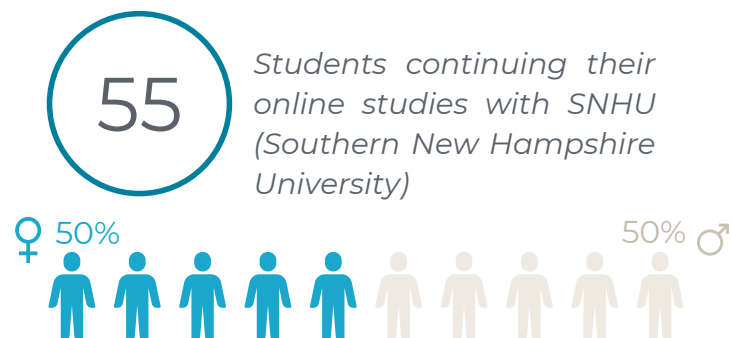


Photo: girls at Munyaca school during a field visit



MIKONO SHOP

- 43 current active suppliers
- Shop sales of July, August and September amounted 171K Ksh (1,541 USD)
- One exhibition was held in September in Karen Hub, with an income of 16K ksh (144USD). Consequently, we had new clients coming to the shop.
- **The biggest challenge keeps being the lack of capital of suppliers to meet the demand.**



[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE ONLINE SHOP!](#)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

- 15 beneficiaries (13F/2M) still continuing their trainings.
- 1 beneficiary dropped out since he was resettled to Canada.
- We have lots of requests of young people to get more scholarships. The needs are greater than the means.
- 28 new students have been recruited in a new cohort thanks to a new funding.

42

Current students in different vocational training schools.

Photo: beneficiaries queuing to receive food items.



MIKONO FARM

- In July, the remaining 10 (7F/3M) beneficiaries from last year exited the program. They have been very appreciative.
- During August and September a new recruitment process has started thanks to new fundings. We are expecting to kick-start the project ends October.

MHPSS

EMERGENCY RELIEF / MHPSS (MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT)

In July, August and September, we could attend to 69 (50F/19M) beneficiaries:

- 8 families were given medical support
- 32 families were given food vouchers or food items,
- 12 household were supported with rent
- 3 beneficiaries received therapy and counseling.
- 6 families were supported with clothes.
- **The biggest challenge keeps being the growing need of refugees in light of the scarce resources. We receive lots of requests for help that we cannot face due to budget constraints.**
- To be closer to the refugees wherever they are, and to reduce the transport expenses, we have opened 3 new satellite offices in different parishes around the city where most refugees are staying.

69

Households supported with Medical, Rent, Food items, Clothes and Therapy and counseling.

♀ 72%



♂ 28%

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- In all 5 centres, we have an average weekly attendance of 190 children.
- The Physiotherapist and the Occupational Therapists have completed the assessments of the children in the camp as well as home visits for a weekly average of 60 children who cannot attend the centers.
- Rehabilitation services have been conducted in all centres by the OTs and the Physiotherapist, an average of 50 children per week in the 5 centres is being reached.
- Parents and caregivers meetings for awareness raising and trainings have been occurring often.
- There are continuous teachers trainings held as well.
- **Due to heavy rains and downpour, the attendance of the learners was drastically reduced in early July since roads were impassable.**
- **Inconsistent water supply in some of the centers was challenging and made some children to go back home without their daily meal.**
- Schools were closed for holidays during July.
- There has been great improvement on the hygiene and nutrition, proving the effectiveness of the hygiene lessons conducted with children and caregivers.
- Foundation level students sat for their exams.
- 4 students have transitioned to mainstream LWF schools.
- Learning materials as books have been received and distributed.
- WFP provided with food items to all our centres.
- Adolescent girls have been trained in menstrual hygiene and reproductive health.
- **Due to funding constraints we cannot provide sufficient nutritional support to children suffering from malnutrition.**

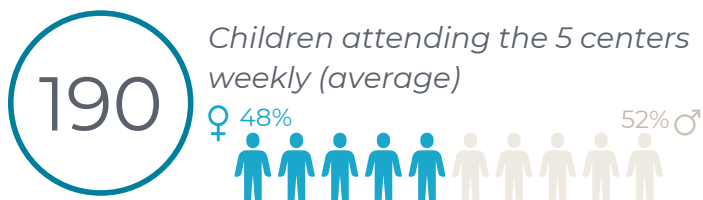


Photo: Children in Centre 1 following some lessons.

MHPSS

MHPSS (MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT).

- Parents support groups for children with special needs continuing with an average of 35 attendees per week talking topics such as hygiene, school attendance, care taking...
- Awareness raising sessions with community leaders and focus group discussions on special needs and inclusion.
- Session on Group Problem Management have been conducted for several weeks.
- Other assessment and referrals have been conducted.
- The team did an awareness raising session at a local radio station.
- "Drug and Substance Abuse sensitization Sessions" were conducted for caregivers and community leaders, a total of 130 people attended in the various sessions.

130

People attending the
"Drug and Substance
Abuse sensitization
Sessions"



PASTORAL AND RECONCILIATION

- Our two priests in the field, Fr Bill and Fr Lasantha, keep the weekly Sunday masses in different parishes around the camps.
- A daily morning mass is conducted at JRS compound and open to any other attendee.

Photo: child during a mass offered by Fr Lasantha.



LIVELIHOODS

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Bad weather have affected the internet access at the Arrupe Centres, challenging the Digital Literacy classes.
- Transport fees have been provided to the students.
- The “Career Fair Day” was held for PSE students, to give them the chance to explore career opportunities, meet potential employers and practice professional behaviour.
- Mobilization to promote a greater recruitment of female students is being carried out.

PRIMARY TEACHER EDUCATION

- The classes have been going well, with a medium attendance of 20 students weekly.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- A second intake for Community and Business Development program started, with more than 130 applicants. 61 students sat for the intake exams and a total of 35 learners were enrolled.

IEARN (DIGITAL LITERACY)

- Digital Literacy students sit for their exams ends July

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- Our ECDE learning program resumed in mid July, with an average of 32 students. They have been doing some school practices in August.
- A “Drug and Substance Abuse sensitization Session” was conducted for ECDE students with role playings, case studies, lectures and group discussions.

100

Students attending Post Secondary Education classes weekly (medium)

Photo: ECDE student during a lesson



PROTECTION

SAFE HAVEN

- 4 new beneficiaries joined the shelter in July.
- 26 (15F/11M) children attending classes at Sunshine School and the other children (18) are attending schools outside the shelter.
- A medium of 12 women attending hairdressing classes, and 14 attending tailoring classes.
- During holiday time, a session with FutbolMas was done for the children at the shelter.
- We are working to improve the kitchen installations.
- The Psychosocial team conducted different support sessions with 15 women and with 15 children at the shelter, as well as play and art therapy.
- A needs assessment on gender and protection has been carried out with WFP.
- Monthly family encounters between Amani boys and Safe Haven beneficiaries have been conducted.
- Last week of September two families were discharged from the shelters, a total of 12 beneficiaries.

AMANI BOYS

- Since last week of September, we have 3 boys at the shelter after the discharge of two families.
- The boys were on holidays during the month of July, when sports and other physical activities were carried out in partnership with FutbolMas.
- Other activities as general cleaning and gardening are being carried out.

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Boys remaining at the Amani centre, after 2 were discharged last week of September.

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Women and children at the Safe Haven, after 10 were discharged last week of September.

Photo: children at Safe Haven running towards Sunshine School.



THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE
WHO SUPPORTS THE CAUSE OF
REFUGEES AND MAKES ALL THIS
POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU.



FROM ALL THE JRS FAMILY.