



HOME STREET HOME

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# VISION

We envision a world where every child, regardless of their background or circumstance, has equal access to opportunities for growth, education, and empowerment. In this world, every child can dream freely, thrive fully, and contribute meaningfully to their communities, creating a future of equality, justice, and shared prosperity.

# MISSION

Our mission is to advocate for and fight alongside disadvantaged children, ensuring their rights are protected and their voices are heard. We are dedicated to providing support, resources, and opportunities that empower children in need, helping them to overcome challenges and unlock their full potential.



# VALUES

## CARING

We are committed to fostering a compassionate environment where every child is treated with empathy, kindness, and genuine concern for their well-being and development.

## RESPECT

We uphold the dignity of every child, community member, and partner by valuing their unique experiences, perspectives, and rights, promoting a culture of mutual respect and understanding.

## HONESTY

We embrace transparency, integrity, and accountability in all our actions, ensuring that we build trust and work with the highest ethical standards in every aspect of our work.

## DIVERSITY

We celebrate and honor the diverse backgrounds, cultures, and abilities of every individual, recognizing that inclusion and diversity enriches our communities and strengthen our collective impact.



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# **ON THE JOURNEY WITH HOME STREET HOME**

# HOME STREET HOME

Home Street Home (HSH) is a non-profit organization that is registered in Finland (2014), Kenya (2015) and Switzerland (2020). The aim of the organization is to promote children's and youth's education, wellbeing and health in the area of Kwale County, Kenya. The organization is committed to ensure integrity, sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout its work. HSH is also committed to promote the implementation of sustainable development goals through its work and project activities.

The main project of the organization is the HSH Center. HSH Center is located in Makongeni village and it's the heart of the organization. HSH Center includes training center for girls, playgroup for 3-year-old children, community health clinic, library and day care for children with special needs. In addition, Home Street Home organizes trainings and workshops, runs porridge program in local schools and aims to support the local community through its other projects and activities. These services work together to provide comprehensive support to children, youth, and families in the area, helping them to overcome challenges and unlock opportunities for a better future.

HSH team is in charge of the implementation of the projects and programs of HSH. The HSH Team includes The HSH board, employees, local and international volunteers, interns, and local experts. Together, they collaborate to implement and oversee the organization's initiatives, bringing diverse perspectives and expertise to their work.

Through its unwavering commitment to empowering vulnerable children and families, Home Street Home strives to create lasting change, supporting a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

# EMPOWERING CHILDREN, TRANSFORMING FUTURES:

## OUR COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING

As the United Nations asserts, every child has a fundamental right to health, education, family life, play and recreation, an adequate standard of living, and protection from abuse and harm. Unfortunately, the potential of many children is still undervalued, and millions of children grow up facing insecurity or being excluded from receiving even the most basic and essential health, education, and developmental services. The unfortunate reality is that far too many children continue to be denied the opportunities they deserve to thrive.

Successful communities understand that investing in children is paramount to their success and future prosperity. It has been well-established that early investments in children's health, education, and development yield lifelong benefits, both for the individuals and for society as a whole. Children who are nurtured and given opportunities early on are more likely to become successful, productive adults, contributing positively to the community and society at large.

At Home Street Home, we stand firmly on the side of children. We work tirelessly to ensure that the development of children remains a central priority in our efforts. Our commitment is to help every child experience life in its fullness, free from the constraints that often hold them back. We strive to make sure that children are not only given the basic necessities, but are also supported in their personal and educational growth. By working closely with families, communities, and partners, we aim to improve the overall well-being of vulnerable children in the most critical areas of their lives, including health, education, and emotional support.

A crucial part of our mission is to address the attitudes and behaviors of community and family members toward children. We envision a society where children are not only protected but truly valued, where their rights are respected and upheld unconditionally. This vision extends to every child, regardless of their background, circumstances, or challenges they may face.

It is often said that inequality begins at birth, but the impact of poverty begins much earlier, even before a child is born. The most vulnerable children are those who experience poverty and marginalization before they have the chance to take their first steps. At Home Street Home, we are committed to ensuring that every child's journey begins with the support they need, from the moment they are in the womb, through to the completion of their education.



Our work pays special attention to the most vulnerable and often marginalized groups in society, such as children with disabilities. These children are among the most excluded and stigmatized, often facing significant social barriers such as neglect, labeling, and stereotyping.

Every child, regardless of ability or circumstance, has the right to care, protection, and a healthy, safe life free from abuse and harm. At Home Street Home, we are dedicated to fulfilling our role in making this a reality. We may operate within a small circle, here in Makongeni, but our commitment to ensuring that every child in our care has the opportunity to live, learn, and grow in a nurturing environment is unwavering. We believe that if we can make a difference in the lives of children in our community. We contribute to a ripple effect that can extend far beyond our borders, fostering a world where all children's rights are not only protected but celebrated.



# **DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE:**

## **SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Development is an ongoing process that fosters change, growth, and progress. It is the positive, necessary transformation that societies around the world need to thrive. At Home Street Home, our mission is to support and contribute to this development, driving positive change in the communities where we work. We are committed to doing our part in advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), helping to propel development forward in a meaningful and impactful way.

Every day, we learn more through our internal project evaluations, impact assessments, and through the ever-changing world around us. The world is constantly evolving, and these changes influence how we work, guiding us to work smarter and more effectively. By staying attuned to these shifts, we can adapt and enhance our efforts to better meet the needs of the communities we serve.

The Government of Kenya is continuously working to improve the quality of life for its citizens, and countless organizations in our region are contributing their expertise and resources. Over the past eight years, Makongeni village has experienced significant transformation: new buildings, improved infrastructure, expanded services, and a noticeable improvement in the well-being and health of the people. This ongoing progress is proof that change is happening – every day, in every corner of our community. We are proud to be a part of this change, contributing to the development of the area and helping to shape a brighter future.

As an organization, we firmly believe that our role is to support and guide the community through this change and development. We aim to fill the gaps that others may not be able to reach, providing stability and essential services where they are most needed. However, in order to be effective, we must remain open to change ourselves. We need to be ready to develop and adapt our systems, methods, and ways of thinking, because the world is not static—and neither should we be.

This commitment to adaptability means that at every turn, we critically evaluate our work, analyzing how the changing landscape affects our programs and ensuring that we remain responsive to emerging needs. By doing so, we can continue to contribute meaningfully to the development of our community, helping to drive sustainable progress and create lasting positive change.





# **SEARCHING FOR A RIGHT WAY TO HELP:**

## **EVOLVING APPROACHES TO EMPOWERMENT AND GROWTH**

Since the establishment of Home Street Home, we have been actively seeking the answer to a fundamental question: *What is the right way to help?* At first glance, this may seem like a simple question, but as we delve deeper into it, we quickly realize how complex and multifaceted the answer truly is.

Home Street Home was founded with a core ideology centered around helping others. There was a defining moment when the founders decided, "Let's do this—to help those in need." And from that decision, the journey began. Helping others brings a sense of fulfillment and purpose; it feels good to know that our efforts have contributed to improving someone's life and made their world a better place.

However, helping others is not always as straightforward as it may seem. Over the years, through various projects and programs, we have encountered the challenges that come with providing help—challenges that can affect both us and the people we aim to support. One issue we have observed is that when we effectively solve someone's problem, they may begin to view us as the solution to all their difficulties. This can lead to what we call the dependency syndrome, where individuals rely on us for help, rather than learning to address and solve their own issues. As a result,

the cycle of dependency continues, with no empowerment or long-term change for the individuals involved.

In response to this, we have gradually shifted our approach. Instead of focusing on offering direct, one-on-one assistance, we have focused on providing services and expertise at the community level. For example, we opened a health clinic, launched a training center, and implemented a breakfast porridge program in local pre-primary schools. These initiatives are designed to support the community as a whole, promoting self-reliance and sustainable growth rather than fostering dependency.

Through this ongoing journey of reflection and adjustment, we have reached the place we are today. Our evolving approach to helping is continually influenced by the lessons we learn along the way. This process shapes our decision-making and guides the choices we make to move the organization forward. However, we acknowledge that we have not yet discovered the ultimate way to help. As our organization grows, as our team gains more expertise, and as the community around us continues to develop, our understanding of the most effective ways to help will also continue to evolve. The right way to help is not static; it is a dynamic, ongoing process that grows with us.

# CREATING LASTING IMPACT:

## OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY GROWTH

Sustainable development is about creating and preserving favorable living conditions for both present and future generations. The United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development seeks to eradicate extreme poverty and foster development that equally prioritizes the environment, the economy, and the well-being of people.

At Home Street Home, we are deeply committed to contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. In everything we do, we aim to grow and evolve in a way that promotes well-being while protecting and respecting nature and the environment. Our focus is on fostering community development, eradicating poverty and hunger, improving access to education and healthcare, and empowering girls and women.

The key SDGs guiding our work are:



We carefully consider the environmental, social, and economic impacts of all our decisions. The choices we make have a direct effect on the organization of our projects, including education, healthcare, food security, and community well-being. By aligning our efforts with sustainable practices, we strive to make a positive, lasting impact on the lives of those we serve, while ensuring that future generations inherit a healthier and more equitable world.

# A YEAR OF INCLUSION

2024 has been a year of profound growth and transformation for Home Street Home, as we placed a strong focus on ensuring the long-term sustainability of our organization, strengthening our core programs, and celebrating our 10th anniversary. These efforts were guided by our commitment to creating lasting impact, fostering inclusivity, and continuing to meet the evolving needs of our community.

As our projects and activities kept running, a major focus for us this year was securing the financial sustainability of Home Street Home. One of the key steps in this direction was to develop a new project: Ubunifu Workshop. Ubunifu Workshop is designed to create a self-sustaining income stream for the organization through product making, while empowering individuals in the community. During the year, we launched the project, created our first textile products and sold them in three countries: Kenya, Finland and Switzerland.

During the year, we also focused on inclusion. We wanted to improve our systems and create even more inclusive environment in our center. To do that, we integrated children with special needs from our daycare with those from our playgroup to promote inclusion. The trial was successful, leading to the permanent arrangement in October 2024, with both groups now housed in the same building. This setup allows for daily interaction and tailored activities, fostering an inclusive environment where all children can grow, learn, and thrive together.

One of the most impactful developments this year was the continued expansion of our HSH Feeding Program. We successfully launched an additional kitchen at Makongeni Primary School, enabling us to serve over 1,000 cups of porridge every day to schoolchildren in need.

Of course, one of the standout moments of the year was celebrating Home Street Home's 10th anniversary. This milestone marked a decade of service, growth, and community impact, and we were excited to reflect on everything we've accomplished while looking ahead to the future. The anniversary year was marked by a series of events, activities, and initiatives designed to honor our journey. We published Future Me, a children's book that encouraged young readers to imagine their potential and the bright future ahead. In addition, we released the Spiral of Change documentary, which highlighted the transformation within the communities we serve and the stories of individuals whose lives have been positively impacted by our work.

Our anniversary celebrations at the Home Street Home center brought together supporters, community members, and partners who have been essential to our success. These gatherings allowed us to celebrate our shared achievements, reconnect with those who have been part of our journey, and express our gratitude for the unwavering support that has fueled our mission. The celebrations served as a reminder of the strength of community and the importance of coming together to create meaningful change.

As we reflect on a year of incredible growth, we remain more committed than ever to building a sustainable future for Home Street Home. The progress we've made this year has been invaluable, but our work is far from finished. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue expanding our programs, fostering inclusion, and ensuring that the families and children we serve receive the support they need to thrive.

We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who has been part of this journey—our staff, volunteers, partners, and donors. Together, we are shaping a better, more inclusive future for all.

Kindly,

*Hsh team*



# **HSH 10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR**



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The year 2024 marked a significant milestone for Home Street Home as we celebrated our tenth anniversary. To commemorate this special occasion, we wanted to make the entire year unforgettable. We went all out, organizing a variety of events throughout the year, each designed to engage and inspire our community. We also ventured into new creative territory by publishing a children's book, aimed at spreading messages of hope and kindness. To cap off the year, we premiered our first-ever documentary film, which showcased the impact of our work and the incredible stories of those we've had the privilege of helping. This year was a true celebration of our journey, our growth, and the countless lives touched by our mission.

## ANNIVERSARY YEAR EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

As part of our anniversary year, we participated in several impactful events that allowed us to connect with people and raise awareness about our mission. One of the highlights was our participation in Lapsimessut (The Children's Fair), where we engaged with families and children. Our team also took part in the World Village Festival, a renowned event celebrating global cultures, where we had the opportunity to promote our initiatives and connect with like-minded organizations.

Additionally, we hosted our very own Vappu event in Jämsä, a fun and festive gathering that brought people together to celebrate the spirit of togetherness, reflecting the core values of Home Street Home. Alongside these larger events, we also visited local schools and companies, where we had meaningful conversations, shared our story, and educated young people and professionals about the importance of giving back and supporting vulnerable communities.



## 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT HSH CENTER

On October 10th, we proudly celebrated a monumental milestone – 10 years of Home Street Home and its commitment to providing essential community services. The celebration took place over two unforgettable days at our center, filled with joy, reflection, and gratitude for all the lives touched by our work.

The festivities kicked off with a vibrant village community party, where we invited all our stakeholders, local partners, and community members to join us in marking this special occasion. Together, we reflected on the incredible journey Home Street Home has undertaken over the past decade, sharing memories, celebrating achievements, and honoring the positive changes we've brought to the community. The event was a heartwarming gathering that highlighted the power of collaboration, with everyone coming together to celebrate our shared vision and the progress we've made.

The following day, we continued the celebrations with a more intimate gathering of our team and local supporters at a glamorous gala night. The highlight of the evening was to premier our new Spiral of Change documentary, which beautifully captures the transformative impact of our work. Guests enjoyed delicious food, engaging conversations, and lively entertainment, including traditional Makonde dances, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of our local community.

The two-day celebration was a fitting tribute to the strength, resilience, and dedication of the Home Street Home community. It was an opportunity to celebrate the incredible progress we've made over the past 10 years, while looking forward to the future and the continued positive change we aim to bring. The anniversary festivities were filled with color, joy, and heartfelt moments, making it a truly unforgettable occasion.



# SPIRAL OF CHANGE -DOCUMENTARY

This year, we took a step back to reflect on the growth and transformation we've undergone over the past ten years. Our journey has been anything but linear, filled with challenges, adjustments, and unexpected shifts. To capture and remind ourselves of this evolution, we created a documentary that offers an in-depth look into the lives of those in Makongeni Village, a rural community where our work has had a significant impact.

The documentary was not only an exploration of our journey, but also a means of understanding the vital role that Home Street Home plays in this community and the positive changes we've witnessed. To ensure the film captured the full scope of this transformation, we conducted interviews with key community members and stakeholders. These interviews included voices from a range of perspectives: the chairman of Makongeni Village, the headteacher of Makongeni Primary School, an expert in local traditions and culture, community activists, and members of the Home Street Home board.

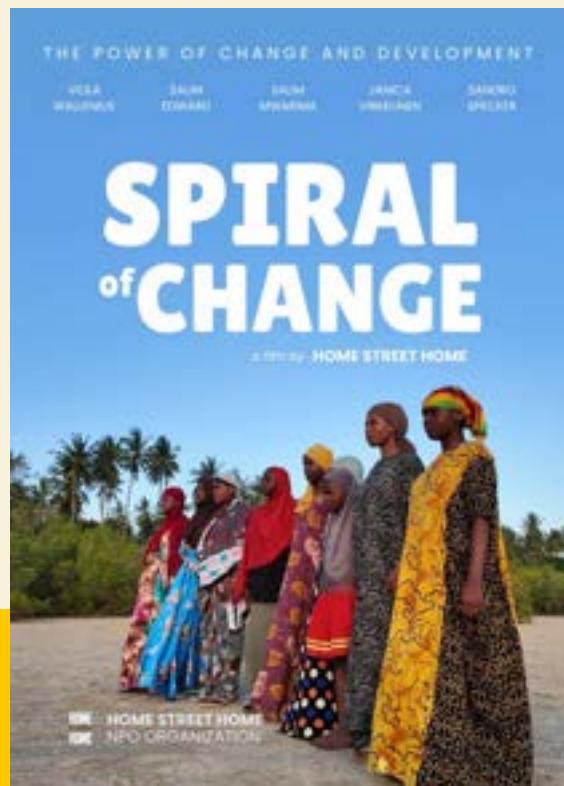
In the documentary, community members shared their personal stories, offering powerful insights into how culture, tradition, and history shape development and influence the cycle of change. Their firsthand accounts provided a deeper understanding of how Home Street Home's work has contributed to meaningful progress in Makongeni. This project has been a reflection of our ongoing commitment to growth, and it continues to inspire us as we move forward in our mission.



# SPIRAL of CHANGE

*a film by* **HOME STREET HOME**

What is the role of the community in building sustainable development? How do community needs change over the years and how does community development change with them? In the documentary, members of the Makongeni village community, share their experiences in their own words, while sharing information about culture, tradition and history - the significant factors that influence community development and the spiral of change.





*As we mark our tenth anniversary, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of our journey. Over the past decade, Home Street Home has grown into a community built on compassion, team spirit and open hearts. This milestone wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our board, staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters.*

*Together, we've made something special. After countless hours of mixing cement, hours and hours of office work, and tiring days under the sun, we have our own center and even more important, we have our amazing team. For the first ten years: thank you for being part of the story - and here is a cheers to the next chapter of Home Street Home!*

*Viola Wallenius, co-founder and director of HSH*

# HSH TEAM 2024



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Working at HSH daycare for children with disabilities has been a deeply rewarding experience. I have gained valuable insights into understanding and managing various conditions, adapting my approach to meet each child's unique needs. This role has taught me patience, empathy, and how to handle challenging situations with care. Additionally, I have developed strong teamwork skills, collaborating with colleagues to find the best solutions for the children. On a personal level, this role has made me more patient, resilient, and compassionate, contributing to both my professional abilities and personal growth.

Cecilia Corona, Caregiver, HSH Day Care Center

# **PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF 2024**

## **PART 1: HSH CENTER**



## HSH CENTER

The HSH Center, located in the heart of Makongeni village, serves as the cornerstone of our organization, bringing together essential services and expertise under one community center. We view our center as a vital service provider, supporting local social, health, and education services by offering an additional layer of care and assistance to the community. Our mission is to foster development while aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The HSH Center encompasses five key sectors: a training center for girls and young women, a community health clinic, a playschool for 3-year-old children, a library and a daycare for

children with special needs. Each of these services is designed to meet the unique needs of the community, providing vital resources to empower individuals and families.

In addition, we have our own vegetable garden and chicken house, which supply fresh, nutritious ingredients for our kitchen, contributing to food security and promoting sustainable practices. Through these integrated services, the HSH Center plays a central role in improving the lives of those we serve, creating a supportive, nurturing environment for growth and development.

## **SUSTAINING OPERATIONS: NEW SOLAR SYSTEM ENSURES RELIABLE POWER FOR THE CENTER**

Power is a crucial resource for the daily operations of our center. Without a reliable power source, many activities are disrupted, leading to delays in services, report submissions, and essential communications.

Thanks to the generous support from Home Street Home Switzerland, we were able to install a completely new solar power system at the center. This upgrade included the addition of six solar panels and six batteries to complement the existing system.

The installation was completed in January, and power was fully restored, allowing our teaching programs and other activities to resume as usual. The new solar system has proven to be a reliable and efficient backup, ensuring that the center has consistent power during blackouts and keeping daily operations running smoothly throughout the year. This upgrade has greatly enhanced our ability to maintain our programs without interruption, making it an invaluable resource for the center's ongoing success.



# **HSH HEALTH CLINIC**

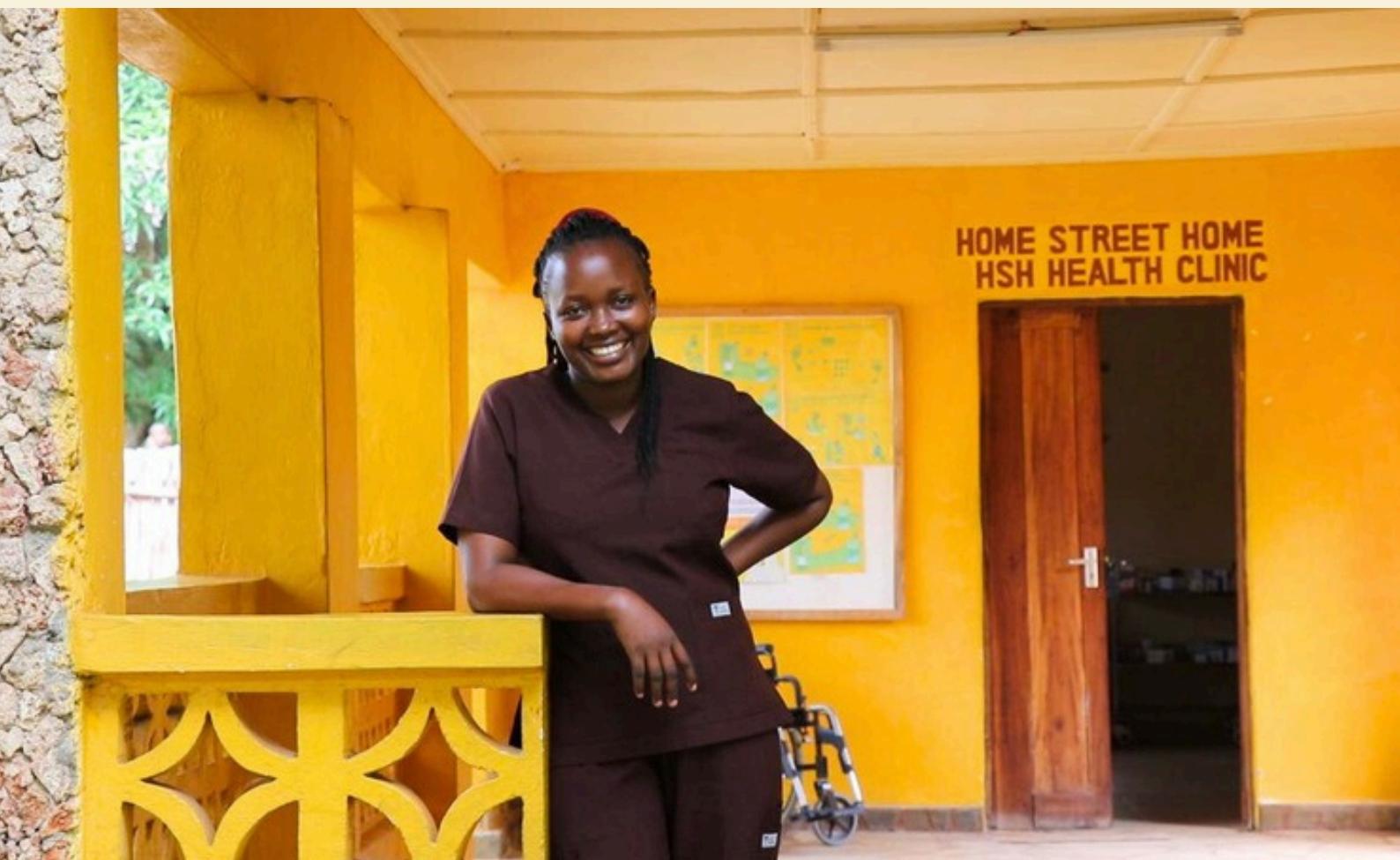


# **HSH HEALTH CLINIC**

The HSH Health Clinic opened its doors in April 2020 with the mission of providing high-quality outpatient healthcare services to the most vulnerable families in Makongeni village and nearby areas. The clinic was established to meet the needs of individuals, particularly those living in extreme poverty, who often face significant barriers in accessing public healthcare services. Our goal is to ensure that these families receive the medical care they need, helping to improve their overall health and quality of life.

Operating Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm, the clinic serves as a crucial resource for the community, offering a wide range of outpatient services. By providing regular access to healthcare, we aim to prevent minor health issues from escalating into more serious conditions that could otherwise go untreated due to financial or logistical constraints.

The HSH Health Clinic plays a vital role in improving the well-being of the people in Makongeni and surrounding areas, providing essential healthcare that might otherwise be out of reach for many. Through this program, we are helping to break down the barriers to health and wellness, one patient at a time.



# CLINICIAN

The clinic is led by Cecilia, a qualified clinical officer with a specialization in pediatrics. Cecilia's expertise in child health is invaluable to the community, especially given the significant number of children in need of medical attention. Beyond her medical qualifications, Cecilia has a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by rural communities and is dedicated to addressing their specific health needs. Her compassionate approach, combined with her professional knowledge, ensures that patients receive not only effective treatment but also a caring and supportive experience.



## A WORD FROM CLINICIAN

*The year 2024 was filled with a variety of activities at the HSH Health Clinic, where we had the opportunity to attend to a wide range of clients with diverse health concerns. In 2024, compared to the previous year, we saw an increase in the number of patients seeking consultations. This indicates a growing desire for factual health information and a shift away from myths and misconceptions that have previously held people back. It's encouraging to see more people taking charge of their health.*

*Some highlights to mention, we registered nearly 24 new cases of hypertension and handled several severe cases. Another notable example was a young boy who was involved in a motorbike accident, sustaining significant head and lower limb injuries. We were able to treat him, and he made a full recovery. On another occasion, we treated an elderly woman who arrived in severe respiratory distress. We stabilized her with oxygen and other treatments, ensuring she was safe.*

*Personally, I gained a lot of experience, particularly in operating the complete blood count (CBC) machine, which has been a great motivator. I also had the opportunity to use a portable ultrasound machine, which was incredibly fascinating. I was able to measure key fetal parameters such as head circumference, femur length, and the amniotic fluid index—an exciting and rewarding experience. It truly was a fantastic year, and I'm excited to see what 2025 has in store for us!*

*Cecilia Charo, Clinician, HSH Health Clinic*

# THE LASTING IMPACT OF THE HSH HEALTH CLINIC ON MAKONGENI VILLAGE

Our HSH Health Clinic project is having a direct, meaningful, and profound impact on the community we serve. Since its inception, the clinic has been a critical resource for families in Makongeni Village and the surrounding areas, providing much-needed healthcare services to those who might otherwise go without. The positive effects of the care and treatment provided at the clinic are already being felt across the community, as we address both immediate health needs and contribute to the overall health improvement of the community.

By offering high-quality medical care, we are not only treating current conditions but also laying the groundwork for long-term health improvements. Many people in the community previously lacked access to reliable healthcare, often relying on makeshift solutions or resorting to more costly, distant options when health problems became too severe. By bringing professional healthcare services directly into the community, we make it easier for people to receive the care they need when they need it most. This has had a profound impact, as families are no longer forced to delay treatment or risk serious health complications.

The guidance and counseling provided at the clinic play an equally important role in

improving community health. By offering preventive care and health education, we are able to empower individuals to take control of their own health. Regular consultations, education on hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention, and access to information about managing chronic conditions all help to prevent diseases before they start. These services are crucial in a community where health education has often been lacking. Through our ongoing health education programs, we are equipping individuals with the knowledge and tools they need to make healthier choices for themselves and their families, which leads to a higher quality of life for all.

Furthermore, the work we do at the clinic supports long-term community development. By fostering a healthier population, we are creating a foundation for the community to thrive in other areas, including education, employment, and social well-being. Healthy individuals are better able to work, attend school, and care for their families, which ultimately contributes to breaking the cycle of poverty. When people are healthier, they are more productive and capable of contributing to the growth and prosperity of their community.

In addition to improving physical health, the clinic's services also provide emotional and psychological support. Many patients come to the clinic with not only medical issues but also with concerns about their overall well-being. Through counseling, empathetic care, and mental health support, the clinic becomes a place of comfort and hope, where people can seek both physical healing and emotional relief.

In summary, the HSH Health Clinic is making a significant and lasting impact on

the community. By providing essential medical care, education, and emotional support, we are not only improving individual health but also contributing to the overall well-being and long-term development of the entire community. Our work helps to prevent disease, promote healthier lifestyles, and provide a foundation for future growth and prosperity. Through our continued efforts, we hope to create a healthier, more resilient community for generations to come.



# **FINANCIAL CHALLENGES IMPACTING HSH HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES**

Due to ongoing financial instability and a lack of consistent donors, we are currently facing significant challenges in maintaining the level of service at the HSH Health Clinic. As a result, we have been forced to scale down our medication orders, which has directly impacted our ability to fully serve all individuals who seek healthcare at the clinic.

This reduction in available resources means that we are unable to provide essential medications to every patient in need, limiting our capacity to address the health needs of the community. Despite these challenges, our dedicated Clinic-team continues to offer the best care possible within our current means, but we are deeply concerned about the long-term sustainability of the clinic and its ability to meet the growing demand for services.

We are actively seeking new partnerships and funding to ensure the future stability of the clinic, with the goal of restoring full access to vital medications and expanding our ability to provide comprehensive healthcare to those who rely on us.



# A YEAR OF HSH HEALTH CLINIC IN NUMBERS

## NUMBER OF PATIENTS

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN 2024**  
**4115**

**UNDER 5 YEAR OLDS**  
**1 546**

**5-18 YEARS OLDS**  
**1365**

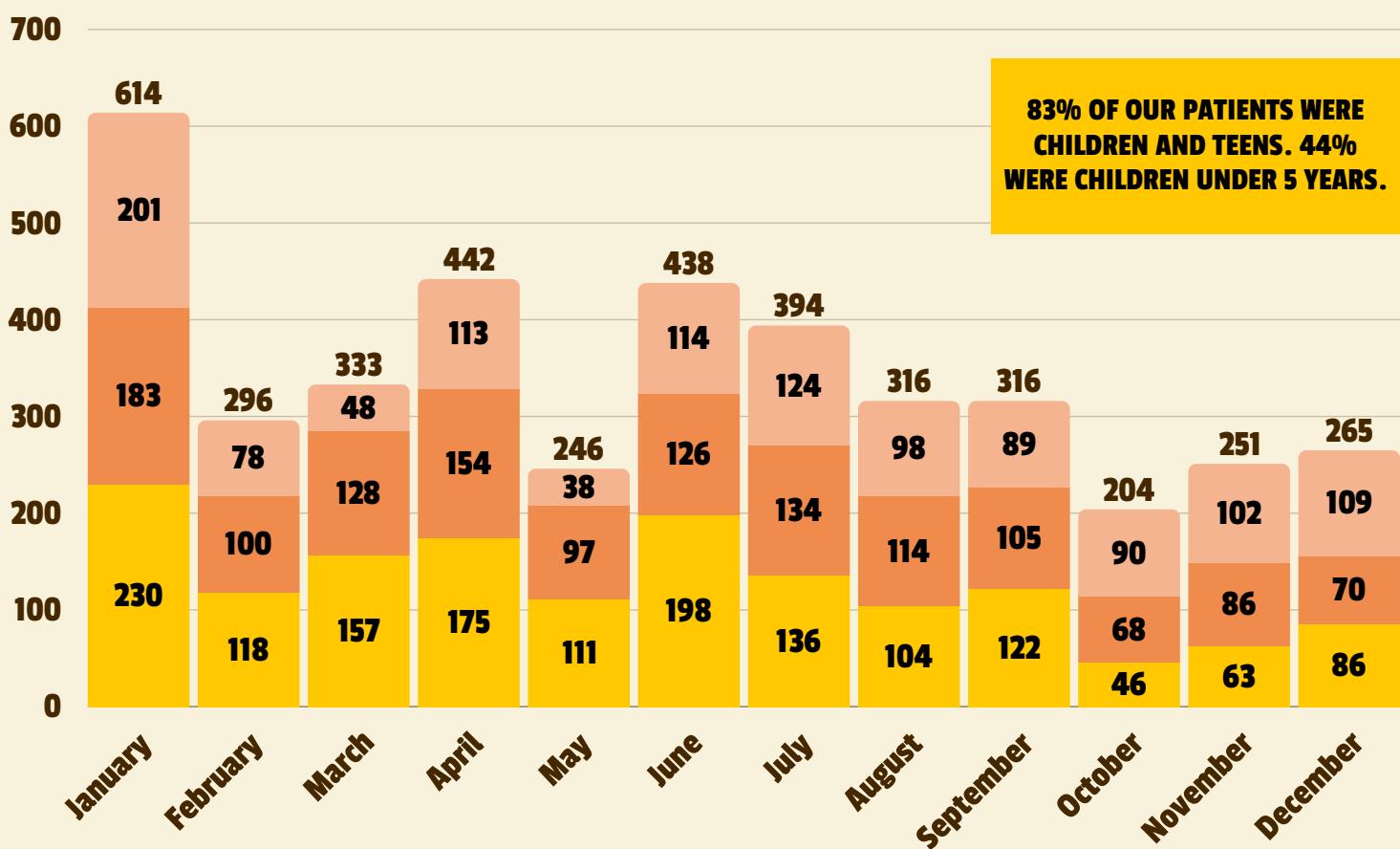
**ADULTS**  
**1204**

**139 SUPPORTED REFERRAL CASES**

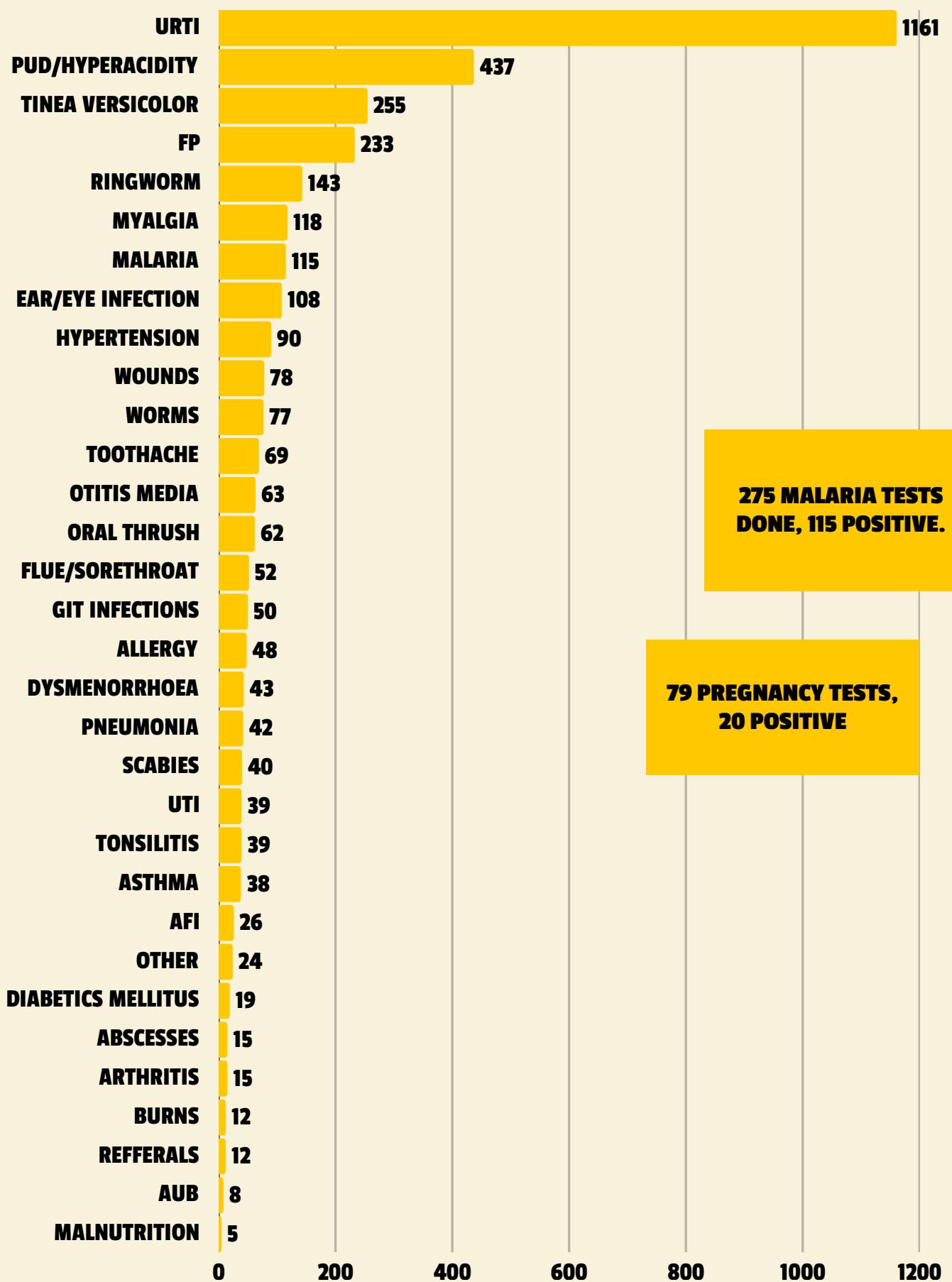
Under 5 years

5-18 years

Adults



## OVERVIEW OF PATIENT DIAGNOSES



## HSH HEALTH CLINIC EXPENSES 2024

	KES	EUR
Salaries	524 280	4 033
Electricity	12 000	92
Medicine and clinic materials	596 837	4 591
Repairs & Maintenance	19 550	150
Medicine support	68 275	525
Referral support	145 250	1 117
Transport support	30 780	237
Hemogram machine chemicals	111 000	854
Airtime and internet	11 655	90
Transport	6 345	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 525 972</b>	<b>11 738</b>



# KALEVALA TRAINING CENTER



# KALEVALA TRAINING CENTER

In 2019, Kalevala Koru searched a partner and a charity that could direct as much of the grant funding as possible toward a meaningful, impactful project. The goal was not only to maximize the impact of the grant but also to ensure that this impact could be measured effectively. These objectives were successfully achieved through the collaboration between Home Street Home and the Kalevala Training Center project.

In the spring and summer of 2020, with funding from Kalevala Koru, we established the Kalevala Training Center to provide education and skills development for girls and young women. Kalevala Koru took on the financial responsibility of the project, while Home

Street Home managed its operations on the ground. The training center was designed to serve vulnerable girls and young women, providing them with the opportunity to gain valuable skills and knowledge. The courses are specifically tailored for girls aged 16-25 who have had limited access to education, empowering them to build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

Through this collaboration, we have been able to create a lasting change by giving young women the tools they need to succeed, all while working together with expertise and passion to make a real difference in the world.





## **SHATTERING INEQUALITY: THE STRUGGLES HINDERING GIRLS' EDUCATION**

Girls continue to face significant challenges that put them at a disadvantage compared to boys. Poverty, societal attitudes, and crisis situations remain substantial barriers to girls' education.

Abuses, teenage pregnancies, forced marriages, and child trafficking are still prevalent in many communities. In addition to these dangers, girls are often burdened with greater household responsibilities, such as cooking, babysitting, and other chores. These duties limit their time and energy for schoolwork, leaving them with less time for homework than their male counterparts. As a result, girls' academic performance can suffer, leading to a decline in grades and, in some cases, even school dropout.

These systemic inequalities not only hinder girls' educational opportunities but also perpetuate cycles of disadvantage, making it more difficult for them to break free from poverty and fulfill their potential.

# SHAPING FUTURES: COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT AT KALEVALA TRAINING CENTER

The Kalevala Training Center's educational programs are fully integrated into the Kenyan education system. Upon completion of the courses, students are eligible to take a national final exam, after which they receive an official certificate of competence. We offer three specialized courses: Computer Packages, Salon & Hairdressing, and Tailoring & Dressmaking. Each course combines theoretical knowledge with practical skills, ensuring students gain a comprehensive understanding of their chosen field. Throughout their studies, students' competence is regularly assessed to ensure they are progressing and mastering the necessary skills.

The center employs six local teachers, all of whom are passionate about empowering students and providing high-quality instruction. In addition to the core technical skills, our curriculum emphasizes entrepreneurial thinking and leadership. We believe that fostering an entrepreneurial mindset is crucial for the success of our students, and we incorporate motivational exercises, leadership lessons, and entrepreneurship training into every course. These efforts are designed to equip students with a diverse set of skills and tools for their future careers.



# **EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH EDUCATION: TRANSFORMING LIVES AND SOCIETY**

The transformative power of education for girls is immeasurable. It presents a crucial opportunity to challenge and break down the harmful gender stereotypes that often limit their potential, while also equipping children of all genders with the knowledge and skills necessary to shape their futures.

Inclusive education enhances the quality of life by providing young people with the tools they need to thrive. Access to education is a fundamental right for all children, and schools should be spaces where girls can exercise their agency, amplify their voices, and discover their power as leaders.

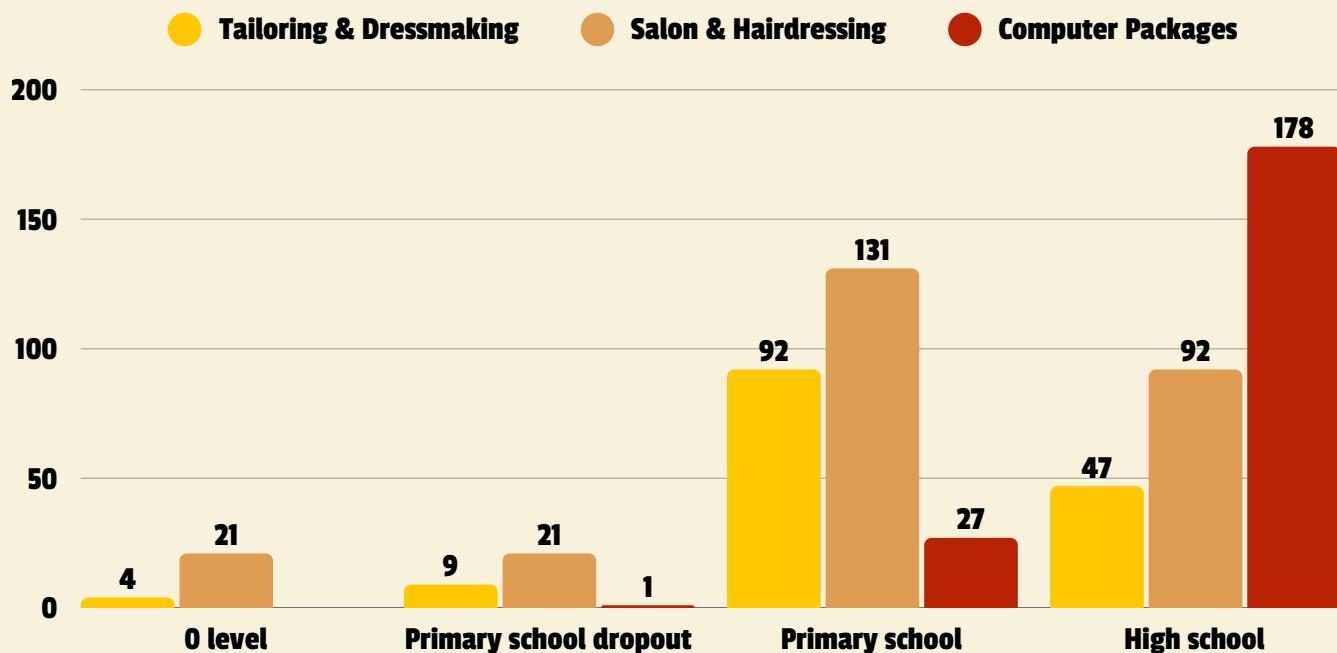
Through education, girls not only gain a better chance at employment, but they also strengthen their position in society. Empowering women with access to economic opportunities, entrepreneurship, and active participation in the workforce doesn't just reduce gender inequalities—it fundamentally transforms society and the economy. When women thrive, communities prosper, creating ripple effects that benefit everyone.



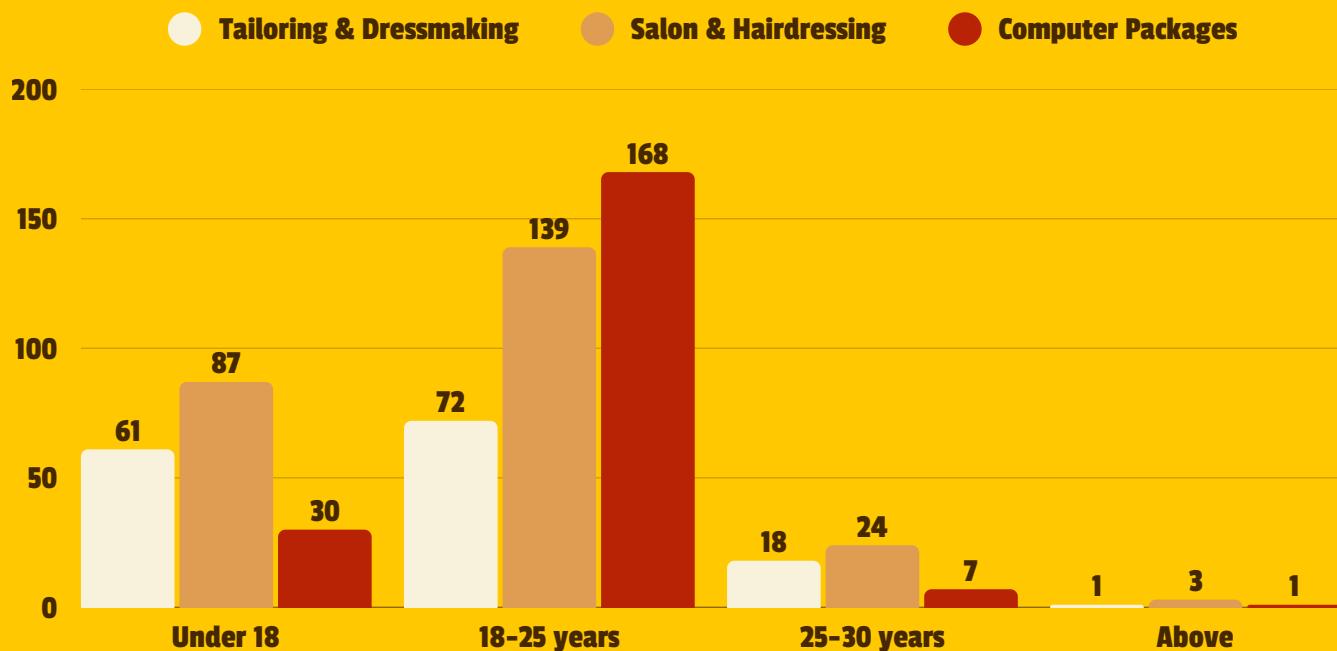
# KTC STUDENTS

## STUDENTS' EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

UPDATED: JANUARY 2025



## AGE



*It has been an incredible year filled with valuable experiences, new skills, and personal growth. The supportive and positive working environment made it easy for us to teach and thrive. Despite facing a few challenges, such as "red eye" epidemic, we pushed through and gave our best. The most rewarding moment was watching our girls develop new skills and graduate with excellent grades – an achievement that filled us with immense pride.*

*One special highlight of the year to mention, was celebrating Home Street Home's 10th anniversary. We are deeply grateful to the management, Kalevala, and our dedicated team members for their unwavering support and cooperation. Cheers to many more years of success and collaboration!*

- Edna Patrick, Computer Class assistant teacher





## **EMPOWERING WOMEN, TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES: THE IMPACT OF OUR TRAINING CENTER**

Our mission is to transform lives by equipping women with the skills and confidence they need to build a brighter future. By offering training in computer skills, salon and hairdressing, and tailoring and dressmaking, we are opening doors to new opportunities and fostering a sense of independence and self-worth.

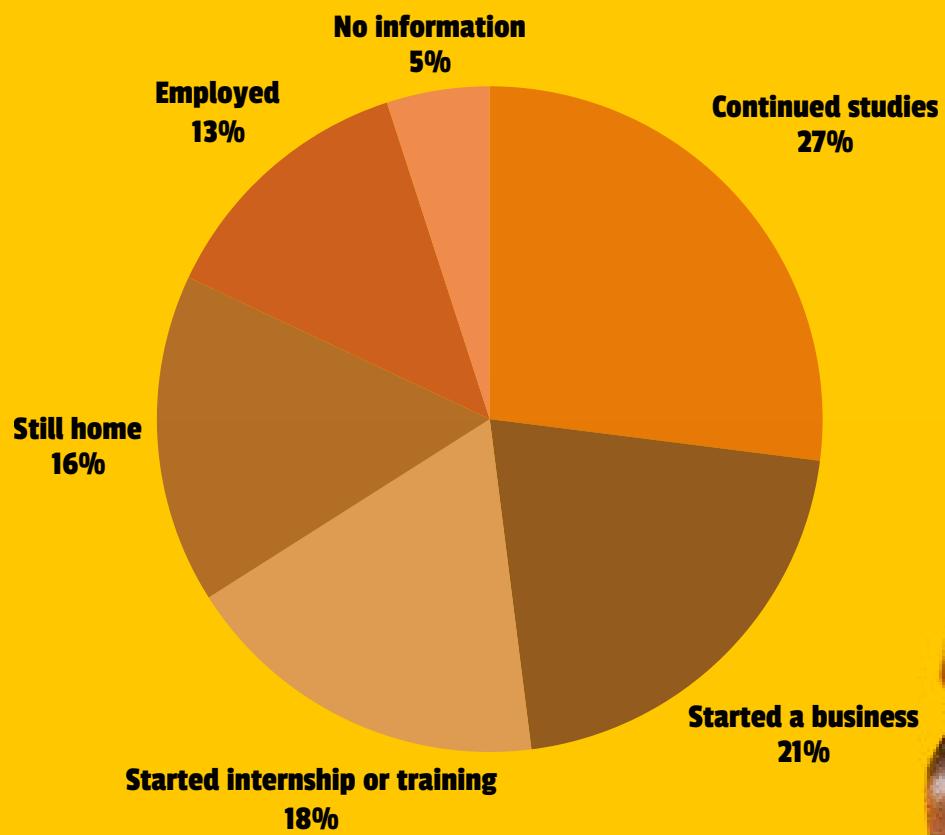
As we continued to maintain the daily learning activities and operations of the training center, the year of KTC brought new eye-sights of the long-term impact of the project: The impact of our training center extends far beyond the individual women we serve. By empowering women with skills and opportunities, we are contributing to the economic and social development of our entire community. Women who complete our programs often become role models and leaders, inspiring others to seek education and pursue their own aspirations. The businesses they establish provide essential services and create employment opportunities, stimulating local economies. Furthermore, by promoting sustainable practices and environmental consciousness in our training, we are fostering a culture of responsibility and stewardship for future generations.

## EMPOWERING FUTURES: TOTAL NUMBER OF KTC GRADUATES

	COMPUTER PACKAGES	SALON & HAIRDRESSING	TAILORING & DRESSMAKING	TOTAL
2020	12	14	0	26
2021	41	43	27	111
2022	48	57	34	139
2023	45	54	23	122
2024	47	57	41	145

**TOTAL KTC GRADUATES 543**





# HIGHLIGHTS OF KTC 2024

## KTC GRADUATIONS



## 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF KTC

In August 2024, we celebrated the 4th anniversary of the Kalevala Training Center, marking a significant milestone in our journey. Over the years, we have had the privilege of training hundreds of girls from Makongeni and the surrounding communities. Our systems have continually improved, and we've successfully found a great balance in our course routines, ensuring a more effective and fulfilling learning experience.

The anniversary celebration was a joyful occasion shared with our team members, teachers, and students. The highlight of the day was the cake-cutting ceremony, followed by singing the birthday song together. The atmosphere was filled with smiles and laughter—a beautiful moment to reflect on how far we've come and to appreciate the collective effort that has contributed to this great achievement. What a wonderful day of celebration and reflection!

In 2024, we proudly hosted three KTC graduation ceremonies, celebrating the achievements of 145 girls. This included 47 graduates from the computer class, 57 from the salon class, and 41 from the tailoring class. Each ceremony was filled with joy, excitement, and pride, as the students joyfully received their well-earned certificates.

During the year, we were also thrilled to see a tremendous outpouring of support from the parents, with many attending the ceremonies to celebrate their daughters' accomplishments. Their presence was a testament to the strong partnership between the students, their families, and Home Street Home, making these milestones even more meaningful. It has truly been a year of celebration and shared success!



## KALEVALA TRAINING CENTER EXPENSES 2024

	KES	EUR
Airtime and internet	22 050	170
Electricity	30 650	236
Ceremonies	111 170	855
Ingredients	770 140	5 924
Computer class course materials	139 160	1 070
Office stationary	134 400	1 034
Salon class course materials	115 341	887
Tailoring class course materials	251 922	1 938
Repair and maintenance	109 633	843
Salaries	3 199 970	24 615
Transport	61 815	476
Water	39 850	307
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 986 101</b>	<b>38 355</b>



# **HSH CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP**



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HSH Children's Playgroup is specifically designed for 3-year-old children who are preparing to enter kindergarten in the upcoming school year. Our program is dedicated to providing a nurturing, engaging, and high-quality early childhood education experience, focusing on the development of essential skills that will support their transition into formal schooling.

In our playgroup, children have the opportunity to explore and develop key skills in various areas, including language, numeracy, motor skills, and social collaboration. Through play-based learning, they gain confidence in their ability to follow instructions, work together with peers, and express themselves creatively.

Activities such as coloring, painting, and connecting dots help refine fine motor skills, while group activities encourage teamwork and communication. Our little learners also enjoy singing, dancing, playing, and engaging in arts and crafts, which foster both their imagination and physical coordination.

The playgroup runs every weekday from morning until midday, providing a structured yet flexible environment where children can thrive. During break time, children are offered a warm cup of porridge and are encouraged to enjoy fresh air and outdoor play, contributing to both their physical well-being and social development.



## **FOSTERING GROWTH AND LEARNING: THE DEDICATED TEAM BEHIND HSH'S PLAYGROUP PROGRAM**

The program is led by a qualified early childhood education teacher, whose expertise is complemented by the support of a dedicated assistant. Together, they create a nurturing learning environment where every child feels valued and supported. They work closely to observe and understand each child's unique needs, ensuring that their individual learning styles are recognized and fostered. Through personalized attention, the teacher and assistant provide ongoing guidance, encouragement, and hands-on support to help children build confidence, develop essential skills, and reach their full potential. Their collaborative approach helps to cultivate a positive atmosphere that encourages curiosity, exploration, and a love for learning, setting the foundation for lifelong educational success.



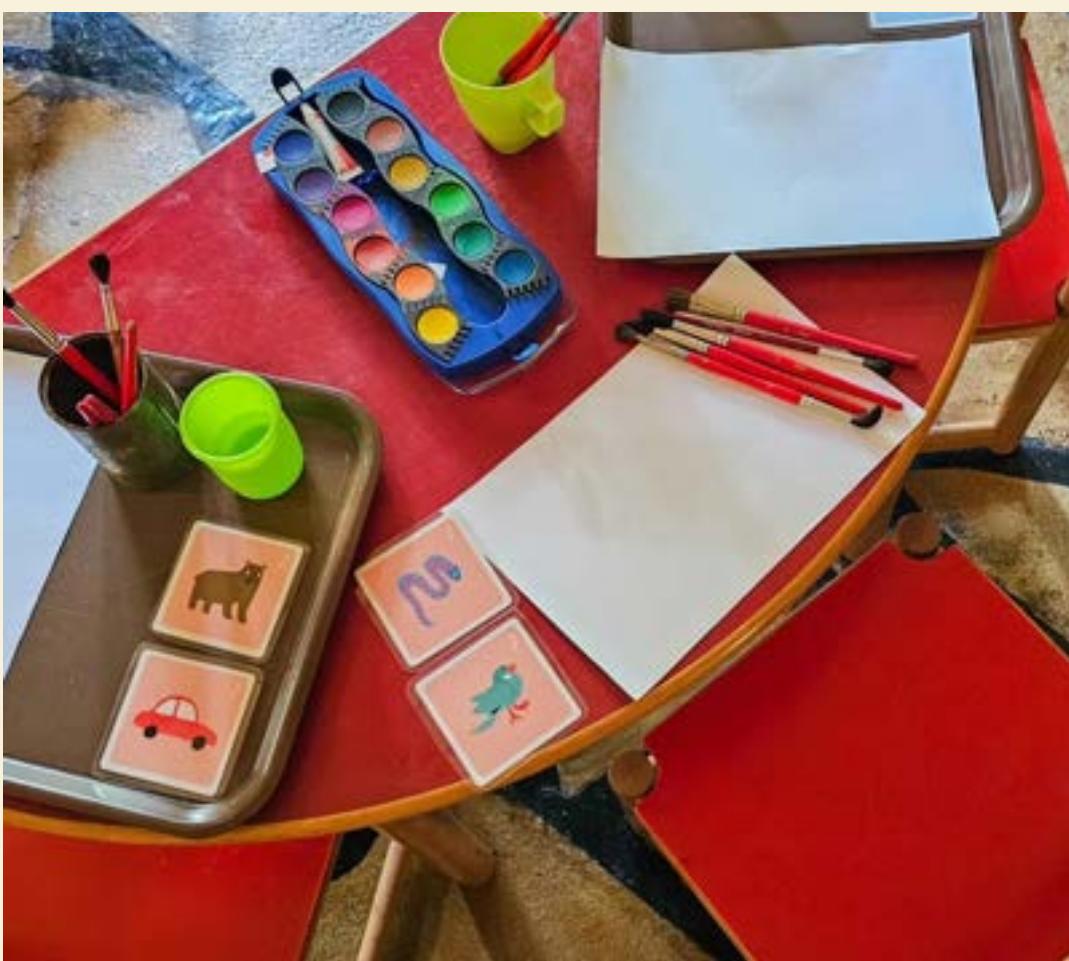
## **WORD FROM THE TEACHER**

*In 2024, our playgroup had 23 learners, all of whom successfully graduated and transitioned to PP1. We are proud to have achieved several key milestones that contributed to a successful year. Through joint activities with the daycare children, the learners had the opportunity to interact and support one another, which helped the daycare kids reach important developmental milestones. The completion of a new outdoor playground boosted the confidence of our shyer learners and supported their speech development. Introducing Montessori activities fostered creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills, while allowing the children to enjoy learning through play. Additionally, the addition of new activity areas, such as environmental, creative, and outdoor activities, proved to be very successful. The smooth adherence to rules and regulations by parents also helped facilitate communication and contributed to the overall success of the program. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the board team for their unwavering support, which made 2024 a successful year. We look forward to seeing our learners continue to grow and succeed in the future.*

*Sumaiya Abdulrahman, Early Childhood Education Teacher*

## EMBRACING MONTESSORI: ENRICHING THE PLAYGROUP PROGRAM WITH CHILD-CENTERED LEARNING

This year, we are excited to share that we have begun integrating Montessori-inspired learning principles into the HSH Children's Playgroup Program. Recognizing the value of hands-on, child-centered learning, we introduced Montessori methods to enhance our approach. By incorporating materials that encourage independent exploration and problem-solving, we aim to foster a deeper sense of responsibility and self-confidence in each child. The Montessori philosophy, with its focus on respect for the child's natural development and autonomy, complements our existing play-based curriculum, offering a balanced and enriched learning experience. This addition has allowed children to engage in more purposeful activities, promoting critical thinking and creativity, while continuing to provide a nurturing, supportive environment for their growth.



## **BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES: THE IMPACT OF HSH CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP PROGRAM ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Quality early childhood education is crucial for a child's development. It lays the foundation for lifelong learning, social skills, and emotional well-being. Children who attend high-quality early education programs are more likely to perform better academically, develop strong relationships, and succeed in later stages of education. Investing in early childhood education not only benefits individual children but also strengthens our communities and society as a whole, creating a brighter future for all.

The HSH Children's Playgroup Program plays a vital role in supporting this early development. Through engaging, play-based learning, the program provides children with a safe and stimulating environment where they can explore, socialize, and build key skills. By focusing on individualized attention and fostering creativity, the program helps children develop their cognitive, emotional,

and social abilities in their critical early years. The positive impact of this program extends beyond the children, empowering families and contributing to the overall well-being of our community.

The HSH Children's Playgroup Program not only focuses on early learning but also ensures a safe, nurturing environment where children are protected from violence, abuse, and neglect. In this secure setting, children can grow and thrive without the worry of harmful situations, giving parents peace of mind. For many families, the program offers an essential support system, allowing parents to pursue work or other responsibilities knowing their children are in a safe, caring space. This sense of security enhances family stability and provides opportunities for parents to achieve greater economic independence while ensuring their children's well-being and development are prioritized.



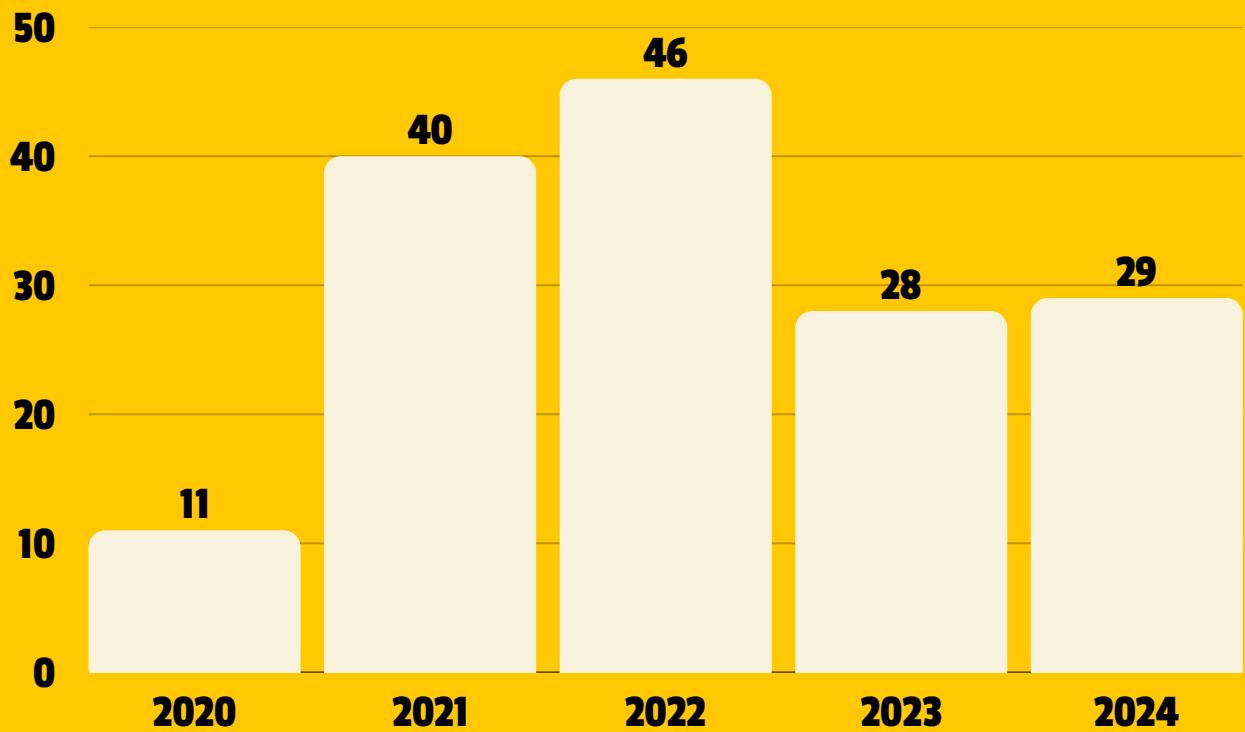
## **CREATING A SAFE AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT: THE NEW PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN**

As part of developing the playgroup outdoor activities, we are pleased to highlight the completion of a newly constructed playground. This project was part of a broader effort to uplift and enhance the existing playground facilities. Due to the intense heat of the sun, conducting outdoor learning or activities can be challenging. The new playgroup system included the construction of a Makuti shade to provide much-needed cover, improving the sandpit, and installing two new slides, each with sturdy standing supports and safety stairs to ensure that children can slide down safely.

The addition to the shade structure allows the children to enjoy outdoor play without the harmful effects of direct sunlight, offering a cooler, more comfortable environment for play throughout the day. Beyond its physical benefits, the playground has become a valuable space for children to develop essential skills.



**TOTAL NUMBER OF KIDS  
WHO HAVE BENEFITTED  
FROM THE PROGRAM: 154**



## **Milestone Achievement: 29 Children Graduate and Receive Playgroup Certification**

On 24th October 2024, we proudly celebrated the accomplishments of 29 children who completed their playgroup year and received their certification. This milestone marks the culmination of a year filled with growth, learning, and development. The ceremony was a joyful occasion, where families, teachers, and staff came together to recognize the children's hard work and progress.



## **HSH CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP EXPENSES 2024**

	<b>KES</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Construction labour	30 369	234
Construction materials	116 245	894
Furniture	13 000	100
Salaries	264 300	2 033
Transport	1 200	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>437 714</b>	<b>3 367</b>



# **HSH DAY CARE CENTER**



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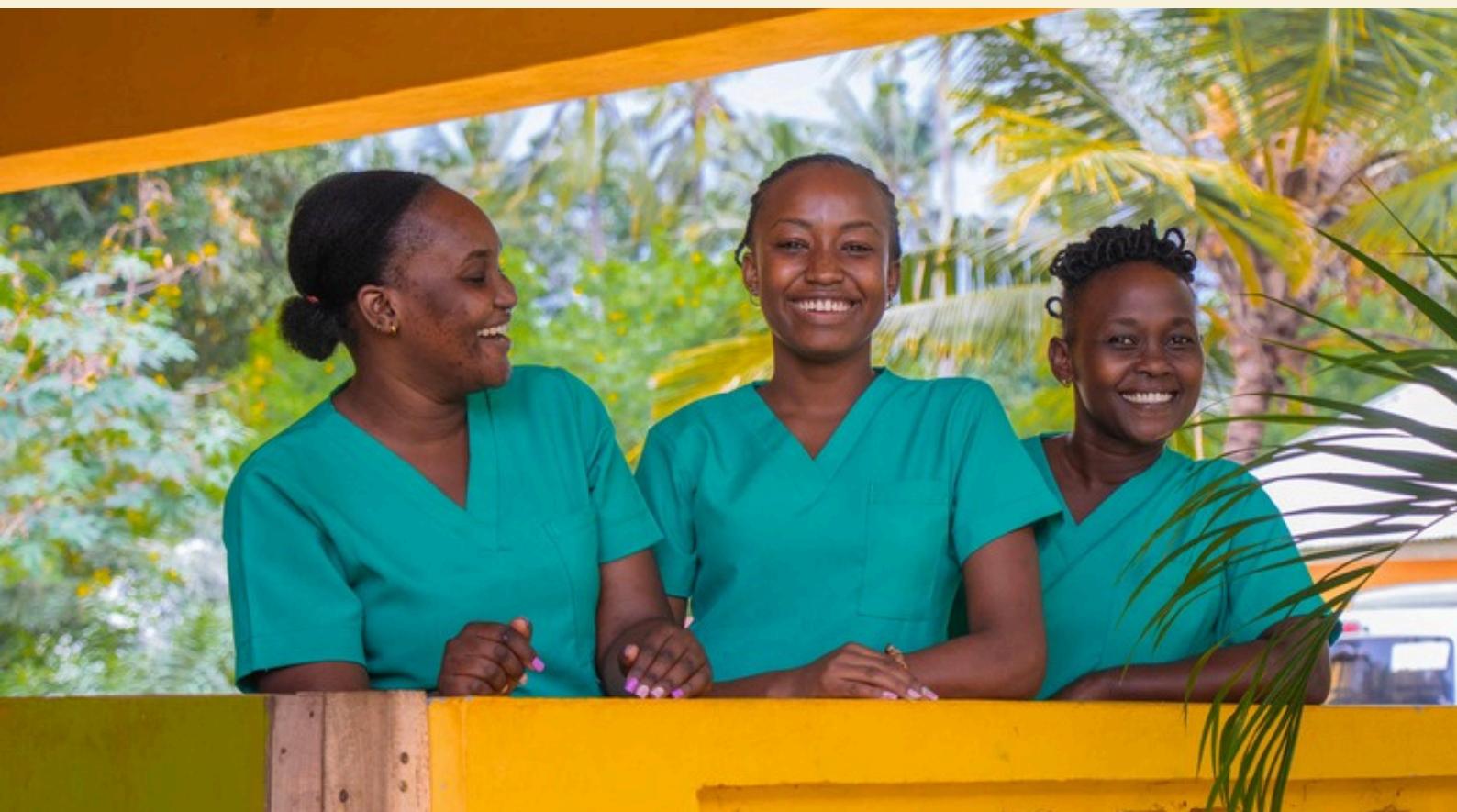
HSH Day Care Center is a dedicated facility for children with special needs, providing a safe and supportive environment where children can learn, develop their skills, and receive professional care. The primary goal of this project is to create a nurturing space where children with special needs can thrive, while also allowing their parents to work and manage their daily routines, knowing their child is in caring and capable hands. The daycare specifically caters to children aged 3 months to 8 years from Kwale County, ensuring that young children in the community receive the support they need during these early years.

The daycare is designed with both comfort and functionality in mind. The building features specialized daycare and therapy facilities, with a warm, inviting, and child-friendly atmosphere. We aim for the center to be a special place where children feel safe, inspired, and encouraged to engage in learning and play. The facility is equipped with professional

therapy tools and materials to address the individual needs of each child, ensuring that they receive the care and attention necessary for their growth and development.

In addition to daycare services, HSH Day Care Center offers a variety of therapy services tailored to children with special needs. A multidisciplinary team of specialists works together to ensure that every child receives the appropriate treatment and support they need. Whether it's private one-on-one therapy, group therapy sessions, or family-centered therapy, our goal is to provide the most effective and personalized care possible.

At HSH Day Care Center, we are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every child is valued, supported, and given the tools to succeed. Our focus on providing professional therapy services, along with a warm and enriching daycare experience, ensures that each child can grow to their fullest potential while also allowing families the peace of mind they deserve.



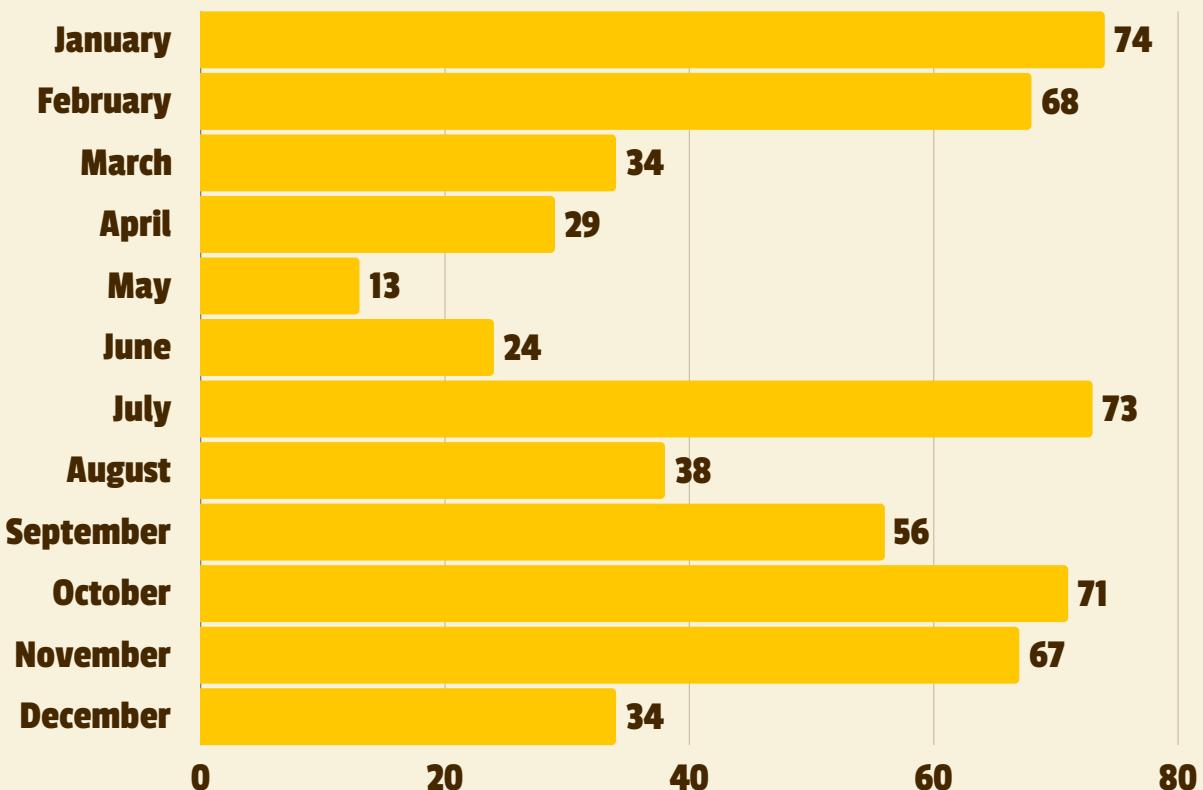
# COMPREHENSIVE THERAPY AND SUPPORT FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

At HSH Daycare Center, we are committed to providing comprehensive therapy services that support the growth and development of children with special needs. Our approach focuses on addressing the individual needs of each child, ensuring that they receive personalized care to help them thrive in every aspect of their development – be it physical, emotional, cognitive, or social. Our therapy services are integrated into daily activities, ensuring that therapy is not just a session, but an ongoing part of the child's learning experience.

HSH Daycare Center is not limited to the children alone; we also provide guidance and counseling for families to ensure they are equipped to support their child's development at home. We believe that the involvement of family members is key to the child's success, and we work closely with parents and other family members to provide them with the tools and knowledge they need to continue fostering their child's growth outside of the daycare setting.



## MONTHLY BREAKDOWN: NUMBER OF THERAPY SESSIONS PROVIDED



A total of 581 therapy sessions were successfully completed in 2024.

# **TRANSFORMING CARE: HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN 2024**

In 2024, HSH Daycare Center made significant strides in enhancing the quality of care and support we provide to children with special needs. With a strong focus on improving our daily systems and introducing new activities, we have created a more engaging and structured environment for the children, promoting their growth and development.

**Improved child accessibility and attendance**



**Searched for more accessible activities for all children**

**Focused on promoting inclusion**



**Introduced home visits**

# IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY: SOLVING TRANSPORT CHALLENGES IN OUR DAYCARE PROGRAM

Since the beginning of this year, our daycare program has faced a significant transport challenge. Due to the financial struggles of many parents, the number of children attending sessions dropped as families were unable to afford transport fares. Many of the children in our program come from very humble backgrounds, and the daily commute became a burden for their families. To address this issue, we began providing daily fare assistance to parents in late June as a pilot program.

After several board meetings and brainstorming sessions with the team, we concluded that purchasing a tuk-tuk and motorbike for the Daycare program would be an effective and sustainable solution to ease the transport burden on families. With the support of HSH Switzerland, we were able to buy a tuk-tuk and motorbike in August, which has significantly improved the transportation situation. This initiative was met with great excitement and gratitude from both the team and the parents.

Since the introduction of this transport solution, we have witnessed a notable improvement in children's attendance and the smooth operation of daily activities at the daycare. Parents have shared how much more convenient and peaceful their daily routines have become, as they no longer need to worry about transport logistics.

We are also fortunate to have two volunteer drivers who assist with picking up and dropping off the children. Additionally, we have sent three team members for driving courses, and they will join the volunteer drivers in ensuring the smooth running of the transport service. With this new approach, we are confident that our daycare program will continue to thrive, providing consistent care and support to the children and their families.



## **ENHANCING PARTICIPATION: INTRODUCING ACCESSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN AT DAYCARE**

In 2024, the team used lot of efforts to learn and understand, how our activities could be more accessible, and all children regardless of their abilities, have access to participate. Since opening the facility, we have recognized the challenge of creating activities that every child can do. In our daycare, our children have very different abilities: another one is able to speak, another one isn't. One is able to crawl, another one is not able to move at all.

To ensure that every child can participate, we searched for more activities that are adaptable, taking into account various developmental stages and physical abilities. We tried new outdoor play opportunities, designed inclusive physical activities and tried new sensory activities. Some did not work, and some were absolute great success.

The work in this area is not over: as the children are growing and developing their skills, our team is challenged to develop activities that are enhancing participation. By continually seeking ways to make our activities more accessible, we are ensuring that every child has the opportunity to develop, learn, and grow in an environment that meets their individual needs.



# PROMOTING INCLUSION: INTEGRATING SPECIAL NEEDS AND PLAYGROUP CHILDREN FOR COLLABORATIVE GROWTH

Inclusion is crucial for the growth and development of all children, especially those with special needs. It promotes empathy, mutual respect, and understanding, helping to break down social barriers and fostering a sense of belonging. Children with special needs benefit from interacting with their typically developing peers, while children without special needs gain important life skills such as compassion and collaboration.

At HSH, we introduced a trial in 2024 to group children with special needs from our daycare with children from our playgroup. This initiative aimed to promote inclusion by encouraging interaction and learning among children of all abilities. The trial proved successful, with both groups thriving in an inclusive environment, which led us to make the arrangement permanent in October 2024. The playgroup was moved to the same building as the daycare, ensuring daily opportunities for children to engage with one another.

This new setup allows us to create activities that support each child's needs while fostering inclusion. By bringing the daycare and playgroup together, we are building a supportive community where all children can grow, learn, and succeed together, laying the foundation for a future that celebrates diversity and inclusion.



# PERSONALIZED SUPPORT: HOME VISITS TO ENHANCE CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING

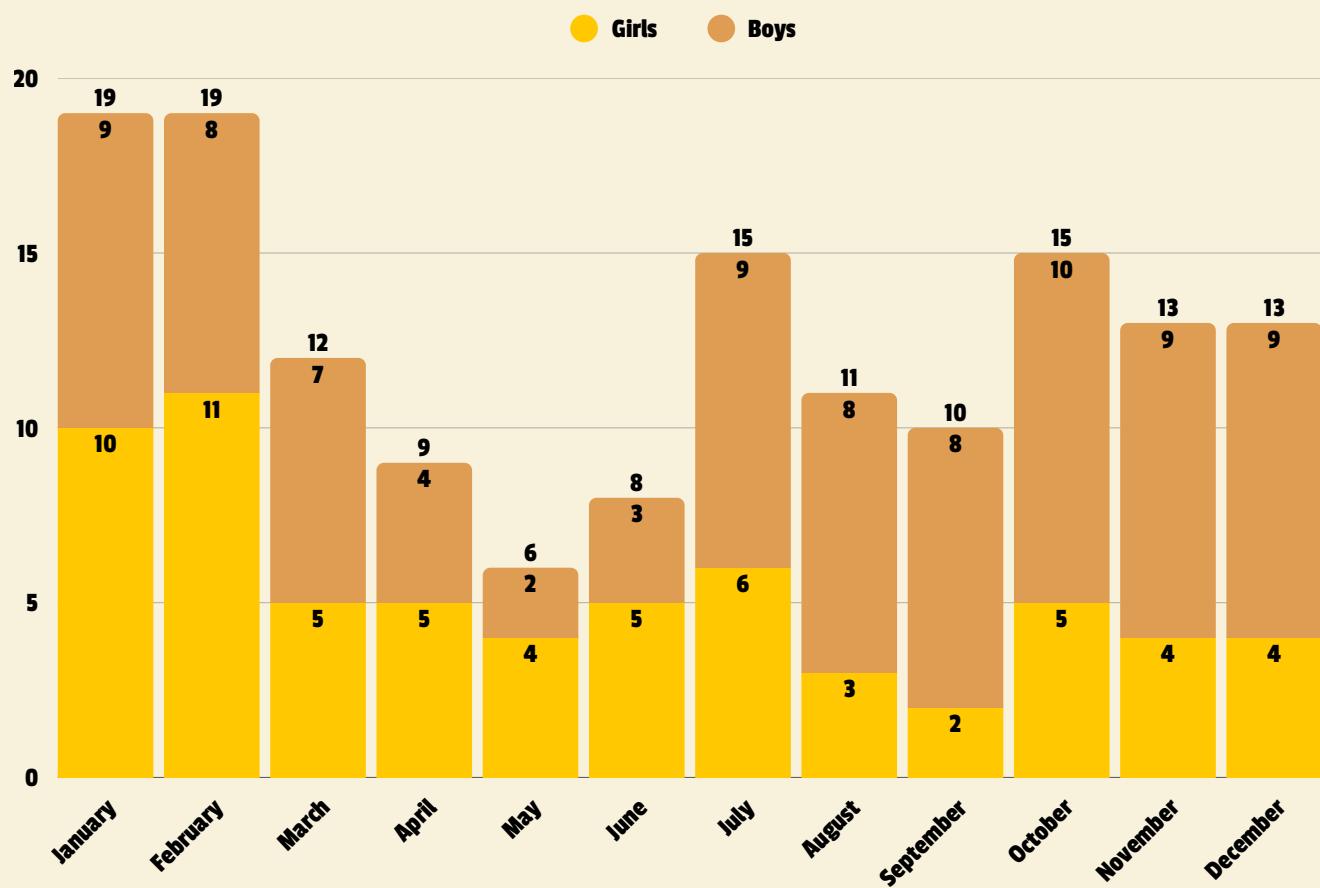
As part of their studies, our social service interns were tasked with conducting home visits to gather valuable data about the children and their home environments. With the support of our occupational therapist and a board member, we organized family visits for 10 daycare families. The team visited these families to collect important information regarding the children's needs, family well-being, and home settings. The goal was to assess each child's level of need, identify available assistive devices, and determine how practical and accessible these tools were for the parents.

After the visits, the team analyzed the collected data to create individualized plans for each child, recognizing their unique needs and strengths. This personalized approach ensures that every child receives tailored support, with specific short- and long-term goals to guide their development. The information gathered will serve as an essential reference point, helping us better support the children in their daily activities and further enhance their growth during their time with us.



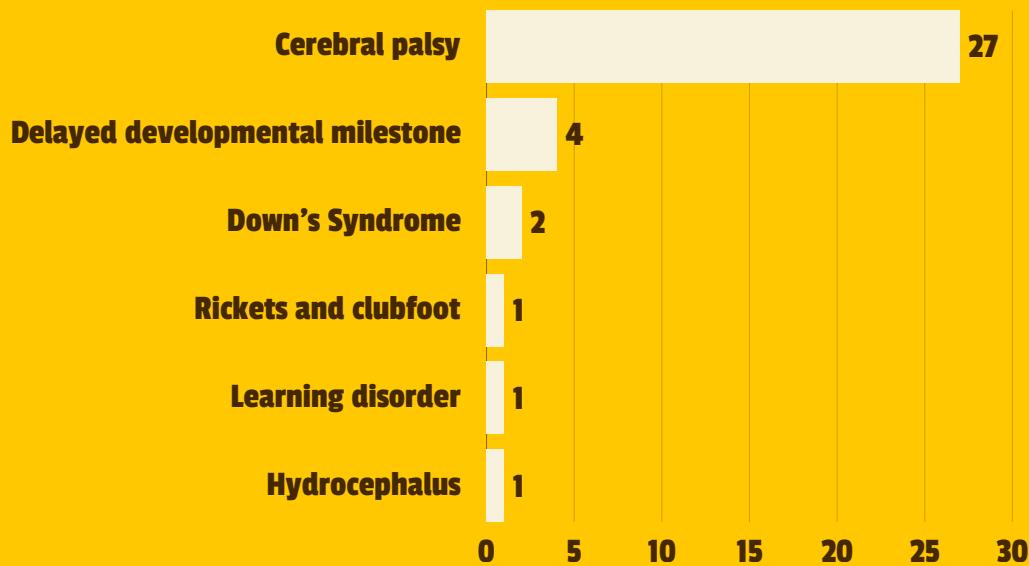
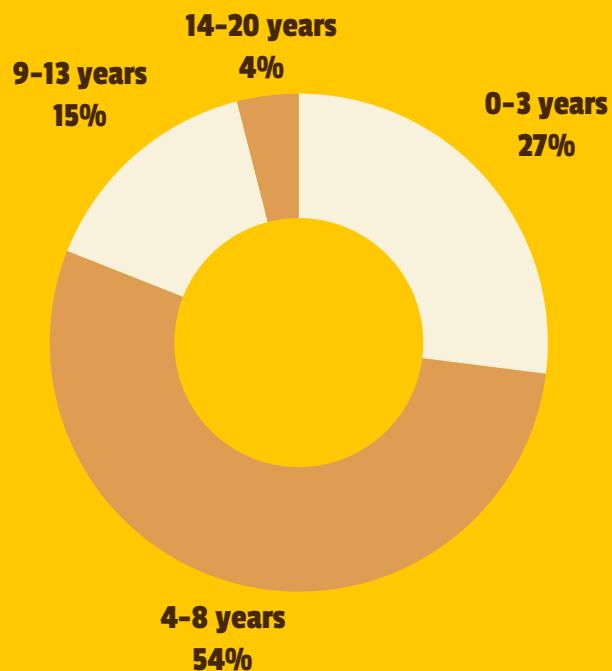


## HSH DAY CARE CENTER ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW



# THE CHILDREN OF HSH DAY CARE CENTER

**TOTAL OF 36 CHILDREN FROM DIFFERENT FAMILIES  
HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE PROGRAM SINCE 2023**



# A WORD FROM THE THERAPIST

Over the past year, the HSH Day Care program has made a remarkable impact on the children's development. Through a combination of tailored activities, a supportive environment, and physical therapies, the children have shown significant progress in their physical, cognitive, social, and communication skills. The integrated play sessions with children from the HSH Playgroup have played a key role in fostering strong social inclusion and enhancing the children's communication abilities.

The day care team has also made impressive strides professionally. By working together more closely, they've developed better collaboration skills, enabling them to meet the diverse needs of the children more effectively. This has strengthened their teamwork and improved their ability to support the kids.

One of the key challenges we faced at the start of the year was inconsistent attendance, primarily due to transportation difficulties. However, the organization took decisive action to address this by purchasing a tuk tuk and motorcycle, and by offering transportation fare assistance to parents. This solution has made it much easier for children to attend the day care regularly, significantly improving participation and enabling us to better track their developmental progress.

Overall, the day care program has made great strides in supporting the developmental needs of children living with disabilities. We are proud of the progress made this year and look forward to further growth and improvement in the coming year.

Caroline Mutheu, Occupational therapist, HSH Day Care Center



## HSH DAY CARE CENTER EXPENSES 2024

	KES	EUR
Airtime and internet	9 850	76
Cleaning service	45 000	346
Detergent / soaps	15 256	117
Porridge ingredients	2 440	19
Repair and maintenance	9 820	76
Activity materials	5 874	45
Tuk tuk and Motorbike	703 449	5 411
Training expenses	4 000	31
Salaries	886 080	6 816
Driving school expenses	59 800	460
Medical support for children	9 400	72
Transport support	73 690	567
Transport internal (fuel)	28 850	222
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 853 509</b>	<b>14 258</b>



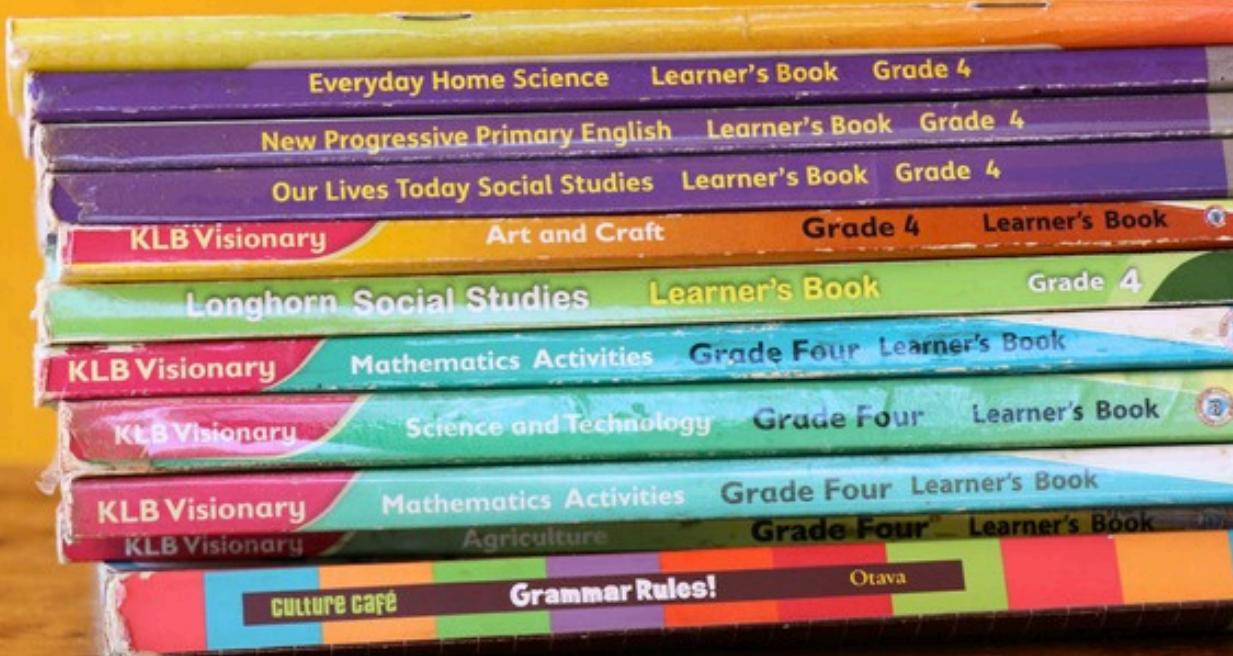
# **HSH LIBRARY & STUDY ROOM**



# FOSTERING LEARNING: HSH LIBRARY & STUDY ROOM AS A RESOURCE HUB

The HSH Library & Study Room program is designed to provide all children with the opportunity to access schoolbooks and educational materials beyond regular teaching hours. Our goal is to create a space where children can continue learning and developing at their own pace. In addition to offering books and resources, the library also serves as a space for extra classes, workshops, and training sessions, further enriching the educational experience for our community.

Our library shelves are stocked with a variety of school books, course materials, revision guides, novels, and storybooks, catering to a wide range of learning needs and interests. We also provide specialized resources, such as geometric sets, educational games, and exercise books, giving learners the tools they need to enhance their studies and explore new concepts. This versatile space is designed to support both academic and personal growth, fostering a love for learning in a quiet, focused environment.



# HOLIDAY PROGRAM

At the end of the school year, we were excited to organize once again holiday program for learners from grade 1 to grade 8. The goal of this program was to provide engaging and educational activities during the school break for both primary and junior secondary school children, ensuring they remained productive and inspired during their time off.

Our main objective was to keep the children safe and away from potential risks such as neglect or harmful situations, offering them a supportive environment that nurtured learning and personal growth. By providing a safe, positive, and active space for children during the holiday period, we aimed to prevent them from falling into idle or risky behaviors while helping them continue their educational journey in an enjoyable way.

This year, a total of 25 children participated in the program during the months of November and December. The program was designed with a variety of activities that offered both fun and valuable learning experiences. These activities not only focused on academic subjects but also encouraged personal development, creativity, and social awareness.

The holiday program was a wonderful success, providing a productive and enriching experience for all participants. It not only kept children safe and engaged but also equipped them with valuable skills and knowledge that will support their growth both inside and outside the classroom. By offering a variety of activities that encouraged learning, creativity, and empathy, the program provided a meaningful and enjoyable holiday experience for everyone involved.



**Some of the highlights of this year's program included:**

- **First Aid Classes**, where children learned essential life-saving skills and how to respond in emergency situations.
- **Hygiene and Sexual Education**, which empowered students with important knowledge about health, personal care, and healthy relationships.
- **Environmental Education**, encouraging children to become more aware of environmental issues and the importance of sustainability.
- **Art & Creativity**, allowing students to explore their creativity through painting, drawing, and other art forms, enhancing their imaginative skills.
- **Home Science & Chemistry**, giving children hands-on experience with practical science concepts and everyday applications.
- Learning about **Disability and Inclusion**, fostering empathy and understanding by educating children about the needs and experiences of individuals with disabilities.
- **Baking Classes**, offering a fun, hands-on experience where children learned new skills in the kitchen while also exploring the science behind baking.



## **HSH LIBRARY & STUDY ROOM EXPENSES 2024**

	<b>KES</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Materials	12 730	98
Labour	32 250	248
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44 980</b>	<b>346</b>



## **FUTURE ME -ART PROGRAM**

As part of our 10th anniversary celebrations, we proudly published Future Me, a children's art book that showcases the creativity and imagination of young artists from Makongeni village. In late 2023, 86 children participated in a series of art workshops held at the Home Street Home center during our holiday program. The workshops provided a space where the children had the opportunity to reflect on their future through art. During the workshops the children created beautiful masterpieces that represented their dreams and aspirations.

After the initial art workshops, 10 talented children were selected to continue in the project and were introduced to digital art during 2024. With guidance and support, they learned to create stunning digital illustrations using tablets, expanding their artistic skills. The culmination of their hard work, creativity, and stories was brought together in a hardcover children's book.



# FUTURE ME -BOOK

The Future Me -book was created in collaboration with the children from Makongeni, the Home Street Home team, and our dedicated volunteers. It features stories, future visions, and vibrant illustrations, accompanied by fun and engaging activities that make the reading experience interactive for children. The text has been thoughtfully translated into both Finnish and English, making it accessible to a broader audience. The book was officially launched on October 9th as part of our 10th anniversary week, marking a significant milestone in our journey. All profits from the sales of Future Me will be directly reinvested into supporting the ongoing projects and activities of Home Street Home, ensuring that the impact of this special project continues to benefit the children and their community.



# UBUNIFU WORKSHOP



## **BUILDING A PATH TO ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY: EMPOWERING GROWTH AND STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURE**

At Home Street Home, we are committed to building a path toward long-term sustainability, ensuring that our mission remains strong and impactful for years to come. One of the key areas where we are focusing our efforts is achieving economic sustainability, which will allow us to operate more independently and reduce our reliance on external funding.

As the global situation remains unstable and we are ready to step out from donor-dependency, we are excited to introduce the *Ubunifu Workshop*, a new initiative aimed at driving our journey toward long-term sustainability. This innovative workshop is designed to create a self-sustaining income stream for the organization while empowering individuals in the community with valuable skills in craftsmanship and entrepreneurship. Through the Ubunifu Workshop, we not only support local talent but also generate resources that directly fund our programs, reducing our reliance on external donations.

The financial sustainability we are building now is setting the stage for future growth and resilience. With a strong economic foundation, we are better equipped to continue our work, ensure the continuity of our programs, and expand our reach. Together, we are laying the groundwork for a future where Home Street Home can thrive independently, making an even greater impact.





## UBUNIFU WORKSHOP

Ubunifu is a Swahili word that means creativity, and the Ubunifu Workshop embodies this concept by tapping into the circular economy to drive sustainable community development. As a social venture, the workshop focuses on advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Goals 5 (Gender Equality), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and 13 (Climate Action). By empowering youth, particularly young women, through the creation of employment opportunities and the use of recycled and organic materials, Ubunifu promotes environmental sustainability while fostering economic empowerment. The workshop is integral in generating income for Home Street Home, ensuring that our mission can continue to grow and thrive.

Initially, Ubunifu Workshop is concentrating on establishing a garment-making production unit, which manufactures clothes, mats, and accessories from both new and used fabrics. The initial workshop is currently housed in one of the buildings at our center. However, our long-term plan is to construct a dedicated space for the workshop, providing it with a more permanent and specialized environment to support its growth and expansion.

In partnership with the Kalevala Training Center (KTC), the workshop provides a valuable opportunity for KTC's tailoring students to apply their newly acquired skills in a real-world setting. This collaboration ensures that the youth involved gain practical, hands-on experience while contributing to the sustainability of the project.

Looking ahead, the Ubunifu Workshop plans to expand by incorporating a glass and plastic recycling unit, which will produce housewares and home décor items. This initiative will further support the circular economy by repurposing waste materials, reducing environmental impact, and creating more job opportunities.

At its core, the mission of the Ubunifu Workshop is to provide local youth with the tools, resources, and opportunities to harness their creativity for self-development, value creation, and community growth. Through this innovative project, we are not only enhancing the livelihoods of individuals but also contributing to a more sustainable and equitable future for all, while also strengthening the financial capacity and base of Home Street Home.

## A YEAR OF CREATIVITY AND GROWTH: THE LAUNCH AND EXPANSION OF THE UBUNIFU WORKSHOP

In 2024, we proudly launched the Ubunifu Workshop project, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our efforts toward sustainable community development. We started by building a dedicated and passionate team, followed by the design and creation of our first products. After carefully developing several prototypes, we launched our first collection, which included unique and functional items like funny bags, ponchos, shopping bags, monkey bags, hair buns, handmade soap and baby play mats. This collection was sold in Finland between April and June, marking our first successful sales.

As the year progressed, we continued to expand our product range, designing and producing even more items, including accessories, dresses and home décor. These products were sold locally in Kenya, where they were showcased at market events in the Diani tourist area. The response was incredibly positive, reinforcing the value of our social enterprise and the potential for creating meaningful income through creativity and sustainable practices.

In October, we took another exciting step by opening a small Ubunifu shop at our center, offering a physical space for our community and visitors to access and support our handmade products. This shop serves as both a hub for our local operations and a place where people can learn more about the workshop's mission and the skilled artisans behind the creations.

That same month, we also embarked on a new venture in glass recycling by conducting our first glass workshop trials. We collected glass waste from beaches and mangroves and experimented with melting the glass using a microwave kiln. This innovative approach to recycling not only helps reduce waste but also creates new opportunities for product creation. These initial trials were a crucial first step in developing a glass recycling unit, which we plan to expand in the future, further reinforcing our commitment to sustainability, creativity, and community empowerment.

2024 has been a year of growth, learning, and innovation for the Ubunifu Workshop, and we are excited to see where this journey will take us in the years ahead.



# COMPANY REGISTRATION

One of the most important step in the beginning, was to find the right way to do business that creates profit. As Home Street Home is non-profit organization, we wanted to make it clear and draw a line between the non-profit side and profit making business. Eventhough, the business will bring profit back to the organization, it will be clearer to run the operations under separate company. Therefore, the business can expand even bigger.

Therefore, we have registered in Kenya a private limited company called HSH Social Venture LTD. The main objective of the company is to venture into income generating activities aimed at supporting the projects and programs of Home Street Home. The company will help us streamline our processes, access to business networks and better operational tools and resource mobilization. This will help us to get closer to sustainability and donor independency.

Under the company, we can group multiple different income generating businesses, that will support the organizations operations. One of them being Ubunifu Workshop.



## UBUNIFU WORKSHOP EXPENSES 2024

	KES	EUR
Food	5 900	45
Salaries	214 330	1 649
Materials	687 369	5 287
Transport	68 210	525
Equipment	122 140	939
Events	8 000	62
Other products	18 150	140
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 194 949</b>	<b>9 192</b>



# **PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF 2024**

## **PART 2: EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAMS**





# **HSH FEEDING PROGRAM**

# HSH FEEDING PROGRAM

In this area, the majority of children attend school without having breakfast due to poverty. As a result, this project has played a key role in improving the concentration and energy levels of students during class, leading to better academic performance over time.

The HSH Feeding Program provides kindergarten students with a crucial opportunity to focus in class without the distraction of hunger. Every school morning, children are served nutritious porridge during their break, ensuring they start their day with the energy they need to succeed. Originally launched as a pilot project in Makongeni in 2016, the program has been running successfully ever since. It has received positive feedback from both parents and teachers at Makongeni Pre-Primary School. In 2021, we expanded the program to include a second school, and now children at Gazi also benefit from the daily porridge. In addition, in 2024, the project was expanded again to reach all school-going children in Makongeni, through primary and junior secondary schools as well.



# THE IMPACT OF THE HSH FEEDING PROGRAM ON EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING IN MAKONGENI VILLAGE

The impact of the HSH Feeding Program can be seen in the increased concentration and energy levels of the children. With hunger no longer distracting them during class, children are better able to focus on their lessons, engage with their teachers, and participate fully in their education. This boost in attention and energy has led to noticeable improvements in academic performance, as children are able to absorb and retain information more effectively.

Beyond academic benefits, the program also plays a crucial role in promoting social equality. Many children from disadvantaged backgrounds face the daily challenge of going to school on an empty stomach, which can lead to feelings of isolation and low self-esteem. The HSH Feeding Program helps to level the playing field, providing all children with the basic nourishment they need to succeed, regardless of their family's financial situation.

The program's success in Makongeni has been widely praised by both teachers and parents, who have observed its positive impact on student behavior, focus, and overall well-being since 2016. In 2021, the program expanded to include a second school in Gazi, and in 2024 in the primary and junior secondary schools of Makongeni, allowing even more children to benefit from the program.

In addition to its immediate benefits, the HSH Feeding Program has a lasting ripple effect on the community. By supporting the education of young children and promoting better nutrition, the program is contributing to the long-term development of the village, helping to break the cycle of poverty and create brighter futures for the next generation.



BEFORE



## **HSH FEEDING PROGRAM EXPANSION: MAKONGENI PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

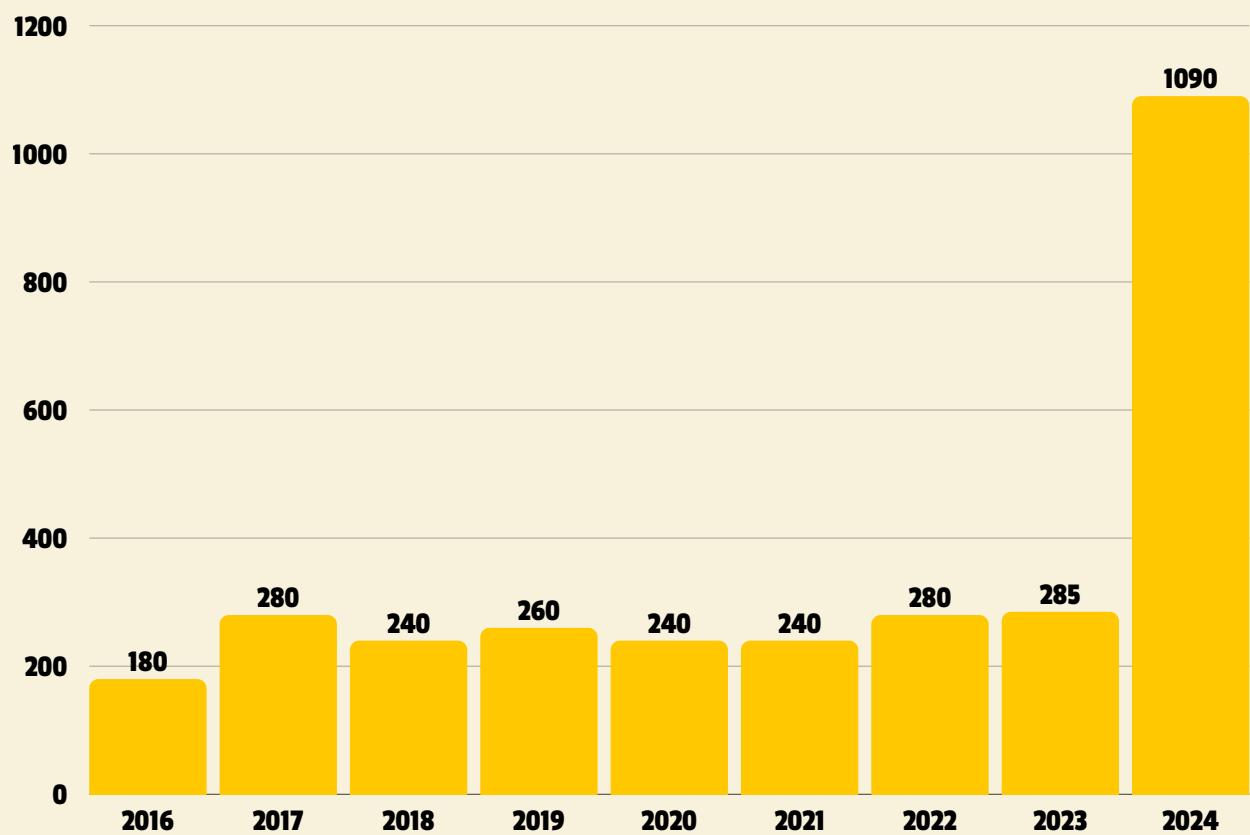
During October 2023 until January 2024, we re-build the kitchen of Makongeni Primary School with an aim of expanding our HSH Feeding Program to serve the primary- and junior secondary schools of Makongeni.

Since February 2024, the kitchen has been operational, enabling the preparation and distribution of approximately 850 cups of porridge each day. This initiative has played a crucial role in ensuring that students receive the nutrition they need to stay healthy and focused on their education, further supporting our mission to enhance both their academic and physical well-being.

AFTER



# NUMBER OF PUPILS BENEFITTING FROM THE HSH FEEDING PROGRAM



## HSH FEEDING PROGRAM EXPENSES 2024

	KES	EUR
Porridge ingredients	514 830	3 960
Salaries	272 450	2 096
Water	3 880	30
Firewood	25 200	194
Soaps	21 200	163
Tools & equipment	255 750	1 967
Construction (labor & materials)	81 090	624
Public health check up	2 500	19
Repair and maintenance	3 255	25
Transport	500	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 180 655</b>	<b>9 082</b>





**163 800**

**CUPS OF PORRIDGE  
SERVED IN 2024**

**475 000**

**CUPS OF PORRIDGE  
SERVED SINCE 2016**



# **HSH TRUST**



# **EMPOWERING FUTURES THROUGH EDUCATION: THE HSH TRUST PROGRAM**

We believe that education is one of the most powerful tools for breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter, more sustainable future for children and their families. In many communities, however, financial barriers prevent vulnerable children from accessing the education they deserve. Understanding this, we are committed to promoting education by facilitating sponsorship opportunities for students who would otherwise have no chance to attend school. Through the HSH Trust program, we provide comprehensive support to these children to ensure they have the resources they need to succeed academically and thrive in their personal development. The program covers essential school fees, supplies such as books and stationery, as well as uniforms—key components that allow students to attend school without the stress of financial strain.

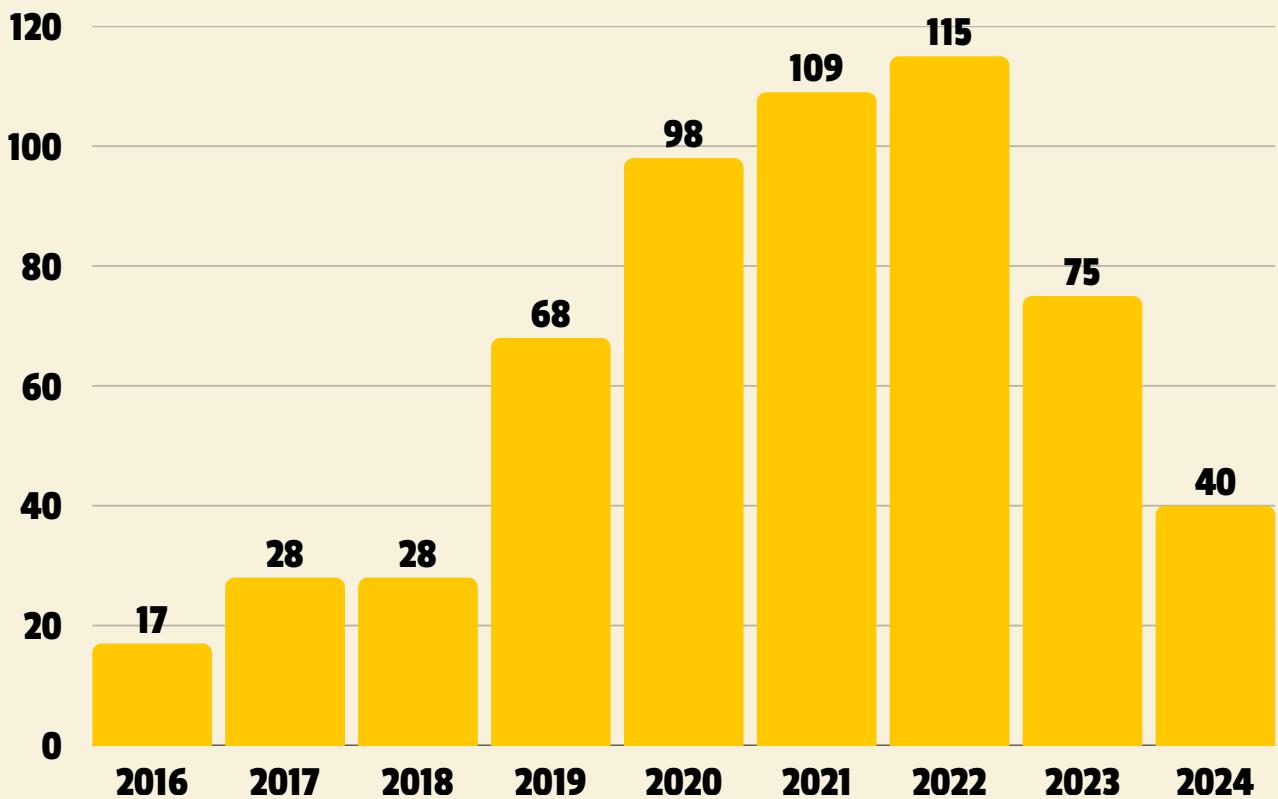
But we don't stop there. We also focus on the child's overall well-being, recognizing that a healthy and stable environment is crucial for learning. We provide ongoing support to ensure they are able to remain in school, free from distractions that could disrupt their education, whether that be due to health concerns, lack of resources, or family challenges.

By offering this holistic support, the HSH Trust program aims to create long-lasting change not just for the individual child, but for their entire family and community. Every child who succeeds has the potential to inspire others and break the cycle of poverty for future generations. Through education, we believe we can build a foundation for a better tomorrow.





## NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM



# TRANSFORMING THE HSH TRUST PROGRAM FOR GREATER IMPACT

As the previous table shows: the number of HSH Trust children has significantly dropped in the past few years. Since its inception in 2016, the HSH Trust program has been dedicated to providing educational support to individual children in need. While we have seen positive outcomes, the program has faced significant challenges, particularly with sponsors unexpectedly dropping out, leaving some children without the support they were promised. We have also recognized the ethical dilemmas inherent in sponsor-based support, where only a select group of children receives assistance, while others are left without opportunities for a quality education.

In response to these challenges and ethical concerns, we have made the decision to scale down the HSH Trust program and transform it into a more inclusive and sustainable model. Instead of focusing solely on individual sponsorship, we aim to support entire schools in providing quality education for all students, regardless of their background or financial situation.

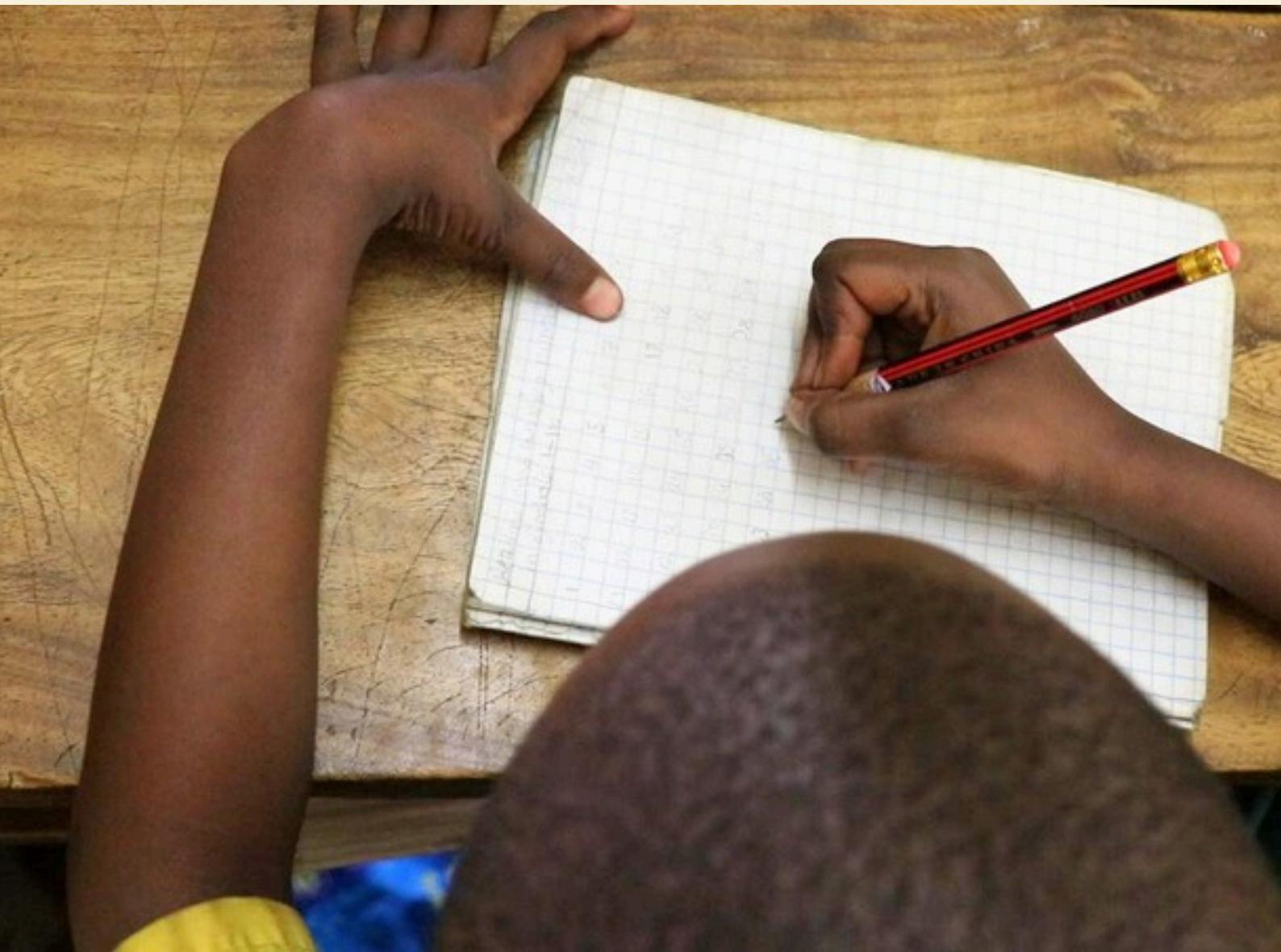
Our new approach is rooted in the belief that every child deserves access to quality education, and we want to ensure that no child is excluded because they were not selected for a sponsorship program. By shifting our focus to school-wide support, we can create an environment where every student has the resources, tools, and opportunities they need to succeed—without the limitations of sponsor-based programs.

This transformation reflects our commitment to ethical, inclusive, and sustainable education practices that prioritize the well-being and future of all children. We are excited about this new direction and believe it will allow us to make a more significant, lasting impact on the communities we serve.



## HSH TRUST EXPENSES 2024

	KES	EUR
Food support	405 875	3 122
Hygiene support	45 436	350
Medical support	9 390	72
School fees	99 955	769
School materials	103 558	797
School uniforms	5 500	43
Boarding support	19 450	150
Transport	85 910	661
Household support	51 120	393
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>826 194</b>	<b>6 355</b>



# **HSH TRUST PROGRAM IN 2016-2024 NUMBERS**

**NUMBER OF SPONSORED  
SCHOOL YEARS BEHIND  
578 YEARS**

**OVER 4800  
EXERCISE BOOKS**

**OVER 950  
PAIRS OF UNIFORMS**

**OVER 2500 PENCILS**

# **PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF 2024**

## **PART 3: TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS**

A close-up photograph of a woman's face in profile on the left, wearing a red and white patterned headband. In the center, a baby is wrapped in a light blue blanket, looking upwards. The background is a solid yellow.

## **HSH BABYSHOWER**

# HSH BABYSHOWER

In Finland, every expectant mother receives a baby box, a thoughtful starter kit filled with essential items such as clothes, sheets, toys, and other baby products. The box itself is designed to be used as a bed for the newborn. This tradition, which dates back to the 1930s, ensures that all children, regardless of their background, are given an equal and supportive start in life.

Inspired by this tradition, in 2016, we introduced our own version of the baby box through the HSH Babyshower program in Kenya. The goal of the program was to provide new mothers with well-designed baby boxes, offer informative training, and create a supportive community by connecting mothers with one another.

In 2021, we expanded the HSH Babyshower program into a comprehensive initiative, developing a new babyshower workshop package. The updated workshops focused on key topics such as nutrition, hygiene and skincare, vaccinations, baby development milestones, and infant first aid. Additionally, we addressed important matters like the significance of regular clinic visits and the process of applying for a birth certificate, ensuring that mothers are well-equipped to care for their children in all aspects. This holistic approach aims to support mothers both practically and emotionally as they embark on their parenting journey.





## **STRENGTHENING MATERNAL CARE: HSH BABYSHOWER PROGRAM EXPANDS WITH ONGOING SUPPORT AND WORKSHOPS**

For the past seven years, through our HSH Babyshower project, we have been distributing maternity kits to expectant and new mothers in our community. Four years into the program, we expanded it to include maternity workshops, providing hundreds of mothers with valuable information about pregnancy, childbirth, and baby care. Alongside this, we began collecting data to better understand the challenges faced by expectant and new mothers in our area.

While the project has been successful, we've found it challenging to track the progress of the mothers and their children after the workshops. In many cases, we were looking for ways to ensure long-term follow-up and to address our concerns about the ongoing well-being of both mothers and newborns.

To improve this, in August 2024, we launched a new pilot of HSH Babyshower program in collaboration with Tembea na Rehema Foundation. This program allows us to closely track the journey of 20 mothers through monthly workshops, offering continuous support and guidance until childbirth. Additionally, we now conduct postpartum home visits, providing continued care and

support once the babies are born. As always, every participant receives a maternity kit to assist with their new journey.

We have also been monitoring the mothers' overall well-being through various health measures. At our clinic, we monitor maternal health by checking blood pressure, blood glucose level and hemoglobin levels. We also collaborate with our partner to use a portable ultrasound to further assess maternal health. As part of this initiative, we have held four monthly workshops, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Many of the mothers who participated shared that it was their first time attending a counseling session, and they were incredibly excited to receive the support and education provided.

This new approach has allowed us to offer more comprehensive, long-term support for mothers, ensuring they receive the care and guidance they need at every stage of their maternity journey.



# EMPOWERING MOTHERS: THE IMPACT OF THE HSH BABYSHOWER PROGRAM ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY

The HSH Babyshower program has had a significant impact, changing the lives of many expectant and new mothers in our community. Since its start, the program has provided vital support by distributing maternity kits, giving mothers the essentials they need to care for their newborns. However, the impact goes beyond just the physical items provided.

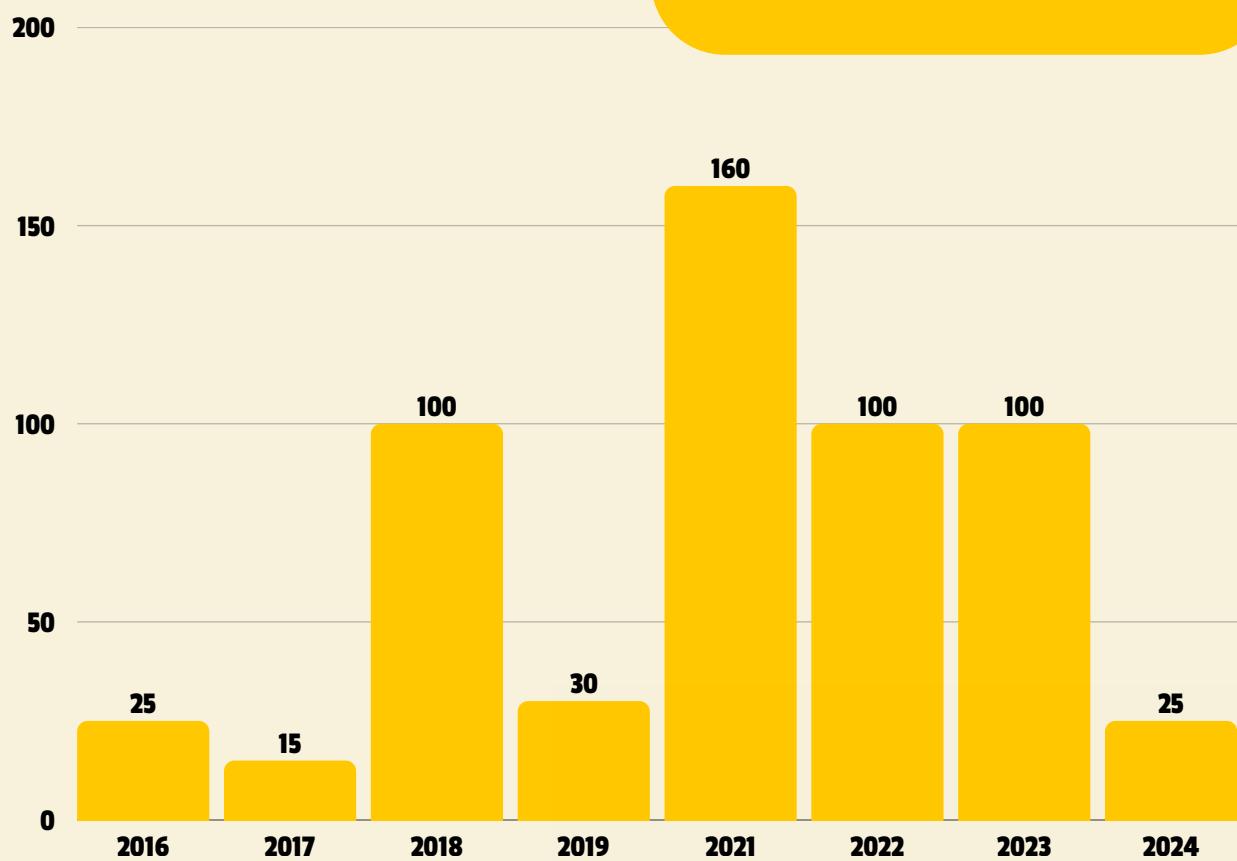
Through the maternity workshops, we've been able to offer valuable knowledge on pregnancy, childbirth, and baby care, empowering mothers to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. These workshops have also fostered a sense of community, where mothers can connect, share experiences, and receive support from one another. Many participants have expressed that the information shared in the workshops has not only helped them feel more confident in their roles as mothers but also opened up conversations about health, family planning, and the importance of self-care.

The program's impact has also been strengthened by its recent focus on long-term follow-up. With the introduction of monthly workshops and postpartum home visits, we have been able to closely track the well-being of the mothers. By monitoring maternal health through blood pressure checks, hemoglobin levels, and even ultrasound scans, we have been able to identify health concerns early on and provide the necessary interventions, improving overall maternal health.

Through these combined efforts, the HSH Babyshower program has not only enhanced the lives of individual mothers but also contributed to the overall well-being of families in our community. The program has helped break down barriers to health care, provided much-needed education, and fostered a culture of care and support that is vital for the development of both mothers and their children.



**555 BABY BASINS SHARED SINCE  
STARTING THE PROGRAM**



## HSH BABYSHOWER EXPENSES 2024

	KES	EUR
Medical support	4 500	35
Transport support	4 700	36
Workshop snack for mamas	10 600	82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19 800</b>	<b>152</b>



## **HSH GIRL'S & BOY'S CLASS**



## HSH GIRL'S & BOY'S CLASSES

The HSH Girl's & Boy's Classes program is designed to provide youth with essential sexual education, helping them make informed, healthy, and respectful decisions about relationships, sexuality, and overall emotional and physical well-being. This one-day program covers a wide range of important topics to empower young people with the knowledge they need.

While the primary focus of the program is on sexual health and rights, it also addresses several related subjects. Key topics include puberty, menstruation, menstrual hygiene, and the use of various period products, such as reusable sanitary towels and menstrual cups. Additionally, the program covers crucial information on safe sex, birth control options, the risks of unsafe abortion practices, and guidance on where to seek help if someone is pressuring them for sex.

Through these sessions, the HSH Girl's & Boy's Classes aim to equip young people with the tools to navigate their health, relationships, and personal choices with confidence and responsibility.

This year, on November 13th, we organized a one-day Girls' Class Program during the long November-December school holiday, when all students are home. The class brought together teenage girls aged 9 to 17 for a safe space where they could openly discuss their concerns, ask questions, and break the silence around taboos.



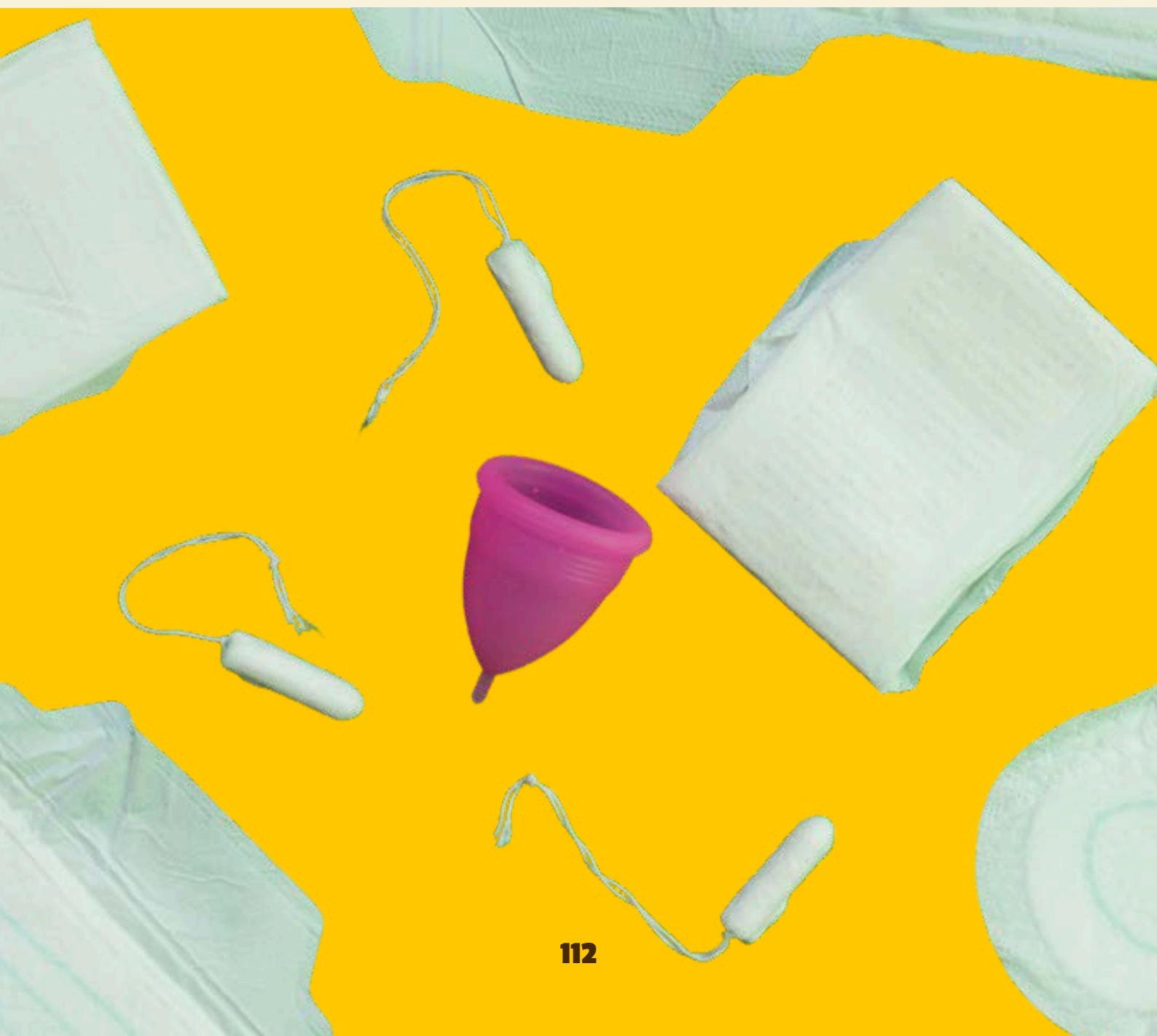
In 2024, we are excited to share a remarkable achievement: we have seen a noticeable reduction in cases of early and unplanned pregnancies at our clinic compared to the previous year! This positive trend is largely due to the ongoing classes we organize for young girls and boys, where we focus on reproductive health, responsible decision-making, and family planning. The girls have been eagerly engaging with the lessons, and it's clear that the knowledge they're gaining is making a real difference. They are applying what they've learned and making more informed choices about their health and futures. Seeing the impact of this education is incredibly rewarding, and it gives us great hope for even more positive changes in the years to come. We're thrilled that this initiative is benefiting the youths, empowering them to take control of their lives and make healthier decisions.

Cecilia Charo, Clinician, HSH Health Clinic



## **HSH GIRL'S CLASS EXPENSES 2024**

	<b>KES</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Contraceptives, sanitary pads...	10 000	77
Teaching materials	15 000	115
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>192</b>



## **OTHER TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS**



# ENHANCING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: CPR TRAINING FOR HSH TEAM

In April, with the generous support of an emergency care nurse from Finland, we organized a crucial basic CPR training session for our team members. This training was designed to enhance our emergency preparedness, ensuring that our staff is equipped with the essential skills to respond effectively in cardiac emergencies and maintain a safe environment for both staff and the individuals we serve at the center.

The training covered a comprehensive range of topics, including basic CPR techniques for adults, children, and infants. Participants also received an introduction to the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which can be a lifesaving tool during a cardiac arrest. Additionally, the training included instruction on responding to choking emergencies, equipping staff with the knowledge to handle a variety of critical situations.

The session was highly interactive, with a demonstration of each technique followed by hands-on practice. Each team member had ample time to practice the skills on a medical training doll, ensuring that they could perform CPR effectively in real-life situations. This practical experience was key in building confidence and competence among the staff.

By equipping our team with these life-saving skills, we are not only enhancing their ability to respond to emergencies but also improving the overall safety and well-being of everyone at the center. This training helps ensure that both our team and the beneficiaries we serve have a secure environment, where immediate and appropriate action can be taken if a medical emergency arises.



## EMOTIONS WORKSHOP

We are proud to have one of the most diverse teams, made up of individuals from a variety of cultural and life backgrounds. In Kenya, the culture and traditions often encourage resilience, teaching people to remain strong even in challenging times. This cultural influence can sometimes lead to a tendency to downplay expressions of happiness or excitement.

To address this, we organized an emotions workshop for our team members in October, led by two intern students from Finland. The workshop aimed to help participants better understand, express, and manage their emotions in a healthy and productive manner. Through activities focused on self-awareness, identifying and exploring emotions, and improving interpersonal skills, the workshop encouraged participants to become more mindful of their own feelings and those of others.

Ultimately, the workshop provided valuable tools for the team to express their emotions more openly, fostering better communication, emotional well-being, and personal development in a positive and constructive way.



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP BOOTCAMP

From November 5th to 7th, 2024, we hosted our fourth 3-day entrepreneurship bootcamp at the center in collaboration with LUTES, a student-driven entrepreneurship society based at LUT University and LAB University of Applied Sciences. LUTES is dedicated to creating an open, inspiring environment where students can explore entrepreneurship and foster personal development.

This year, the bootcamp welcomed 31 enthusiastic students from KTC, all eager to deepen their understanding of entrepreneurship. Over the course of the event, participants were challenged to identify real-world problems, brainstorm innovative solutions, and transform these ideas into viable business concepts. The training was hands-on and dynamic, allowing participants to collaborate, think critically, and sharpen their skills in developing and presenting business ideas. One of the highlights of the bootcamp was a focus on pitching—an essential skill for any entrepreneur. Students worked on crafting compelling pitches, learning how to present their ideas clearly and confidently to potential investors, partners, and customers.

By the end of the bootcamp, we had a group of motivated, entrepreneurial-minded youths, ready to take the next steps in launching their own ventures. Each participant was awarded a certificate of participation as a symbol of their hard work and dedication. This event not only provided valuable skills but also inspired a new generation of young entrepreneurs who are now equipped with the tools to turn their ideas into reality.



# **PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF 2024**

## **PART 4: HSH VOLUNTEERING AND STUDENT WORK**



## HSH VOLUNTEERING

At Home Street Home, we work as a collaborative team, bringing together both local and international volunteers to make a meaningful impact. Volunteering offers a unique opportunity to contribute to a cause you care about, meet new people, and be part of something larger than yourself. The personal benefits of community volunteerism are well-documented, including the development of new skills, expanded networks, and a deeper sense of purpose.

Working alongside people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives helps break down stereotypes and fosters a spirit of unity. Additionally, community volunteerism has been shown to enhance academic success, providing valuable experiences that support personal and professional growth.

Home Street Home's volunteer program invites both local and international volunteers to join our efforts. Volunteers are integral members of our team, helping us accomplish practical tasks and directly supporting our mission in the field. Their dedication and hard work are essential to the success of our programs and the well-being of the community we serve.



## **HSH LOCAL VOLUNTEERING**

Our local team consists of passionate, energetic youth dedicated to making a positive impact in their community. Local volunteers play a crucial role as guides for our international volunteers, sharing their knowledge of the area and supporting the integration of volunteers into our work. As an HSH local volunteer, individuals have the opportunity to learn new skills, gain hands-on experience, and contribute to a variety of impactful projects.

We believe that volunteering with us can be a transformative experience, opening new opportunities and creating pathways for personal and professional growth. Our hope is that every volunteer leaves with valuable skills and memories that will lead them to exciting and fulfilling futures.

In 2024, one new local volunteer joined our team which makes it a total of 43 local volunteers since we started the program.

## THROUGH THE EYES OF THE LOCAL VOLUNTEER

Semeni Mwaganyumbani, 34 years old, was born and raised in Makongeni village and has been a dedicated volunteer at Home Street Home for the past 7 years. For Semeni, his time at HSH has been a journey of cultural exploration. Through his work, he has had the opportunity to interact with people from diverse backgrounds, which has profoundly shaped his ability to accept, understand, and appreciate differences.

One of the aspects of volunteering at HSH that Semeni finds most fulfilling is being part of the impactful work with young mothers. He takes great pride in knowing that the support provided through HSH not only empowers these women but also brings significant relief to their families. Semeni's favorite task has been the feeding program. "Being able to make and share porridge with the kids is one of my favorite tasks as a volunteer. It's a big help to the children, and I'm proud to be part of such a noble program," he says.

Over the years, Semeni has gained a variety of practical skills, including cement work, painting, and plastering. Most recently, he completed a driving course, which he found particularly exciting. Through his work with HSH, Semeni has also learned valuable lessons about gender equality, respect, and teamwork—principles he holds dear as he continues to contribute to the mission of Home Street Home.

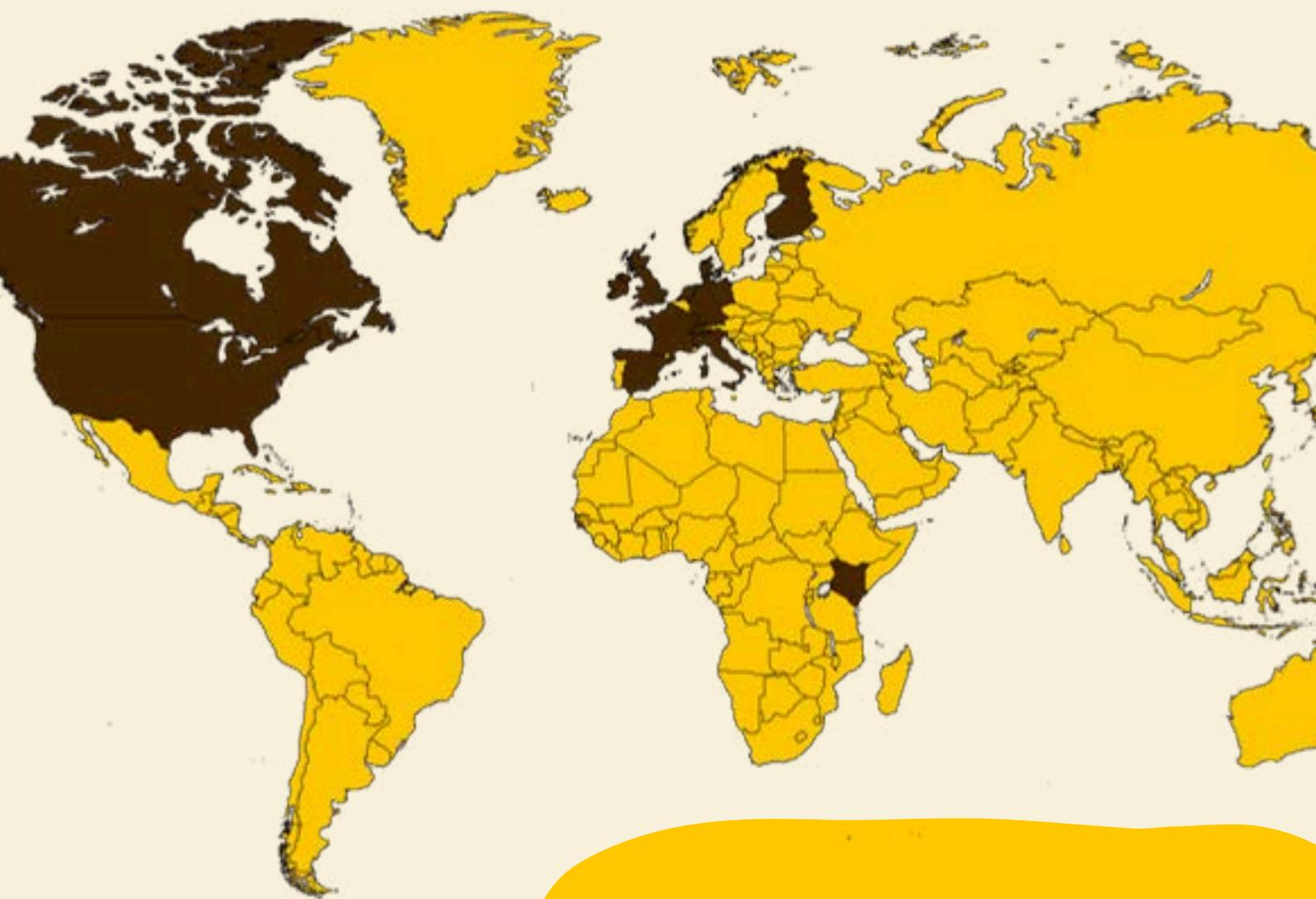
Semeni Mwaganyumbani, Local Volunteer or HSH



**"BEING ABLE TO MAKE AND SHARE PORRIDGE WITH THE KIDS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TASKS AS A VOLUNTEER. IT'S A BIG HELP TO THE CHILDREN, AND I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF SUCH A NOBLE PROGRAM,"**

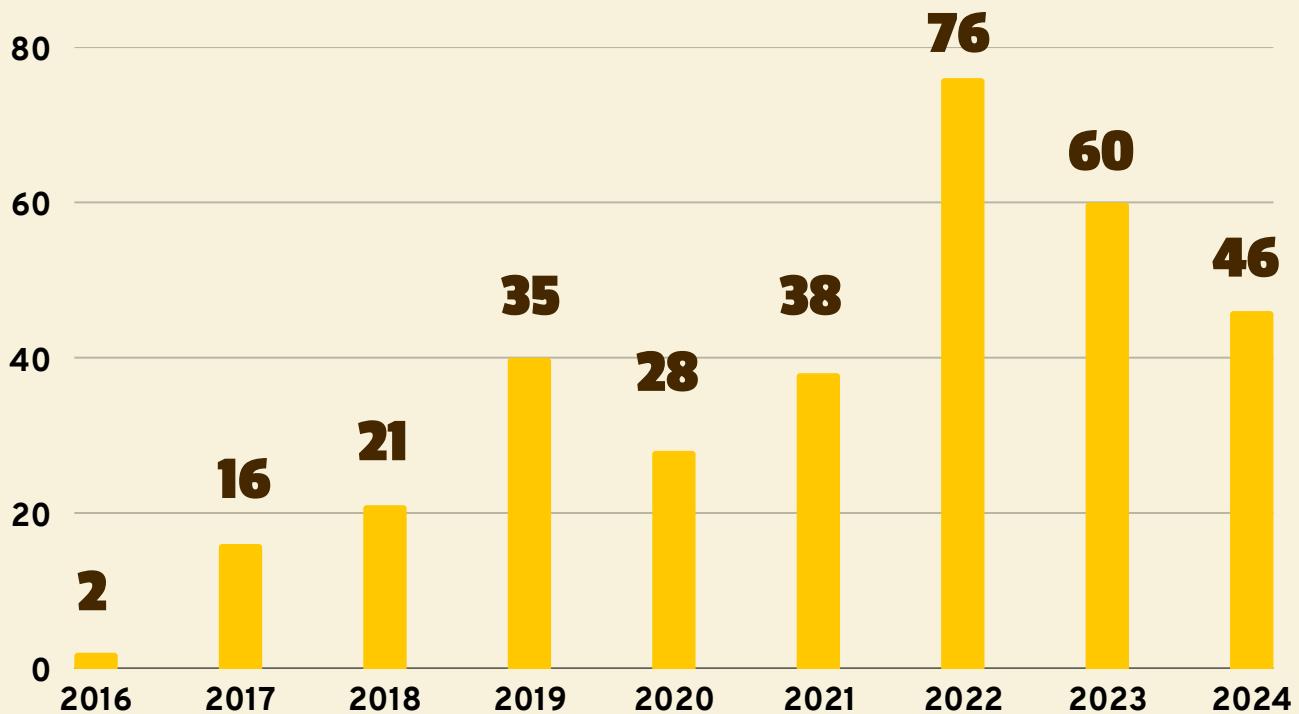
## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

As an international volunteer with HSH, you will have the unique opportunity to immerse yourself in Kenyan culture, expand your professional and personal networks, enhance your language skills, and gain valuable project and life experiences. Volunteering abroad allows you to step outside your comfort zone, learn new approaches to tasks and challenges, and adapt to diverse environments and perspectives.



**HSH FAMILY COLOURING  
THE WORLD MAP  
HOME COUNTRIES OF HSH VOLUNTEERS**

## HSH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS IN 2016-2024



**322** INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS  
SINCE 2016



# VOLUNTEERING WITH HOME STREET HOME

*I familiarised myself with HSH while searching for volunteering opportunities in Africa and got impressed by their well-organized, transparent and co-creative way of working. I was looking for a getaway from my busy everyday routines in Finland, and that is exactly what I got when I landed to Makongeni and became part of a warm-hearted host family and the HSH community.*

*Three months flew by quickly as I served morning porridge, taught holiday school kids, made makuti roof and completed various other tasks – each day was different. Even though I was longing for a break from my white-collar job and immensely enjoyed the physical work, I was also happy to help at HSH office with tasks such as social media posts writing, finishing touches of Spiral of Change documentary, and drafting funding applications. Of course, life in Makongeni was not all about work: weekends were full of adventures around the beautiful Kwale county.*

*I was able to lend my helping hands for HSH for three months, but HSH gave me dozens of awesome people and lifelong friendships, the happiest memories to keep in my heart and a deep dive into the amazing Kenyan culture. I am forever grateful for that!*

*Elina Lämsä, HSH Volunteer from Finland*



# **HSH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING INCOME**

	KES	EUR
Project fee	500 000	3 846
Transportation	416 500	3 203
Accomodation and meals	2 093 350	16 102
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3 009 850</b>	<b>23 153</b>



# HSH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES FROM 2024

*I made my last social service internship in Makongeni in the fall of 2024. I couldn't have asked for a better place! I kept emotional workshops for locals with my friend. I had meaningful conversations with locals on the topic and helped them and myself develop awareness of emotions and how to process them in a different culture. I found my work to be really meaningful and concrete. Home Street Home Center felt like home - the community was amazing. I had the best time while working in there! In addition to the emotional workshops I got to bake, plant mangrove trees, distribute porridge to children at school and work in a daycare and playgroup. However, the biggest thing was that I developed and grew as a person. The best thing was to slow down and live in the moment. Someone wise once said: "you have the clocks and we have the time".*

*Vilma Mäkelä, Social Service Student from Finland*

**I FOUND MY WORK TO BE REALLY MEANINGFUL AND CONCRETE.**

**THE INTERNSHIP GAVE ME THE INSPIRATION TO FURTHER EDUCATE MYSELF INTO GLOBAL HEALTH AND TO WORK IN GLOBAL HEALTH SETTINGS**

*"As a third-year nursing student, I spent six weeks at Home Street Home in Makongeni as part of my clinical practice. This opportunity allowed me to work closely with the health clinic team and gain hands-on experience in providing healthcare in a community setting. During my time there, I also worked on a project titled 'Combined Experimental and Researched information: Traditional Medicine and its methods by utilizing plants'. Through this project, I explored traditional healing practices and evidence-based medicine, learning about the cultural significance it holds in the community. The research and interactions with local residents provided me with a unique perspective on traditional medicine and modern healthcare.*

*The internship was both educational and transformative. Living in the community and forming meaningful connections with patients, staff, and local families made the experience truly unique and inspiring, something I will always cherish. It also gave me the inspiration to further educate myself into global health and to work in global health settings."*

*Emina Dzino, Nursing Student from Finland*

**THE WORK  
TASKS WERE  
VERY VERSATILE  
AND I COULDN'T  
IMAGINE A  
BETTER TEAM  
AROUND ME.**

*I am a community educator student and completed my bachelor degree's last internship at Home Street Home organisation. My aim for the internship was to get a deeper touch of the culture, especially from a emotional point of view. And I think that I accomplished my goal perfectly. My study college and I executed different kind of emotional workshops for the HSH team members and kids from holiday program. The main reason why I feel that I accomplished my internships goal perfectly, was the HSH team members open desire to participate and learn about emotions. We shared our stories, listened and talked. in addition to this, I worked in other tasks of the organization; in the kindergarten and playground, in the glass workshop, feeding program. I designed a graduation certificate for the village preschoolers and took a picture of each preschooler for their certificate. The work tasks were very versatile and I couldn't imagine a better team around me.*

*Anna Janhonen, Community Education Student from Finland*

## NUMBER OF INTERNS

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Nursing & midwifery	1	4	6	2	2	15
Social work, social service & community education	2	5	7	2	4	20
Primary school education	0	0	2	2	0	4
Marketing, photography, media and art	0	0	0	3	0	3
Safety and security	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>43</b>

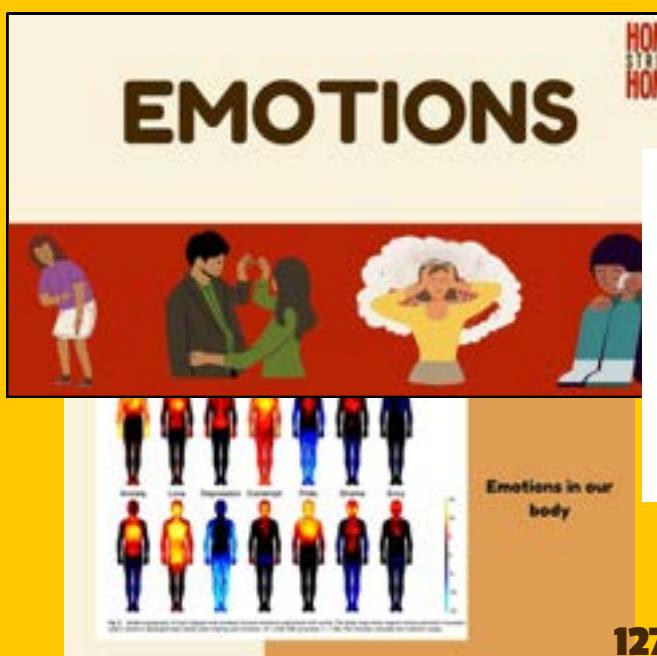
# SNEAK PEAK TO INTERN-LED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN 2024



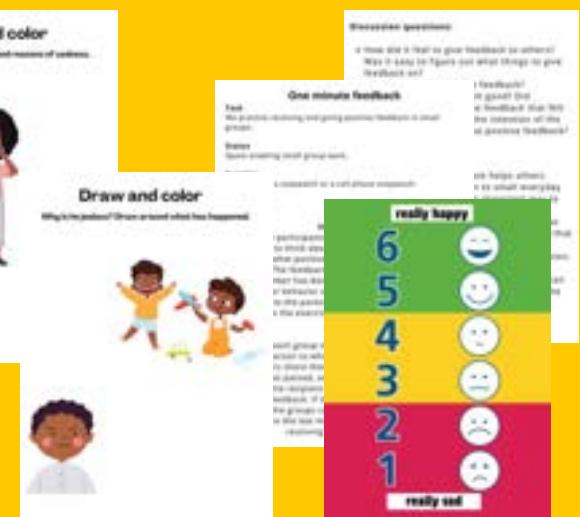
Parent guidance poster for HSH Health Clinic

Home visit routine and well-being reports of the HSH Day Care children

HSH DAY CARE CENTER CHILD'S WELL-BEING REPORT	
HOME STREET HOME	
BASIC INFORMATION	
NAME OF THE CHILD	DATE OF BIRTH
HOME VILLAGE	
NAME OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN	CONTACT
Relation to the child	
NAME OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN	CONTACT
Relation to the child	
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD	
TYPE OF A FAMILY (For example, single-parent family)	
HEALTH CONDITION	
MAIN DIAGNOSIS	
OTHER CHRONIC CONDITIONS	



Emotions workshop materials for different age groups: adults, teenagers, primary school learners, early childhood learners.



# **HSH THESIS WORK 2024**



# UNDERSTANDING HEALTHCARE REFERRAL CHAIN CHALLENGES

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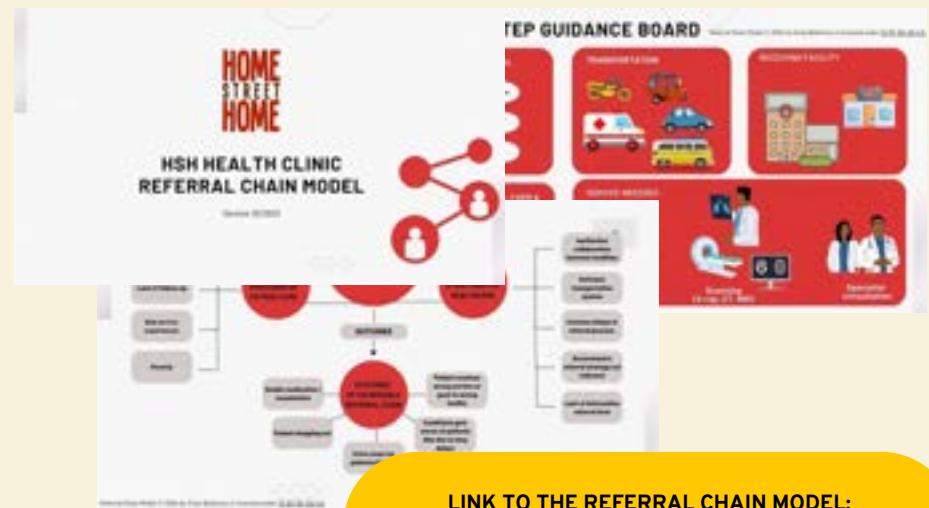
Master's Degree Program in Global Change and Community Development

Author: Viola Wallenius

Title of the thesis: Understanding healthcare referral chain challenges in Kwale County, Kenya – Creating an optimized referral chain model for a community clinic

The purpose of the research and development study is to understand the referral chain challenges and vulnerabilities in Kwale County, Kenya. The study aims to improve the referral chain and reduce the risk of double medication or other harmful treatment errors by creating an optimized referral chain model. The study was implemented with a non-profit organization, Home Street Home, and its community health clinic project. The study was structured by following the Donabedian's Quality Framework (1988). The research part of the study was implemented by using qualitative methods with two surveys as the main data collection method. Twenty-four healthcare workers from eleven facilities and nine patients from three facilities responded. The data was analyzed by using content analysis method. The result of the research shows that there is a clear need for improving the current and existing systems around the referral chain in Kwale County. The value of a well-structured and effective referral chain is recognized by both healthcare workers and patients. However, there is no common referral chain system or guideline that is followed by the different level facilities. Every facility has its procedures occasionally, and it is in the healthcare workers' hands to decide how to proceed with the referral. As a result of the research, the challenges and vulnerabilities, that are affecting the referral chain process in Kwale County, were identified. The findings are categorized into three by using Donabedian's model: structures of healthcare, processes of patient care, and outcomes of an ineffective referral chain. In the development part of the study, two co-creation workshops were organized in Home Street Home's community center in Kenya. As a result, a referral chain model, referral form, and community awareness poster were created. Learning more about the challenges and vulnerabilities in the healthcare referral chain has shown the critical part the referral system plays in individuals' health. In the context of rural health, where poverty often forces people to seek healthcare services late, where the transportation system is unreliable, and where the healthcare system is still lacking common guidelines, the ideal outcomes of the care are not ensured. When a person from a vulnerable background is seeking help from healthcare, an unstable referral chain can cause severe outcomes.

<b>HOME HOME STREET HOME HOME HSH HEALTH CLINIC</b>	
<b>REFERRAL FORM</b>	
<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>	
Name: _____	Date: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address: _____	
Phone Number: _____	Next of Kin: _____
<b>MEDICAL HISTORY</b> (Check all that apply. Use an additional sheet if necessary)	
_____	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE REFERRAL</b>	
Current condition and diagnosis	_____
Working diagnosis / reason for referral	_____
Examination date and results	_____
Medication or other treatment given	_____
<b>TYPE OF CONCERN</b>	
1. Concerns about the new information received or the medical history given by the patient 2. Concerns about the treatment given 3. Concerns about the information given to the patient 4. Concerns about the patient's behavior	
Name of Referrer _____ Relationship to patient _____ Specialty _____ Phone number _____	
Name Street Home, name of health care provider, name of office, phone number (please print clearly) _____	



## LINK TO THE REFERRAL CHAIN MODEL:

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# PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES OF SOCIAL WORK IN THE CONTEXT OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Oulu University of Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Social Services

Author: Laura Leppänen

Title of thesis: Professional Competencies of Social Work in the Context of Multidisciplinary Development Cooperation

The purpose of this thesis was to find out which professional competencies in social work could be advantageous and useful in the field of multiprofessional and multidisciplinary development cooperation, and how. The aim was to compile knowledge about this topic, basing it on previously published written material, for my collaboration partner and any other student or other person interested in the topic in question. Another aim was to learn more about social work in the context of development cooperation myself. The methods used were a descriptive literature survey and data-oriented content analysis. The material selected to be studied consisted of following publications: Forms of Development Cooperation and Social Work tasks (Montes del Castillo & Montes-Martínez 2021), Human Rights and Social Justice in a Global Perspective – An Introduction to International Social Work (Mapp 2007), and two reports published in Finnish language by Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (Ulkoministeriö 2021) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland (Helminen ym. 2014). The focus of the reports is on development policy and development cooperation of Finland (Ulkoministeriö 2021) and on professional competencies of social work (Helminen ym. 2014). The results of the study showed that the professional competencies of social work can be utilized in many areas of development cooperation. As a conclusion of the study I suggested that the competencies of social work can be advantageous and useful for example in promoting social sustainable development, in the forms of development cooperation that are also within the “scope of responsibilities” of social work, and in promoting effective and functional multidisciplinary cooperation in the context of development cooperation.

CULTURALLY SENSITIVE APPROACH

REHABILITATION WORK

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

NETWORK-BASED COLLABORATION SKILLS

SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND ADVOCACY

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

**SOCIAL WORK EXPERTISE VALUABLE IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION TASKS**

ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING SKILLS

COLLABORATION SKILLS

CRISIS MANAGEMENT SKILLS

130

RECOGNIZING CAUSE-AND-EFFECT RELATIONSHIPS

PREVENTIVE APPROACH

SOCIOCULTURAL AND OTHER METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

CASE-SPECIFIC APPLICATION SKILLS

SERVICE, SUPPORT, AND CAREGIVING MODEL DEVELOPMENT

EMPOWERING APPROACH

PERSON-CENTERED APPROACH

# GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT THE FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES OF A CHILD WITH CEREBRAL PALSY IN KENYA

Metropolia University of Applied Sciences

Degree programme in physiotherapy

Authors: Anniina Nieminen and Melina Stick

Title: Guidance to Support the Functional Abilities of a Child with Cerebral Palsy in Kenya: A guidebook for daycare staff and family members.

Among children, cerebral palsy (CP) is the most common physical disability. This permanent condition is characterized by a spectrum of disorders that affect the development of movement and posture, often resulting in diminished functionality due to alterations in the developing fetal or infant brain. CP may cause a range of physiological and cognitive challenges, as well as secondary complications. This requires comprehensive therapeutic interventions to reduce and prevent associated issues. Early interventions that foster learning and neuroplasticity are crucial, empowering both the child and caregivers to comprehend and address future/potential developmental disparities effectively. The prevalence, etiology, comorbidities, outcomes, and treatment of cerebral palsy and disabilities generally exhibit significant variation in low-income regions of Africa, particularly in Kenya. In response to this need, we have developed a compact guidebook aimed at enhancing the quality of life and participation of children with CP. This is done through functional and mutually supportive movements. This guidebook is designed for the caregivers of these children as well as for the staff of the non-profit organization Home Street Home (HSH), which operates a daycare for disabled children in rural Kenya. The guidebook includes educational resources about CP, general healthcare and welfare reminders, as well as therapeutic exercise sections designed to enhance understanding and, consequently, self-confidence in children with CP and their caregivers. Each section features images and concise explanations of the exercises and their benefits. The content has been developed in collaboration with the Home Street Home (HSH) organization.



# **PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF 2024**

## **PART 5: OTHER PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

# **HSH HAKI KIT**



## **SUPPORTING THE UNSEEN: THE HSH HAKI KIT PROGRAM'S FIGHT FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

At Home Street Home, we are committed to ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to grow up in a safe and supportive environment. The HSH Haki Kit Program plays a crucial role in this mission by offering essential support to children and youths who have experienced any form of violence, including sexual abuse, physical or mental abuse, and other types of maltreatment.

Our goal is simple but vital: to stand by the victims and guide them through the often daunting process of reporting and seeking help. The Haki Kit Program acts as a bridge, connecting the child or family with the right services, ensuring they receive the proper care, protection, and legal support they need to heal and rebuild. We assist in navigating complex situations, providing not only guidance but also a safe space for those who may feel overwhelmed or uncertain about their next steps.

The program is a vital part of our efforts to protect the rights of vulnerable children and youths, empowering them with the tools they need to break the silence, find justice, and start their journey toward recovery. Together with our partners and supporters, we are determined to create a world where no child has to suffer in silence.



**HSH HAKI KIT IN 2024:**  
**6 CASES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**  
**2 CASES OF DEFILEMENT**

**102 HAKI KIT CASES  
SUPPORTED SINCE 2019**



## **HSH HAKI KIT EXPENSES 2024**

	<b>KES</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Processing fees	4 500	35
House rent support	1000	8
Transport support	24 227	186
Medical support	2 050	16
Court order support	4 000	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35 777</b>	<b>275</b>



# IMPACT REPORT OF 2024



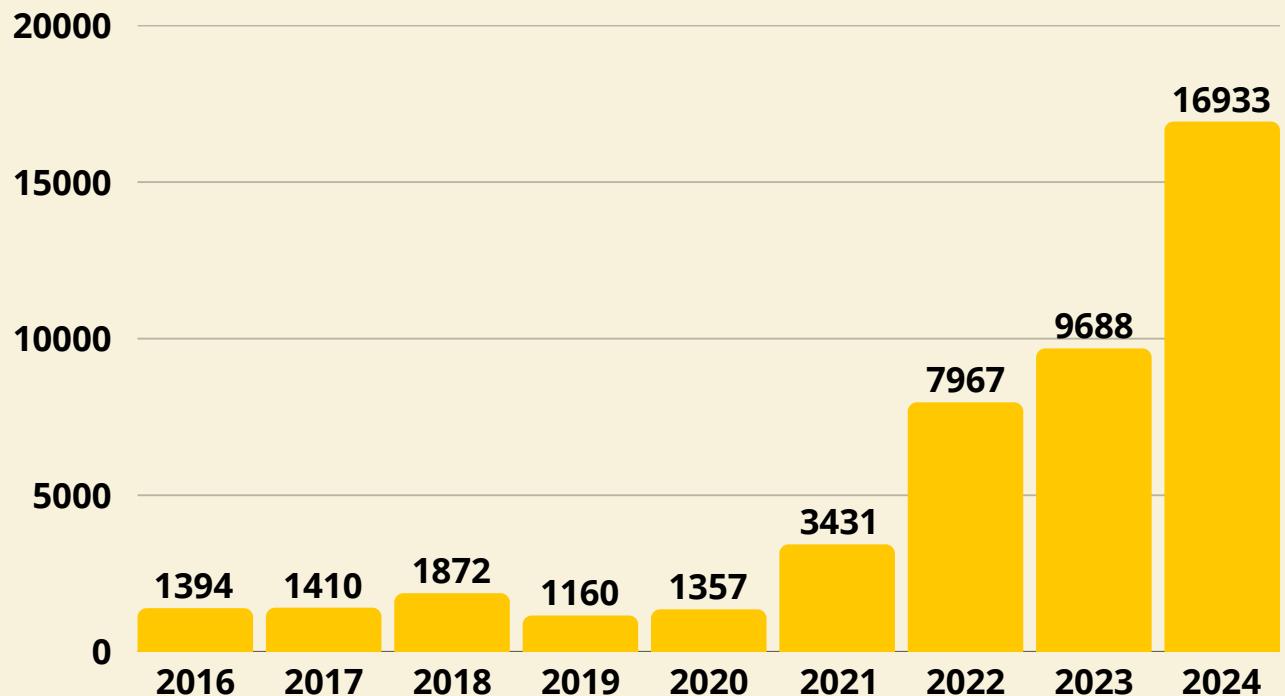
# NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

The table below shows the total beneficiaries per project during 2024, highlighting both direct beneficiaries (such as clients and staff) and indirect beneficiaries (including families, suppliers, and community members). These figures provide a comprehensive overview of the widespread impact of our initiatives, showcasing how our efforts extend beyond those directly involved. The data reflects the significant reach and lasting effects of our programs across various groups.

	Direct (clients, staff, other direct beneficiaries)	Indirect (families, suppliers, other indirect beneficiaries)	Total beneficiaries
HSH Health Clinic	3487	6 974	10 461
Kalevala Training Center	154	462	616
HSH Day Care Center	36	108	144
HSH Children's Playgroup	31	93	124
HSH Feeding Program	1 094	3 282	4 376
HSH Library & Study room	43	129	172
HSH Trust	40	120	160
HSH Babyshower	25	75	100
HSH Volunteering	55	20	75
Other Team members	20	60	80
Other (partners, external experts..)	88	537	625

## TOTAL OF 16 933 BENEFICIARIES

# NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 2016 - 2024





**TOTAL OF**

**45 212**

**BENEFICIARIES SINCE STARTING THE ORGANIZATION IN 2014**

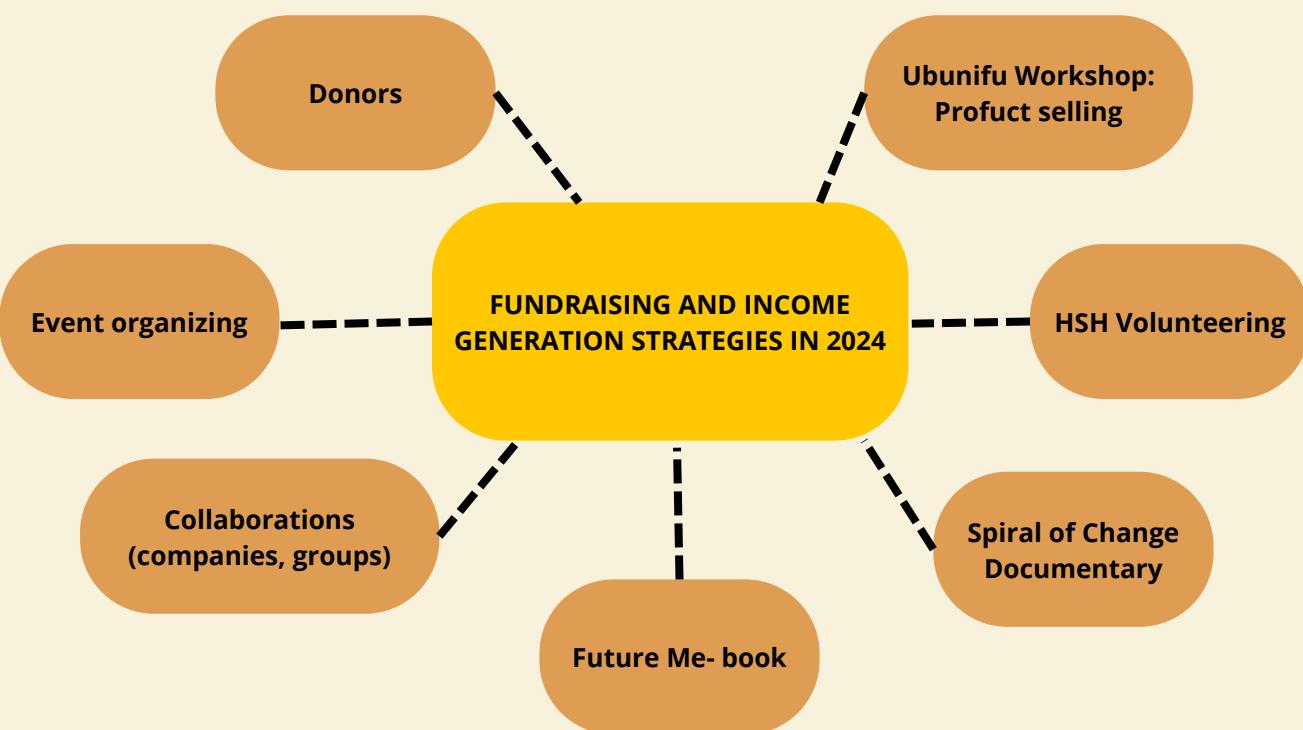
# FUNDRAISING AND FINANCE OF 2024



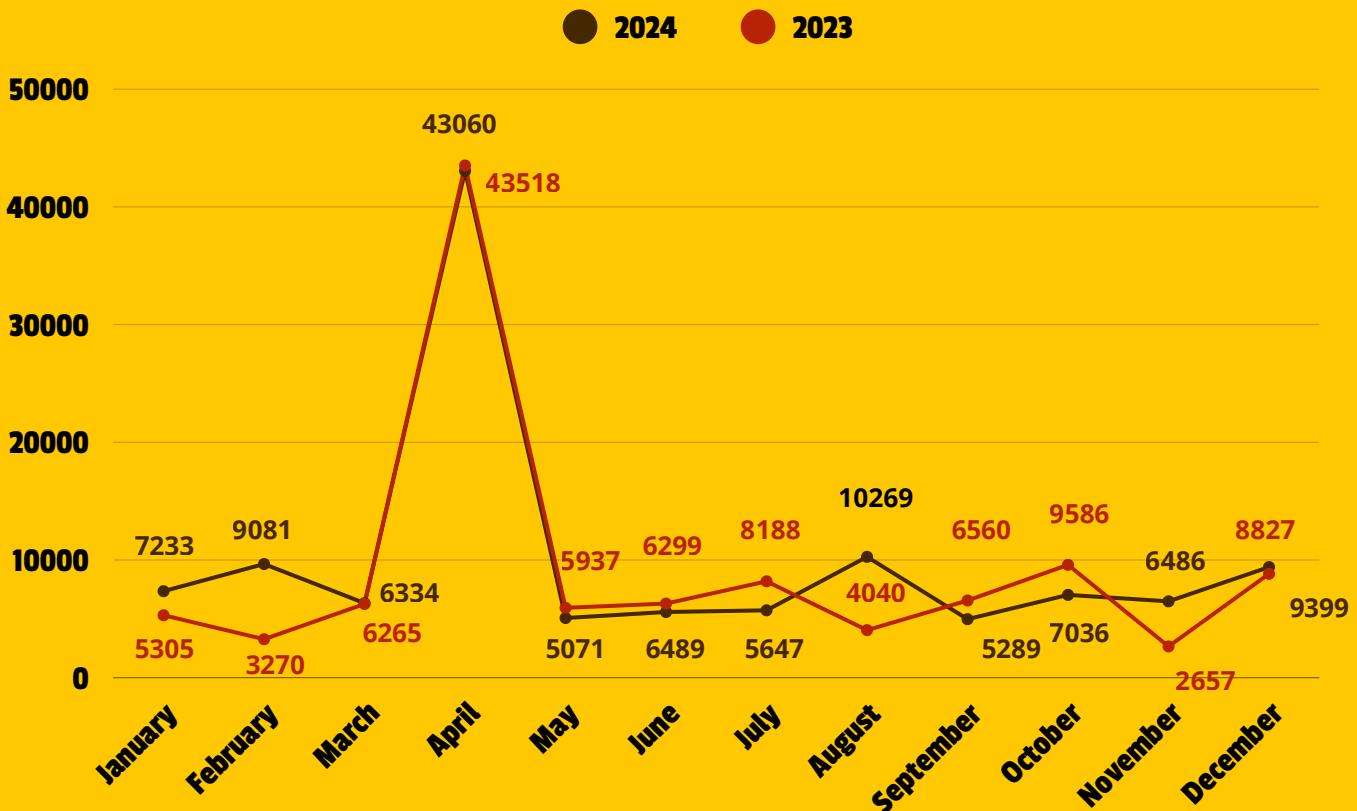
# **BUILDING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: REDUCING DONOR DEPENDENCY THROUGH INCOME-GENERATING INITIATIVES**

In 2024, we continued our efforts to achieve financial stability and sustainability through various initiatives, including the Ubunifu Workshop project and other income-generating activities. The Ubunifu Workshop has been a key focus in helping us create a steady stream of income by empowering individuals in the community with valuable skills, enabling them to produce and sell handmade products. These initiatives not only provide an opportunity for economic empowerment but also contribute directly to funding our core programs.

Additionally, we have explored and developed other income-generating projects to reduce our dependency on external donations and ensure the long-term sustainability of our work. Our goal is to grow economically in a sustainable manner, moving away from donor dependency and building a more resilient financial foundation. By diversifying our sources of income, we aim to secure the future of our programs, enabling us to continue making a meaningful impact in the community. We are committed to strengthening our financial independence, ensuring that we can carry out our mission for years to come without being reliant on external funding.



## INCOME 2023-2024 IN EUROS



## RESULTS OF THE FUNDRAISING

Fundraising plays a critical role in sustaining and expanding our project activities. The funds raised directly impact the services we provide, from educational programs and healthcare support to resources for our day care and playgroup initiatives. Through the generosity of our supporters, we are able to purchase essential equipment, offer transportation assistance, and ensure the continuous development of our programs. These resources make a tangible difference in the lives of the individuals and communities we serve, enabling us to achieve our goals and make a lasting impact.

While fundraising remains crucial to the success of our projects, the global situation in 2024 has presented challenges. Ongoing conflicts, such as the war between Ukraine and Russia, and the Gaza genocide, have placed a significant strain on global resources and attention. In addition, economic changes, including rising prices and inflation, have made it more difficult for many individuals and organizations to contribute. As living costs increase, people are finding it harder to allocate funds to charitable causes. Despite these challenges, we are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our donors, and we remain hopeful that as global conditions stabilize, the generosity of our supporters will continue to fuel the vital work we do.

# HSH INCOME 2024

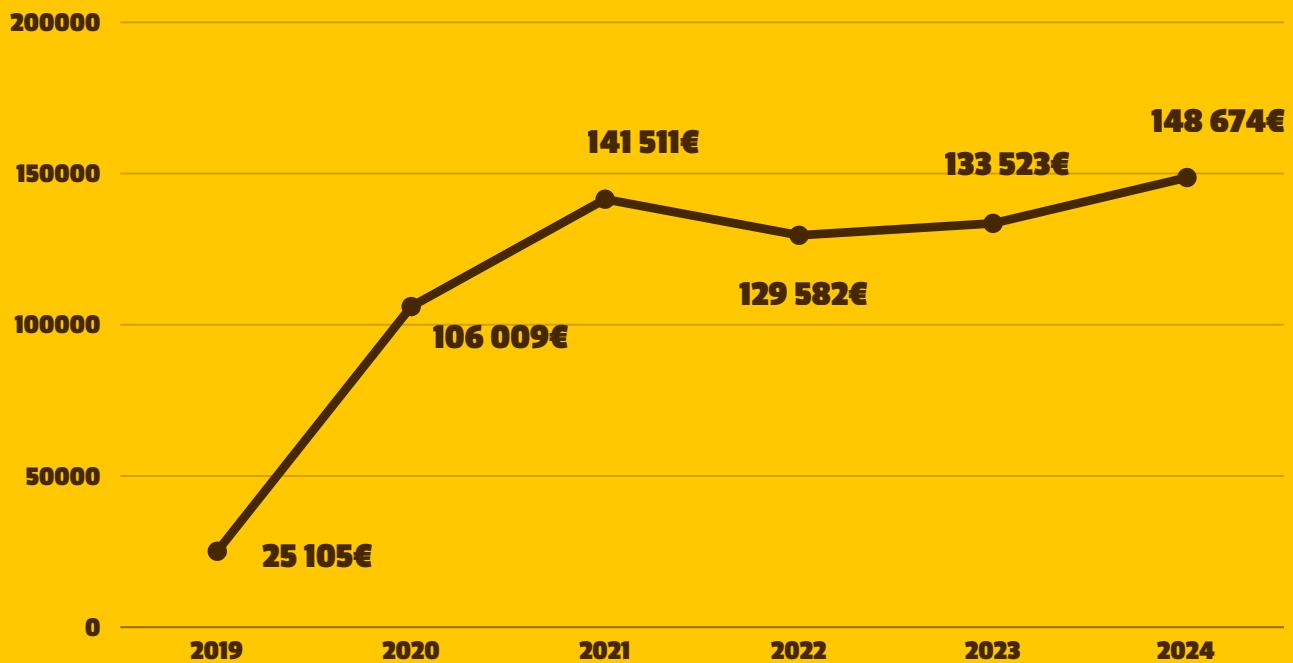
## HSH FINLAND

	EUR
Donations	32 187.78
Collaborations	40 000
Sponsorship programs	12 197.85
Product selling	2 346.50
HSH Switzerland	32 083
Future Me -book	2 405.50
Spiral of Change -documentary	1 072
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122 292.18</b>

## HSH KENYA

	KES	EUR
Donations	117 000	900
Product selling	302 950	2 330
HSH Volunteering	3 009 850	23 152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3 429 800</b>	<b>26 382</b>

## HSH Income 2019-2024



# HSH KENYA: PROJECT EXPENSES OF 2024

The table below provides a breakdown of project expenses for each initiative. Given the fluctuations in the Kenyan shilling, we have chosen to use a fixed exchange rate of 1€ = 130 KES to ensure consistency and accuracy in our accounting and financial reporting.

	<b>TOTAL KES</b>	<b>TOTAL EUR</b>
Daily expenditures	2 772 925	21 330
HSH Center	926 979	7 131
Kalevala Training Center	4 986 101	38 355
HSH Health Clinic	1 525 972	11 738
HSH Feeding Program	1 180 655	9 082
HSH Day Care Center	1 853 509	14 258
HSH Trust	826 194	6 355
HSH Library & Study Room	41 980	323
HSH Children's Playgroup	437 714	3 367
Ubunifu Workshop	1 025 949	7 892
HSH Haki Kit	35 777	275
HSH Family Home	305 370	2 349
HSH Babyshower	19 800	152
HSH Girl's & Boy's Class	25 000	192
Local volunteering	102 410	788
International volunteering	2 509 850	19 307
Mpesa charges	42 114	324
Bank charges	52 339	403
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18 670 638</b>	<b>143 620</b>

# **FINANCIAL YEAR OF HSH FINLAND: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS: MARKETING, STORYTELLING, AND STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS**

In 2024, we dedicated resources to marketing efforts in Finland, as it was Home Street Home's 10th anniversary year. We took part in multiple events to celebrate this milestone and raise awareness about our mission, sell products and meet new people.

Another part of the expenses was the printing of the Future Me books, which were then sold as part of our fundraising. Additionally, we also invested in the creation of the Spiral of Change documentary, which highlights the impact of our work and the transformative journeys of those we serve.

Both the Future Me books and the Spiral of Change documentary were more than just fundraising tools—they were key initiatives that helped celebrate our 10 years of impact and reflect on the progress we've made. They also allowed us to further strengthen our presence and deepen our connections within the community, ensuring that our mission continues to grow and reach those who need it most.

## **HSH FINLAND EXPENSES 2024**

	<b>EUR</b>	<b>KES</b>
Bank and transfer fees	911,25	118 463
Fundraising lisence	120	15 600
Marketing	2 119,54	275 540
Future Me -book	2 299,30	298 909
Spiral of Change Documentary	2 766,89	359 696
Events	3 915,67	509 037
Other	470,20	61 126
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 602,85</b>	<b>1 638 371</b>

# LOOKING AHEAD



# LOOKING AHEAD: KEY INITIATIVES AND GROWTH PLANS FOR 2025

As we look ahead to 2025, Home Street Home is poised for a year of continued dedication to improving the lives of the children, families, and communities we serve. Our upcoming initiatives will focus on expanding our existing projects, addressing long-term challenges, and introducing new programs that will enhance our impact in meaningful ways.

One of our primary focuses for the year will be the continued development of the **Ubunifu Workshop** project. Building on the success of our textile products, we are excited to expand this initiative by introducing the production of glass products from recycled glass. This shift will not only diversify the products we offer but also help promote sustainable practices within the community. Through this expansion, we aim to provide new skills and employment opportunities for local artisans while contributing to environmental sustainability. The Ubunifu Workshop will continue to serve as a platform for creativity and economic empowerment, supporting our mission by providing financial stability to the organization.

In addition to this exciting growth, we are also focusing on strengthening our early childhood education programs. The **HSH Early Childhood Education Center** will officially integrate our playgroup and daycare programs into a unified structure, allowing for a more streamlined and cohesive approach to early childhood development. This integration will foster a nurturing, inclusive environment where children of all backgrounds can thrive. A significant milestone in this process will be the addition of **PP1 (Pre-primary school Level 1)**, expanding our offerings and providing a strong, comprehensive foundation for children's education from an even younger age. We are committed to ensuring that every child who comes through our programs has access to the best possible start in life.

Our support programs will also see notable growth in the year ahead. The **HSH Babyshower Program**, which offers essential support to expectant mothers and newborns, will be a key focus. We plan to enhance the program by increasing resources and outreach, ensuring that families receive the care and assistance they need during critical moments. This will include offering more educational workshops, providing additional baby supplies, and expanding the overall scope of support for families in need. We will turn the program into an on-going workshop routine that will run in 3-months cycles.

At the same time, we will continue working on improving the financial stability of our **HSH Health Clinic**. With a focus on long-term sustainability, we aim to secure consistent funding and resources to ensure that the clinic remains a vital healthcare resource for the community. We will explore innovative ways to increase the clinic's capacity and outreach, enabling us to serve more individuals and improve overall health outcomes in the area.

Finally, we are dedicated to resolving some of the long-standing challenges faced by our center. In 2025, we will prioritize securing a **reliable fresh water supply** to ensure that our center can operate smoothly and continue to serve the community without interruptions. We will also work to **improve internet connectivity**, ensuring that our team has access to the tools and resources needed for communication, education, and organizational operations. These infrastructure improvements are critical for maintaining a functional, modern center that can meet the demands of our growing programs.

As we move forward into the next year, we are excited to continue our work, building on the foundation we've established and taking bold steps towards addressing both immediate needs and long-term goals. 2025 will be a year of transformation, as we work to create a more sustainable, inclusive, and impactful future for Home Street Home and the communities we serve. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our partners, donors, staff, and volunteers, and we look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.



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