

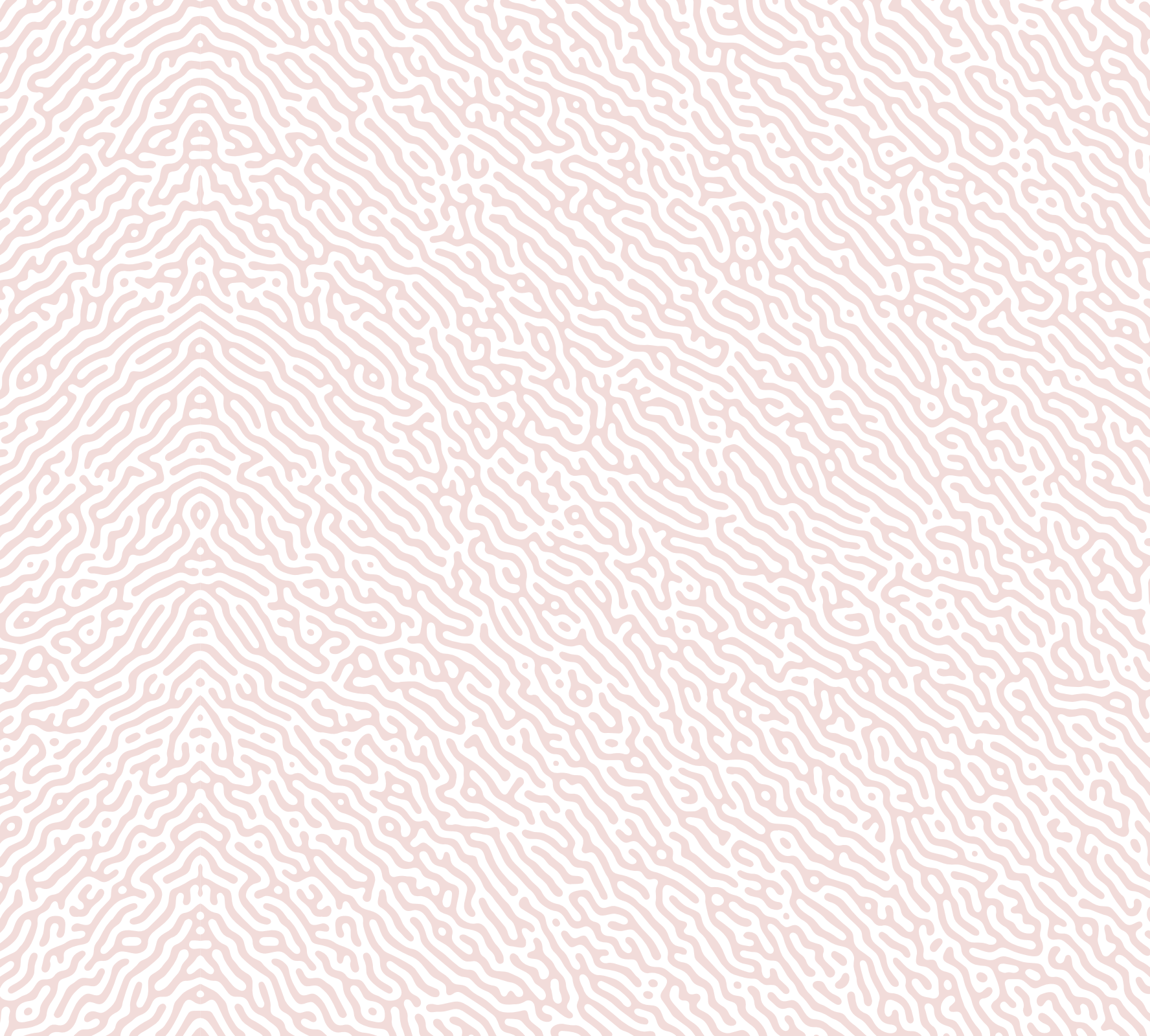


# Monthly Activity Report

March 2022







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# 01 Seniors Feeding Program



Eloloi Lowangore resides in the dry area of Shambani village within Isiolo county. The hand of mother nature sometimes plays its role and rain falls in the area carpeting the surrounding landscape with the green of acacia trees. But this remains a rare occurrence and drought is often what plagues Shambani village. However, what remains constant is Eloloi's jovial face, her crinkled face still stands as a testament of overcoming challenges. Born in 1933 within Isiolo county, Eloloi was the third born in a household of six children. Her parents struck both genders equally three boys and three girls. Her childhood is filled with memories of herding cattle and goats. But she remembers clearly when bandits raided their home and robbed their family of their much-treasured wealth. Soon after drought struck the land and what remained of their livestock died.

As a part of the pastoralist Turkana community, livestock is their life and loss of livestock was a road to destitution. As fate would have it, starvation struck first. Eloloi's family barely survived but they pulled through just as adulthood took over. Their parents were long gone by then. Her siblings sort a way out of poverty and marriage became a viable option, one by one they relocated further from their home. Eloloi was left to her devices skillfully making bead jewelry and using their sale to sustain herself.

It was at this lonely time that she met her life partner at twenty-eight years old. They tied the knot and had six of their own children. Just as her parents, she had three boys and three girls. She saw this as a blessing, but not long after, she lost two of her children.' One was three years old and the other eight years old,' she said sadly. At the time her husband was working as a watchman in Nanyuki town. The little he earned he sent home to cater to their basic needs. But this was not enough, Eloloi ran a charcoal burning business in an attempt to supplement the household's income and cater to her children's education. When this venture did not bare any fruit, she sorted work as a house maid for two years so that she could continue to educate her children.

Shortly after, her husband died from a sudden illness. The demise of her husband left a very big gap on the family, as he was the main breadwinner. They struggled to make ends meet and age was catching on with Eloloi. Her children who are now grownups remain jobless and continue to depend on their mother. Eloloi was at the end of the road. Her old age complications made it difficult for her to take on any jobs let alone run a business.

She heard about Mama Ibado Charity and decided to visit the office to seek assistance. She was onboarded into the seniors feeding program and has continually received food rations every month without fail for the last five years. Currently she lives with her children and grandchildren who are fully dependent on MIC's food assistance.



Zakira Suwedi born in 1962 is a resilient 60-year-old widow. She was born in Kakamega but moved to Kisumu when she got married to a young promising man who worked as a matatu driver. They were blessed to live together for 3 years before he died in a tragic road accident. Zakira was left a widow with two young children to raise, but this was just the beginning of her misfortune; because as soon as her husband's burial was concluded the mother of 2 was catapulted into a world of rejection. Her husband's family threw her out of her marital home, stripped her of her belonging and left her and her children homeless. Zakira had no choice but to return to her paternal home.

However, this season of peace was short lived, due to the untimely demise of her mother that resulted into a conflict with her siblings who demanded her exit from the family land. Luckily, she was taken in by her sister, who gave her a single room to live in, within the Al – Karim Informal settlement in Kakamega, where she resides until now. But this comfort also fell short when her sister sold off the property turning her into a tenant to the new owner overnight. She struggled to raise rent and find school fees for her two sons who were now in secondary school.

With all her physical pain from the burden of living with a lifelong disease and the emotional pain of being lonely; she had to find a way to fend for her family. She got straight into the world of menial jobs. This often involved very early mornings in order to get selected for jobs. She often cleaned houses in neighboring households as a way to make ends meet

Despite all the gloom in her Life Zakira is perpetually thankful to Mama Ibado for lifting her biggest burden by providing food to her family every month. The food rations have seen Zakira regain her health and find the strength to continually take her medication and complete daily tasks. In her words she said, "receiving the food baskets from Mama Ibado Charity is the greatest gift I receive every month." Zakira would love to see her children complete secondary school and she believes that the food hampers will help her live long enough to accomplish that dream.



### Isiolo County

For the month of March, we lost 3 beneficiaries from our Seniors Feeding Program in both Isiolo and Kakamega



87-year old **Botu Guyo** who met her death on 7/3/2022. She was a resident of Bula Pesa area in Isiolo county. She is survived by 2 children.



85-year-old **Hassan Dida Demo** passed away on 7/3/2022 after succumbing to old age complications. He was a resident of Ola Bule area in Isiolo. He leaves behind 4 children.



90-year-old **Ayuma Azubeda** passed away on 26/3/2022. She was a resident of Mukhonje sublocation in Kakamega county.

*A life lived with dignity*





This month the number of beneficiaries impacted were:

197

Seniors from Kakamega county

587

Seniors from Isiolo county

**Total Impacted Seniors in March**

**784**

Mama Ibado Charity distributed

4,127.15<sup>Kgs</sup>

food items in Kakamega county

9,879<sup>Kgs</sup>

food items in Isiolo county

**Total food distribution for March was at**

**14,106.15<sup>Kgs</sup>**



## 02 Education Initiative



The number of students fed went down as a result of the school holidays.

The number of students fed were as follows 719 students for the first two days in the first week of March. This number then reduced to 58 students who remained in school while preparing for their national examination. This brought the average number of students fed in March to 228 students.

The first week of March registered larger number of student's feed from last month. This is attributed to the feeding program's consistency in the school.





## Education Initiative



## SFP-Madrassa Feeding Program



The Madrassa feeding program fed an average of 175 students for 4 days of the week. The highest fluctuations were witnessed on the week when upper primary students were taking their national examination.

Due to the school break for the holidays, a number of students are missing from classes. Some are believed to have travelled and others can be attributed to helping around in their households.

Therefore, this month registered an absenteeism rate of 21% compared to last month's attendance.





## School and Madrasa Food Distribution Statistics

School Feeding Program

This month the number of beneficiaries impacted were:

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228

Students from Kakamega Township Primary school

175

Students from Madrasa

**Collectively the students impacted were**

**403**

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Mama Ibado Charity distributed approximately

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1,786<sup>Kgs</sup>

Meals to students in Kakamega Township Primary School

3,311<sup>Kgs</sup>

Meals to the students in the Madrasa Program.

**The two programs collectively accounted the below number of meals to beneficiaries in Kakamega county**

**5,097<sup>Kgs</sup>**

A 64.8% reduction from last month due to the holiday that began in early March.

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## 03 Sustainability Program





We continue to progress with activities within the sustainability program with the efforts of our staff and volunteers.

This month we reached a major milestone in both farms under Mama Ibado Charity. We managed to conclude fencing activities for both our farms. As it stands the Ibado farms in both Esmi and Matabithi are at 100% completion in fencing. This will allow the charity to keenly focus on ways to better utilize the farms.

In Ibado farm- Matabithi we increased the number of animals this month. After purchasing three cows and two sheep, we had three new goat births and one loss of a goat bringing the

total number of animals to 65.

On the other hand, the fruit trees are frequently irrigated to encourage proper growth. With the farm having received rain that boosted our irrigation efforts.

We had previously initiated a small garden in Matabithi farm to grow a variety of vegetables. Two crops that being tomatoes and capsicum were moved from the nursery and transplanted to the main farm. We anticipate to have a positive growth rate in the garden.







**04** Highlights Of  
The Month





## Highlights Of The Month

The spectacular performance by students in Kakamega Township Primary school did us and the community proud.

The school had two of its students attain 400 and above marks. The overall performance of the candidates was great with the improvement in performance attributed to the feeding program that allowed the students to adequately prepare for the exams.







## Highlights Of The Month

In Isiolo county Mama Ibado Charity donated medication to Al Falah medical centre. The donation included medication that is vital in treating illnesses related to old age. Dr Mahamoud was happy to receive the shipment and noted that the medication would go a long way in improving seniors' health in the community.







*Thank you for your support!*

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