



Monthly Activity Report

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01 Seniors Feeding Program

The dry hot climate of the expansive savannah in Isiolo county has been Wanja's home since birth. Her rather sweet calm lined face is a veil for her grueling beginnings. Born in 1946 to poor parents, bursting at the seams to provide for their 7 children; Wanja's arrival only made things difficult. Scarce household income had Wanja miss out education. And it wasn't long before the pressures of life would have Wanja lose both her parents at a young age.

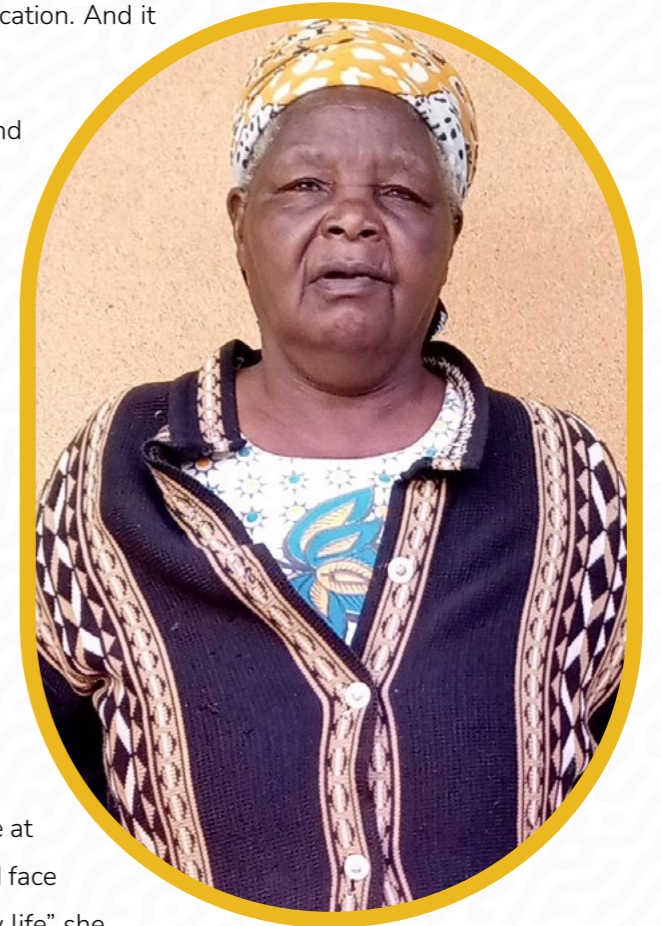
She barely remembers much of her childhood. A blur of events, it seemed. But from her troubled beginnings it was evident that her teenage years and entry into adulthood was not a walk in the park.

But, things started to look up. Wanja remembers some bits of joy. Right at the age of 24, she met a young man, who swept her off her feet. He was promising a future, an upgrade to her miserable childhood. She saw this as her way to a better life. And they got married. They grew their family to 10. Five girls and three boys. And with every birth knocked the reality of survival. Misfortune soon got to her doorstep; when she lost two of her dear sons. "One was nine and the other two, barely in their teenage years," she said sadly. These tragedies exacerbated their difficult lives.

Her husband who was then jobless, had resulted to alcoholism. He contributed little to nothing to the family's income and Wanja had to take up roadside grocery hawking as a means to survive. Her day involved her running after busses, cars and lorries hawking her bananas, oranges, and other in season fruits to passengers. This was a risky business especially with reckless drivers who didn't mind roadside hawkers. These efforts were sometimes a hit or a miss. Wanja's resilient and charming nature almost always secured a sale. But on the miss days, her family went to bed hungry.

Years later her husband severed what remained of their marriage and took on another lover. He married the lady and took off, leaving Wanja with the burden of feeding their children. Alone and heartbroken Wanja tried to rise like a phoenix from the ashes and start anew. But this soon hit a snag. She was growing old and could barely keep up with the cars. Income became non-existent and she resorted to begging on the streets.

Destitute and lonely, Wanja saw a glimmer of hope. She heard about Mama Ibado Charity's seniors feeding program and saw this as her last chance at survival. She made her way to MIC offices and pleaded her plight. Her heartbreaking story secured her a spot on the feeding program. Her hard lined face has gradually changed to glimpses of smiles. She has been a Mama Ibado Charity beneficiary for seven years now. "Mama Ibado Charity, saved my life" she can often be heard saying. Wanja is now a fuller version of herself, since joining the program.



Radiant smile and friendly outlook are qualities that stand out in Lumbasi. Born in 1948 his now jovial nature is a far cry from his humble beginnings. He was raised in a modest family of small-scale farmers in Ilesi village. His parents farming business could only support his basic education needs and by teenage hood, the coffers had run dry. He did not have the fortune of attending high school or attaining a college education. These challenging circumstances forced Lumbasi to hit maturity much faster. He sort out small jobs in order to support himself. By the age of 20, he met a beautiful lady who later became his wife. The need to start a family came knocking and the couple moved to Amalemba village in Kakamega. The family grew to nine of which three were daughters and four were sons.

Lumbasi was well known for his generosity in his community; even at the face of adversity. His career that mainly featured menial jobs meant that he lived hand to mouth and never truly having enough left to advance him and his family. Years passed and his children began having children of their own.

However, misfortune tormented him further when it claimed three of his children. The three left behind eleven grandchildren and now; they became Lumbasi's dependents. Putting food on the table became increasingly difficult. Lumbasi was haggard and ageful, a stark difference from the younger more energetic labourers. Most employers passed over him. They assumed that he would execute tasks slowly and would require a lot of help to finish a job. So, he lost out on many opportunities and this had his family sleeping hungry on several occasions. He was on his last draw when he got onto Mama Ibado Charity's seniors feeding program. This had become his saving grace.

While still basking in the help from MIC he encountered yet another challenge. Right at the heart of the pandemic, his house was demolished. Rendering his family homeless. The betrayal in his eyes was evident. His homelessness was as a result of county government activities claiming his property encroached on government lines. His family slept outside in the cold of the night and the unknown of the streets. MIC stood steadfast with food provision at least a steadfast support to his family. A few days of this was enough to have Lumbasi move his family back to his ancestral home.

Ilesi village stood 5 kilometres from Amalemba, Majengo settlement. He is now settled at his home trying to start afresh. Lumbasi has been a beneficiary of MIC for more than 4 years now. He particularly loves the corn porridge mix that in his words makes him strong and has the perfect nutritional value for him and his grandchildren. "My grandchildren and I are never sick, with the food from Mama Ibado," he can be heard saying. To Him MIC is the true Inua Jamii, without which his family would be severely impoverished. Lumbasi is now regaining his role in his grandchildren's life. The grandfather he always wanted to be, ever caring and social. Full of stories for the village children.



Isiolo County

For the month of February, we lost 3 beneficiaries from our seniors feeding Program



77 year old **Kasim Abdala Mohamed** met his death on 13/2/2022. He was a resident of LMD area in Isiolo. He is survived by 3 children.



35 year old **Halima Abdi Ali** passed away on 14/2/2022 after suffering from severe ulcers. She was a resident of LMD area in Isiolo. She leaves behind 5 children.



63 year old **Roba Habiba Duba** passed away on 26 /2/2022. She was a resident of Bula pesa area in Isiolo. She leaves behind 3 grandchildren.

A life lived with dignity



This month the number of beneficiaries impacted were:

198

Seniors from Kakamega county

585

Seniors from Isiolo county

Total Impacted Seniors in January

783

Mama Ibado Charity distributed

3,316^{Kgs}

food items in Kakamega county

9,360^{Kgs}

food items in Isiolo county

Total food distribution for January was at

12,676^{Kgs}



02 Education Initiative



We continue to advocate for education in communities where we operate. In this initiative we saw the following changes this month.

The number of students fed on average daily remained constant at 701 students. This consistency in attendance is positive especially with the national examinations that are about to begin.

The absenteeism rate is at 1.14%, accounting for about 8 students on average who tend to miss school. There has been a positive side to absenteeism as noted on afternoon classes. Students strive to make it to the afternoon classes even after missing the morning sessions.

The teachers have attributed this change in behavior to the MIC school feeding program.



Education
Initiative



The Madrassa feeding program is registering an increment in students' attendance.

The teachers are happy to announce that rather than trying to convince parents to have their children attend the classes over the weekend. The students always look forward to these interactions.

For this month we fed an average of 222 students. The number looks similar to last month but there has been shifts that still stabilized the tally.

For instance, upper primary students were mainly absent because they were preparing for the national examinations that are just around the corner. However, the lower primary students have filled the gap. More students have been attending the classes and in so doing, the tally has remained the same despite a 20% absenteeism rate for the upper primary students.



School and Madrassa Food Distribution Statistics

School Feeding Program

This month the number of beneficiaries impacted were:

701

Students from Kakamega Township Primary school

585

Students from Madrassa

Collectively the students impacted were

923

Mama Ibado Charity distributed approximately

14,500

Meals to students in Kakamega Township Primary School

1,776

Meals to the students in the Madrassa Program.

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

16,200



03 Sustainability Program



We are proud of the progress seen on our Sustainability initiative. MIC staff and volunteers have put in a lot of effort to propel our vision forward.

The farms under Mama Ibado Charity have registered significant progress. Matabithi farm had its fence completed while Esmith farm has its fencing at 80% completion.

Both farms have boreholes with each supplying over 10,000 litres per hour. Piping was done for both farms that will allow farming activities to commence. The easy access to water has

been a welcomed development especially to the community surrounding our farm in Esmith. We planted several fruit trees at our Matabithi Farm, such as Mangoes, Pawpaw and Oranges. The recovery rate after transplanting was at 90% with some trees still recovering but showing great induction into the farm.

Meanwhile, livestock numbers continue to grow with one kid birth reported this month. However, due to community event, we had to slaughter 2 goats. This brings the total tally of animals to: 5 cows and 50 goats.





04 Highlights Of The Month



Highlights Of The Month

We held a community engagement event in Isiolo county this month. It was an informative and fun-filled event.

The attendance characterized members and leaders of the Turkana community who reside within Esmit area, Isiolo. A number of Mama Ibado Charity beneficiaries were in attendance

and full of cheer to meet with other beneficiaries and MIC staff.

The main aim for the event was to celebrate the progress made at Esimit farm as well as discuss way forward on how the community can benefit from this development.

The event was graced by song and dance and the entire community making merry.






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