

THE NAMBALE



NAMBALE MAGNET SCHOOL

2024 IMPACT REPORT



A Message from the Board of Nambale Magnet School: Celebrating Our Work in 2024

As we reflect on the incredible journey of Nambale Magnet School, we are filled with immense gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication over the past 15 years. Together, we have created a brighter future for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) in the Nambale community.

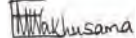
Your steadfast partnership has been instrumental in enabling us to provide quality education and nurturing environments for those who need it most. The impact of your generosity extends far beyond the classroom, leaving a legacy of hope and opportunity that touches generations.

In 2024, we celebrate this remarkable milestone with heartfelt appreciation for the profound difference you have made. Your belief in our mission has been the driving force behind every success, and your continued commitment inspires us to keep pushing boundaries.

As we look to the future, we are excited to continue this extraordinary journey of empowerment and transformation. Together, we will break the cycle of poverty, extend the gift of education, and build a foundation of hope for the children of rural western Kenya.

Thank you for standing with us every step of the way.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Rev. Evalyn Wakhusama
Founder and Director
Nambale Magnet School



ABOUT NMS

WHO WE ARE

In the heart of Nambale Sub- County, Busia County, in Kenya lies the Nambale Magnet School (NMS)- a place where hope meets opportunity. NMS is more than just a primary school; it is a vibrant community that brings together orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) and those from more privileged backgrounds, creating a unique space for shared growth and learning. As a project of Women's Initiative in Knowledge and Survival (WIKS), NMS is guided by a vision to unlock potential and nurture dignity for all. Over the years, it has flourished into a beacon of academic excellence and innovation, inspiring transformation both within and beyond the Nambale community.





Vision

To be a beacon of hope and a symbol of development where all may realize their potential.

Mission

To be a center of excellence in education by providing quality basic education and vocational education for the real world.

Guiding Approach

Rooted in our mission and vision, NMS adopts a holistic approach to education, one that nurtures academic excellence, character development, and community impact. Our commitment extends beyond the classroom, embracing innovative practices, sustainability initiatives, and partnerships that empower learners and the surrounding community.

STRATEGIC PILLARS

We are now in the second year of implementing our strategy, which is anchored on three core pillars:



Access to Safe, Inclusive, Protective, and Lifelong Education

NMS champions quality education for all, blending OVC and learners from privileged households to foster equity and community transformation. We ensure inclusive, lifelong learning opportunities that empower individuals and communities.



Sustainable Livelihoods

Addressing the challenges of climate change and poverty, NMS has established model agricultural ventures that inspire and educate. Through initiatives like organic farming, tree planting, rainwater harvesting, and clean energy solutions, the school promotes self-sustainability and community resilience.



Sustainable Partnerships and Resource Mobilization

NMS is dedicated to building strong, reliable partnerships for financial and technical support, ensuring its vision for a thriving community remains achievable and sustainable.

Our 2024 Impact:

Anchored Along Three Pillars

I. Access to Safe, Inclusive, Protective, and Lifelong Education

In 2024, Nambale Magnet School (NMS) expanded to serve 475 learners, integrating orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) with tuition-paying students to foster equity and inclusivity. Despite rising poverty (83%) and food insecurity in Busia County, NMS maintained its commitment to quality education, achieving a 100% high school transition rate for 15 consecutive years. Plans are underway to launch Grade 9 in 2025, completing the transition to a full Junior Secondary School and aligning with the Competency-Based Curriculum.

Key Highlights:

- 155 students in the sponsorship program, including children with special needs.
- Infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the new grade level.
- Enhanced teacher professional development for sustained academic excellence.





2. Sustainable Livelihoods

NMS has become a hub for agricultural innovation, promoting resilience and sustainability in the community. Model ventures like poultry, dairy, and Black Soldier Fly (BSF) farming generate income and serve as learning opportunities for the Busia community. Partnerships with organizations like ICIPE have amplified these efforts, positioning NMS as a satellite training center in sustainable farming.

Key Highlights:

- Increased community engagement in climate change mitigation through sustainable farming practices.
- Expanded food production and income-generating activities, including pig farming and organic farming techniques.



3. Sustainable Partnerships and Resource Mobilization

NMS's impact is powered by a diverse network of local and international partners who contribute financial and technical resources. Partnerships with organizations like WIKS USA, Corner Stone Foundation, Ubuntu KCDE Foundation, Nambale Scholar Foundation, American Friends of Kenya, and have supported operating expenses, infrastructure, scholarships, and innovative programs.

In 2024, 155 learners benefited from sponsorships, enabling them to access quality education despite economic challenges.

Key Highlights:

- **WIKS USA** - played a pivotal role in supporting the mission of providing quality education to learners facing economic challenges. By offering vital funding for operating expenses, WIKS USA ensured the seamless functioning of programs that directly benefit Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs). Beyond financial contributions, WIKS USA demonstrated exceptional leadership by actively supporting OVCs and expanding the program's impact through strategic collaboration. Their efforts to bring in mission partners have strengthened and sustained initiatives, creating a lasting positive impact on the community and the lives of countless learners.



Key Highlights.....CONT'D:

- **The Nambale Cornerstone Project** - made a significant impact in 2024 by providing crucial support for operating expenses essential to the care and development of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs). Their unwavering commitment to nurturing vulnerable learners was reinforced through sustainable contributions, ensuring that these children had access to the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.
- **The Ubuntu KCDE Foundation** - continued its invaluable support by delivering essential funding for operating expenses, directly benefiting Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs). Their steadfast commitment has been instrumental in ensuring the stability of programs that provide equitable access to education, empowering vulnerable learners to achieve their potential.
- **The Nambale Scholars Foundation** - focused on empowering alumni by providing scholarships that extended support to both high school and tertiary education students. Through their contributions, scholars were able to pursue advanced education and develop career pathways, fostering long-term empowerment and creating opportunities for personal and professional growth.
- **Support from American Friends of Kenya (AFK)** -The American Friends of Kenya (AFK) continued to enhance our learning environment by providing valuable library books. This contribution has significantly enriched our library resources, fostering a culture of reading and learning among our students. The support from AFK underscores the importance of partnerships in ensuring access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.
- **Support from Rotary International** - Rotary International chapter from California, Orange County have played a vital role in advancing our infrastructure and health initiatives. Their support enabled the development of a robust water management and irrigation system, ensuring sustainable water access for our school and agricultural projects. Additionally, they contributed to the establishment of a new telehealth operation, enhancing healthcare access for the NMS community.
- **Enhanced Collaboration with Heshima** - Our partnership with Heshima reached new heights, enabling 20 orphaned and vulnerable children (OVCs) to join the NMS community. Under this collaboration, Heshima and NMS share the cost of their education, with each covering half of the tuition fees. This initiative exemplifies our commitment to inclusive education and highlights the power of partnerships in transforming lives and fostering equity.

New Collaborations in 2024

- **Our collaboration with the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) and Bio Kenya** has significantly enhanced agricultural productivity and sustainability efforts, advancing our vision for a resilient and empowered community. Together, we launched an innovative Black Soldier Fly (BSF) rearing project, positioning NMS as a satellite training center for the Busia community. This project not only boosts local agricultural practices but also incorporates principles of the circular economy. By converting organic waste into high-value products such as animal feed and organic fertilizer, the initiative creates a sustainable cycle that reduces waste, improves soil health, and enhances food security. This collaboration represents a significant milestone in promoting sustainable practices, environmental stewardship, and community empowerment. It underscores our commitment to innovative solutions that address pressing challenges while fostering a self-reliant and sustainable ecosystem.
- **Spiritual Development** - At NMS, we are committed to nurturing not only academic excellence but also the faith and moral development of our learners. To support this, we have established a new partnership with an institution called Iserve Africa, a seminary to provide chaplain interns on an ongoing basis. This program ensures that our students receive consistent spiritual guidance, fostering holistic growth and reinforcing values that complement their educational journey.





PLANNED PROGRAMS FOR 2025

1. **Launch Grade 9 Curriculum:** Fully transition to Junior Secondary School with 60 new enrollments.
2. **Expand Special Needs Programs:** Increase enrollment of learners with disabilities by 15% and train additional special education staff.
3. **Black Soldier Fly Training Initiative:** Train 50 community members and scale production by 20% to boost food security and environmental conservation.



These initiatives reaffirm our commitment to holistic education, community empowerment, and sustainable practices. As we forge ahead, NMS remains a beacon of hope, academic excellence, and resilience for the Nambale community and beyond. Together, we continue to transform lives and inspire brighter futures.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

We are keen on ensuring that our impact extends beyond the school, transforming the surrounding community through sustainable initiatives. To achieve this, we are focusing on two key instruments:

Farmer Academy

The Farmer Academy will empower local farmers with modern techniques, hands-on training, and agribusiness skills to boost productivity and sustainability. By promoting innovative practices and value addition, the academy aims to transform farming into a profitable enterprise, addressing food insecurity and fostering economic growth within the community.

Community Resource Centre

The Community Resource Centre will provide access to education, digital literacy, and vocational training, empowering individuals with skills for personal and professional growth. Serving as a hub for innovation and collaboration, it will drive social and economic progress, fostering sustainable solutions to local challenges.



GRATITUDE TO OUR PARTNERS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the partners who have walked this journey with us over the years. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in shaping the lives of our scholars and the broader Nambale community. From funding educational programs to providing resources and mentorship, your contributions have made a tangible impact that will resonate for generations.

Together, we have nurtured dreams, fostered resilience, created employment and opened doors of opportunity for vulnerable children. As we look to the future, we remain inspired by your partnership and commitment, which continue to drive our mission forward.

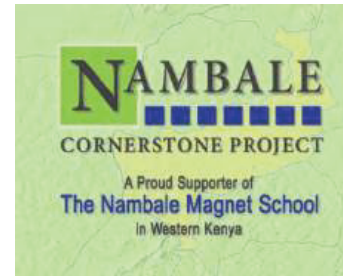
Thank you for being an integral part of our story of hope and transformation.



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