

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Kilifi. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted them.

Kilifi is a hot, drought-prone province on the coast of Kenya. Last year, a particularly brutal drought left hundreds of thousands of residents' food insecure. This year, Plan provided food rations to 18,380 people and school lunches for 3,976 children. Plan was also able to provide 3,225 girls aged 9 to 18 years with sanitary packs which enable them to attend school.

Kilifi residents of all ages were trained in Climate Smart farming techniques, which encourage sustainable food production.

We know the best is yet to come and your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Kilifi.



3976

Children received free lunches at school



1076

Students learned entrepreneurial skills



120

Desks were bought for classrooms in Kilifi



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN KENYA

Hear from Maryanne about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"My parents lost their jobs due to COVID-19. It was a bad experience. Through Plan International, my parents received some money which helped us to buy food. I still use the reusable masks provided through Plan International."

CASE STORY: CHILD SPONSORSHIP TRANSFORMING LIVES



NAME: SWALEHE

AGE: 31 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: MENTORSHIP

"After university, I was given an opportunity to work with Plan International as an intern in 2015. I am currently working as a project assistant in Kwale. It is exciting to work with Plan International because the organisation has nurtured me to become a better person."

Meet Swalehe

Like your sponsored child, Swalehe has been empowered by Plan International to change his life. In 1998, Swalehe was a sponsored child of Plan International living in Kwale. Today, he is a community leader, a dedicated mentor, and a valued employee of Plan.

Education Opening Up Doors

In Kwale, just 29% of primary school students continue their education to secondary school. When Swalehe was a student, Plan built classrooms at his school and provided vital learning resources to children in Kwale. During school holidays, Plan worked to keep children engaged in their education, offering encouragement and mentorship.

Swalehe was a dedicated student. After graduating with high marks, Swalehe pursued development studies in university. In 2015, Swalehe reconnected with Plan, no longer a sponsored child but an intern. By the next year, he was an employee. During those years, Swalehe built on what he learned in the classroom with the coaching of Plan's staff, exploring project design, facilitation, and community mobilisation.

Skills To Succeed

Today, Swalehe assists with Plan's coastal livelihoods and environmental management projects in Kwale. In a mark of his financial stability, Swalehe bought his parents a home, so they no longer have to worry about their basic needs.

Swalehe's experience with Plan has made him a passionate advocate for mentoring young people, and many children in Kwale view him as a role model. Reflecting on his commitment to mentorship, Swalehe says, "I hope I can influence children to become better adults in the future."



Swalehe brings food to his community

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 10,662 CHILDREN IN KILIFI

OUR PROJECTS IN KILIFI ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



DISASTER PREVENTION

Community members of all ages learned new techniques for disaster preparedness. This year, students and caregivers in Kilifi took proactive steps toward preparing for the unexpected.

1,050 individuals were trained in record keeping and business management. Participants also received an “income generating kit” – tents, chairs, a PA system and catering equipment – to host financially viable events.

Over six months, 77 young students (51 of them women) took vocational courses in welding and lathe machine operation. 10 students (6 women, 4 men) are now employed.

Plan also participated with 7 schools in Kilifi, which educated 280 students on Climate Smart farming. Students were eager to learn about soil conservation and drought tolerant crops.

From providing free school lunches to teaching children about Climate Smart farming, children in Kilifi were cared for despite dire crop shortages.

NO LONGER HUNGRY



Last year, Kilifi experienced 85% total crop failure. For a region reliant on subsistence farming, the effects were devastating. At the start of the year, 250,000 people in Kilifi were in need of food assistance.

By serving free meals at local schools, Plan addressed food insecurity for 3,976 children over 6 months. This single meal was enough to keep 100% of students returning to school, and teachers reported that their students had more energy.

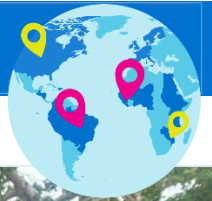
Plan also provided menstrual hygiene supplies to 3,225 local girls. 3,676 families received food rations of maize, beans, iodized salt and cooking oil. An additional 1,176 families received hygiene kits.

“We received a drip irrigation kit and water harvesting pond to help us grow vegetables during the dry season. Even though the rain has not come for some time, the water we harvested 3 months ago is available. I am learning a lot.”

- Dama, 16 from Kilifi



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



48%

Of people in Kilifi have experienced food shortages



31%

Of children in Kilifi are underweight



14%

Of teenage girls in Kilifi are mothers



Your support helps children to stand up for their futures.

- Child marriages in Kilifi exclude women from education and other opportunities. Our Girls Get Equal campaign will encourage young people to work against gender inequality and uplift girls and women.
- Violence against children is prevalent in Kenya. Plan will continue to advocate for children's rights through lobbying for greater political protection for youths.
- The majority of households in Kilifi rely on subsistence farming. We will offer vocational training to local youths so that they can pursue alternate forms of income.
- As local farmers struggle to get by with drought-damaged land, we will continue to team up with schools and families to offer lessons in climate smart farming.

We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Kilifi.



“Children and households were supported to have at least one meal per day, which had a positive impact on school attendance and the general health of people in drought affected areas. Thank you so much for sponsoring a child in Kilifi.”

Faith Mbatia
Programme Area Manager, Kilifi

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS