



Tenda Wema

A Call to Give



PAL NETWORK
People's Action for Learning



Zizi Afrique
Foundation

Shekale ECDE

Tenda Wema is a call to give so that all children may go to school and learn. The Swahili people have a proverb that says 'Tenda wema, nenda zako'. This saying encapsulates the citizens responsibility to act justly (to do good) because it is the right thing to do. Any needy child or young person, without qualifying that they need to be 'bright' benefits.

Tenda Wema is centred on the firm belief that citizens have agency and they must act with urgency. Hence, the project is sustained through volunteerism. It is spurred by the spirit of Ubuntu.

Before



After



Tenda Wema: Its Beginnings

Tenda Wema started as a research project in 2012 among the Sanye (Lamu) and Munyoyaya (Tana River) minority communities. The research findings were damning on the status of schooling and learning. No one amongst the Sanye had ever completed primary school. This fact offered a sense of purpose to the research team who resolved to undertake two actions: support two early childhood centres amongst the Sanye to ease their entry to the school system; and sponsor a group of 11 children to join the nearby Mokowe Arid-Zone, a low-cost boarding primary school. Along the way, some of the children dropped out of school as did some sponsors.

A decade later, the resilient few trudged on, leaving visible footprints:

1. The county government has taken over Shekale ECDE centre. It constructed two classrooms and pays the salary of 2 pre-school teachers.
2. Bahati Njema ECDE centre has grown to become a registered primary school staffed by the government (TSC). Other sponsors have come in to drill a borehole and build a kitchen.
3. Three of the 11 children completed their primary education and transitioned to secondary school. Whereas one girl dropped out due to pregnancy, two of these (one girl, one boy) are continuing with their secondary education. Soon, there will be a child from the Sanye who will have completed secondary schooling.

What started as the Minorities project seeded Tenda Wema – an initiative centred around giving, however big or small that a child or young person may learn and thrive. Most initiatives target needy and bright children. Tenda Wema seeks out the needy, the one left behind, and is largely invisible in the numerous school scholarships and bursary schemes and supports them.

Tenda Wema seeks to be bolder in order to respond to the need.

Tenda Wema Support Efforts

2020

Tenda Wema Officially started

Children being sponsored in 2022



9 Girls and 8 Boys get school fees support paid directly to their institutions of learning.



5 Ladies and 2 Gents are currently enrolled in tertiary institutions.

8

Young people have completed their education (4 primary, 2 secondary and 2 tertiary).

KES 200,000

Was raised in 2021 through the Ndotu Zetu initiative of Safaricom Foundation to purchase furniture and learning materials for Shekale ECDE centre and Bahati Njema primary school.

KES 1,875,600

Cumulatively raised by end of May 2022.

The Tenda Wema Givers give in cash and kind. Some make a monthly payment. Others give annually. Some offer their time to manage the project or be guardians to the children. Others offer their 'intellect' by donating professional fees towards the course. Each give whatever is within their means.

We acknowledge the 2020, 2021 and 2022 givers who cumulatively raised KES 1,875,600 by end of May 2022.

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