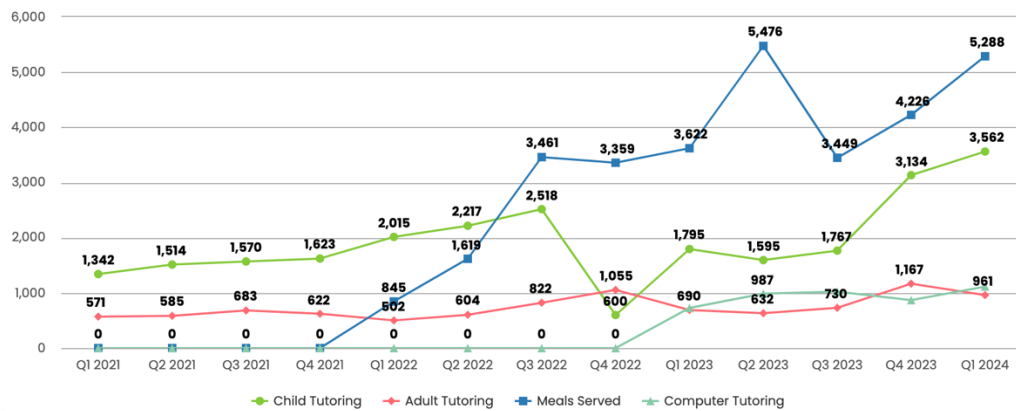




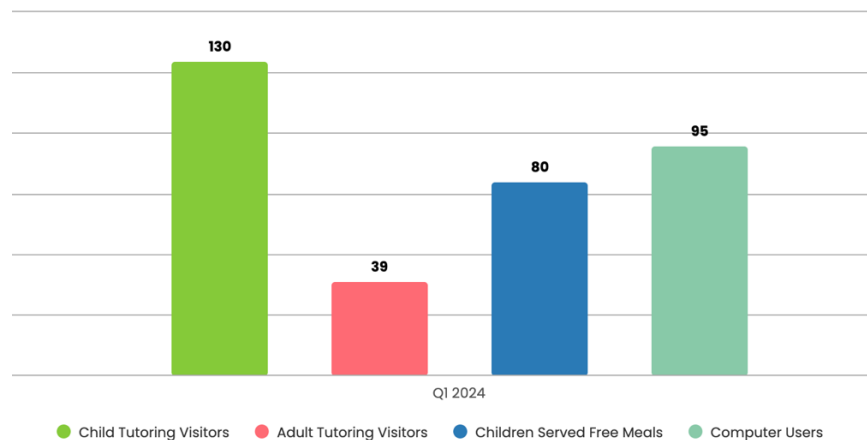
# SHED A LIGHT 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2024 REPORT

SHED A LIGHT PROGRAM	IMPACT (Q1 2024, January - March)
FEEDING PROGRAM	5,288 MEALS SERVED (80 UNIQUE CHILDREN)
TUTORING PROGRAM	3,562 LEARNER VISITS (130 UNIQUE CHILDREN)
ADULT LITERACY	962 LEARNER VISITS (39 UNIQUE ADULTS)
STUDENT SPONSORSHIP	6 STUDENTS' SCHOOL FEES PAID FOR 2024
DIGITAL LITERACY	1,115 LEARNER VISITS (95 UNIQUE CHILDREN / ADULTS)
OTHER DONATIONS	BOOKS / SOCCER BOOTS (from SUSAN and MONTY)

**Shed A Light By The Numbers**



**Shed A Light (SAL) Unique Program Stakeholders - Q1 2024**







## **FEEDING PROGRAM**

The Shed A Light Initiative's feeding program has emerged as a vital component for both the Mara Moja nursery school and the Shed A Light library in boosting the number of students attending classes. Through the provision of nutritious meals, the program has facilitated enhanced concentration among the children, resulting in improved academic performance.

In the first quarter of 2024, there was a noticeable increase in the student population, with attendance rising from 75 to 80 unique children. This growth serves as clear evidence of the positive impact generated by the feeding program. During this period, Shed A Light successfully provided a total of 5,288 meals to children in need, ensuring they received essential nourishment, crucial for their learning and development.

The success of this program would not have been possible without the generous support of donors who have consistently backed this cause. Their contributions have made a tangible difference in the lives of these children, offering them sustenance, and fostering an environment conducive to learning.

## **TUTORING PROGRAM**

We increased our students tutoring attendance number from 3,134 (2023 4th quarter) to 3,562 in first quarter of 2024.

## **ADULT LITERACY**

We received a decrease in our adult literacy attendance as compared to 2023 4th quarter. This was due to the ongoing dry season in our pastoralist community. In future we are working on a mechanism to ensure that learners attend classes no matter the season.

## **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

Shed A Light increased the number of sponsored students to 6 students in 2024, who are direct beneficiaries of Shed A Light sponsorship program.



## **DIGITAL LITERACY**

There is a significant increase in number for people who are attending our computer classes from last year (2023).

## **OTHER DONATIONS**

Football boots from SUSAN and MONTY The donation of football boots from Monty and Susan have had a significant impact on the Tumaini football club. Proper equipment is essential for any sports team, as it allows players to perform at their best and reduces the risk of injuries. These new boots will provide the club's youth members with the necessary gear to develop their skills and compete at a higher level. Additionally, the boots may also help to foster a sense of community and team spirit, as the members will feel valued and supported by the donors.

Books and other Stationary from NANCY and her Students The donation of books and pens from Nancy has greatly benefited the library and, in turn, the students. Access to educational resources is a crucial factor in academic success, and these new materials will help to create a more engaging and effective learning environment. The books will provide a wider range of knowledge and information for students to explore, while the pens will ensure that they have the necessary tools to express their thoughts and ideas. With these donations, the students will be better equipped to succeed in their studies and reach their full potential.

## **Challenges**

**Limited Space in the Library** One of the challenges that the Shed A Light Initiative is currently facing is the lack of enough space in their library. The current library is not big enough to accommodate the growing number of children in the community who rely on it for their educational needs. As a result, some children are forced to study outside, which can be uncomfortable and distracting. Moreover, it can be challenging to maintain a conducive learning environment when the library is overcrowded. By building a bigger resource center (a priority for 2024), we can provide more space for children to access various educational resources.





**Security Concerns** Another challenge that the Shed A Light Initiative is facing is the need for a fence along its perimeter. The library is located in a rural area where wild animals such as hyenas, lions, and snakes are prevalent. Additionally, domestic animals such as stray dogs and goats often wander into the library premises, causing distractions and posing a threat to the children's safety. Building a fence around the library will help keep these animals away, ensuring that the children can study in a safe and secure environment. This will not only contribute to the overall educational development and empowerment of children in the community but also ensure their safety while at the library.

**Funding Challenges** The Shed A Light Initiative also faces challenges in getting funds to keep their sponsored kids in school. Many children in the community come from low-income families and cannot afford to pay for their secondary education (~\$250 - \$500 per year). Through sponsorship, these children can access quality education, which can significantly impact their future opportunities. However, keeping them in school requires consistent funding, which can be challenging to obtain. By providing funds to support these children's education, we can help ensure that they have access to quality education, enabling them to achieve their full potential. This will contribute significantly to the overall educational development and empowerment of children in the community.

**Sanitation Challenges** Finally, the Shed A Light Initiative faces sanitation challenges since they do not have a toilet within the library premises. The lack of proper sanitation facilities can pose health risks to the children and make it challenging for them to focus on their studies. Building toilets for the library will help address this challenge and contribute significantly to ensuring that the children have a safe and healthy learning environment. Proper sanitation facilities are essential for maintaining good hygiene practices and preventing diseases that can affect children's health and academic performance. By building toilets for the library, we can help ensure that children have access to proper sanitation facilities, contributing significantly to their overall well-being and academic success. Construction on toilets is planned to begin in April 2024.



## Student Sponsorship Information

### Fridah Kenid

- Grade: 8
- Wants to attend a national school and enjoys utilizing the Shed A Light library
- Dreams of becoming a doctor



Sponsored for 2024

### Tasiana Kajuju

- Grade: 8
- Aspires to become an activist, dedicated to helping other children facing similar challenges in her community



Sponsored for 2024

### Lucy Awour

- Grade: 8
- Lucy recently scored impressive marks, showcasing her intelligence and dedication to her studies.



Sponsored for 2024

### Ann Cheptchumba

- Grade: 9
- Fascinated by mathematics and history
- Dreams of being a soldier to protect women in northern Kenya



Sponsored for 2024

### Careen Koech

- Grade: 9
- Loves exploring computer programs at the Shed A Light library
- Dreams of being a software engineer



Sponsored for 2024

### Valentine Ntongai

- Grade: 9
- Enjoys learning about different scientific concepts, especially Chemistry and Biology
- Dreams of becoming a doctor



Sponsored for 2024





# Fridah Kenid

Grade 8

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**Interest:**

- Meet Fridah Kenid, a remarkable young girl from Mara Moja Village and a beneficiary of the Shed A Light initiative. She recently achieved an outstanding score of 353 marks in her primary school exams, making her the highest-scoring girl in the history of our village. Hailing from a family of four, Fridah aspires to become a doctor and be the catalyst of change in her community. With her deep passion for dancing and a burning desire to treat people in her village, she envisions a brighter future for her community. Despite the challenges faced by her casual worker parents, who depend on sand harvesting for their livelihood, Fridah remains grateful to Shed A Light for providing her with a safe space to study and pursue her dreams.

**Aspirations:**

- Fridah's determination and gratitude are truly inspiring. Not only does she excel academically, but she also dreams of attending a national school. With the support and opportunities provided by Shed A Light, Fridah is ready to take on new challenges and strive towards her goal of becoming a doctor. Let us join hands in applauding Fridah's achievements and supporting her in realizing her dreams.



# Tasiana Kajuju

Grade 8

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**Interest:**

- Meet Tasiana Kajuju, a resilient young girl who has faced incredible adversity at a young age. Orphaned at the tender age of four, Tasiana's life took an even more difficult turn when her beloved grandmother, who had been caring for her, passed away in 2020. Despite these heartbreaking losses, Tasiana remains determined to succeed in her studies and make a difference in her community. She aspires to become an activist, dedicated to helping other children facing similar challenges.

**Aspirations:**

- However, the path to achieving her goals is laden with obstacles. Currently, Tasiana is living with her aunt, who supports the family through casual labor. The uncertainty and unpredictability of this work make it increasingly challenging for her aunt to provide for the family's basic needs, including Tasiana's education. Despite these daunting challenges, Tasiana's determination remains unyielding as she seeks to overcome these barriers and achieve her dreams of uplifting the lives of children in her community.





# Lucy Awour

Grade 8

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**Interest:**

- Meet Lucy Awour, a determined and resilient young girl who has defied the odds. Despite being the sixth-born in a family of eight children, Lucy has managed to shine through her academic achievements. Recently, she scored an impressive 321 marks in the just-concluded KCPE exams, showcasing her intelligence and dedication to her studies. However, her joy is bittersweet because the harsh reality of her family's circumstances threatens to dash her hopes of continuing her education.

**Aspirations:**

- Lucy's parents are humble peasant farmers, struggling to make ends meet for their large family. The burden of financial responsibility falls on her elder sister, Bilha, who is the only educated member of their family. Bilha works tirelessly to support two other siblings who are currently in high school. Lucy looks up to Bilha as her role model, seeing in her the opportunity for a brighter future.



# Ann Chumba

Grade 9

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**Interest:**

- Ann is fascinated by mathematics and has a strong inclination towards problem-solving. She also enjoys reading and has a particular interest in history, especially ancient civilizations. Moreover, she has a passion for playing soccer and is a member of Tumaini Football team, which is Shed A Light's community team that works towards empowering youth from the community.

**Aspirations:**

- In the future, she hopes to become a soldier and work on providing security to the North part of Kenya which has very high insecurity and has resulted in schools being shut down, making it difficult to many learners to realize their dreams. She also aspires to contribute to the empowerment of girls in the community.







# Valentine Cherono

Grade 9

**Interest:**

- Valentine is very passionate about science and enjoys learning about different scientific concepts, especially Chemistry and Biology. She also has a keen interest in art and loves to express her creativity through drawing and painting. Additionally, she is interested in playing musical instruments, particularly the piano, as well as dancing.

**Aspirations:**

- When she grows up, Valentine dreams of becoming a doctor who specializes in treating children, since many children in her community have been dying of illness. Valentine is inspired to make a positive impact on the lives of young patients and help them overcome health challenges.



# Careen Koech

Grade 9

**Interest:**

- Careen has a strong passion for technology and computers. She enjoys exploring new software and digital tools in the Shed A Light library. Outside of technology, Careen has an interest in photography and loves capturing moments through her camera lens. Her favorite subjects are Physics and Kiswahili.

**Aspirations:**

- In the future, she aspires to become a software engineer and work on developing innovative applications and solutions that can make a positive impact on people's lives. She is also motivated to contribute to the advancement of technology and creating user-friendly digital experiences for people in Africa.





