



SHED A LIGHT THIRD QUARTER 2023 REPORT (JULY - SEPTEMBER)

1. CHILDREN ENGAGEMENT – 1,767 engagements
2. ADULT LITERACY – 730 engagements
3. FEEDING PROGRAM – 3,457 meals served
4. COMPUTER CLASSES – 1,023 engagements
5. SPONSORSHIP – 3 girls under sponsorship (securing funding for 2024 sponsorship)
6. CHALLENGES – Plumbing, fencing, and renovations for the library
7. OTHER

CHILDREN ENGAGEMENT

- Schools were opened for 2nd term on 11th May and closed on 11 August 2023. For the past 3 months, we had increased engagement with youth learners since many students have made it a priority to attend these classes in addition to fulfilling their family/farming duties.
- Youth learner engagements Q3 2023: 1,767

ADULT LITERACY

- Adult literacy is of utmost importance in the Shed a Light community for several compelling reasons:
 - Firstly, adult literacy is the cornerstone for empowerment and upward social mobility. As adults gain literacy skills, they are better equipped to access education and employment opportunities, enabling them to break free from the cycle of poverty and build a brighter future for themselves and their families.
 - Additionally, adult literacy fosters active civic participation, as individuals who are literate can confidently engage in community affairs, make informed decisions, and advocate for their rights and the betterment of their community.
 - Furthermore, adult literacy provides the essential foundation for lifelong learning, enabling individuals to acquire new knowledge, improve their skills, and adapt to the ever-changing demands of the modern world.
 - By investing in adult literacy programs, Shed A Light community can empower its adult population, transform lives, and create a more prosperous and inclusive society for all!
- Adult engagement for Q3 2023: 730

MEAL SERVED

- Due to limited funds, we had to pause the feeding program for July, to keep the other programs running.
- Upon hearing this news, Nancy Bowman and her husband offered to support the feeding program moving forward!
- We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Nancy Bowman and her husband for their invaluable support in providing the feeding program. Their generosity and



dedication have made a significant impact on the lives of the students we serve. By ensuring that the students have access to nutritious meals, Nancy Bowman and her husband have not only addressed a critical need but have also played a vital role in promoting their overall well-being and academic success. Their kindness and compassion have made a lasting difference in the lives of these students, and we are truly grateful for their unwavering commitment to our cause!

- Meal served in Q3 2023: 3,457

COMPUTER CLASSES

- Digital literacy has emerged as a crucial skill set in today's increasingly connected world, and its importance within the community has grown significantly. This is evident from the rising number of individuals engaging in digital literacy programs and the adoption of technological devices, such as laptops, by community members. Many learners are experiencing the use of a laptop for the first time, highlighting the impact of digital literacy initiatives.
- Digital literacy has brought about a transformative change within the community, offering numerous benefits and opportunities. Firstly, it empowers individuals by equipping them with vital digital skills, enabling them to navigate the digital landscape confidently. As more community members gain proficiency in using laptops and other digital tools, they can access a wealth of information, online resources, and educational platforms. This newfound knowledge contributes to their personal growth, enhances their employability prospects, and fosters lifelong learning.
- Moreover, digital literacy has fostered a sense of inclusion and connectivity within the community. Previously marginalized individuals are now able to bridge the digital divide and participate actively in the digital realm. Access to technology and digital skills has enabled community members to connect with others, share ideas, and collaborate on various projects. This has led to the formation of online communities and networks, promoting social cohesion and knowledge sharing. The growing number of learners engaging in digital literacy programs signifies the community's recognition of the importance of digital skills and their determination to embrace the opportunities offered by the digital age.
- In conclusion, the increasing popularity of digital literacy within the community is evident from the rising number of learners and their embrace of technology, such as laptops. Digital literacy has played a vital role in empowering community members, enabling them to acquire essential digital skills and access a wide range of educational and informational resources. Additionally, it has fostered inclusivity and connectivity within the community, promoting social cohesion and collaboration.
- Q3 2023 witnessed a notable milestone: 1,023 computer engagements

SPONSORSHIP

- We are thrilled to announce that three students who are recipients of our scholarship program successfully returned to school in May for the second term of the year, with



their school fees fully paid. This achievement is a testament to our commitment to providing educational opportunities to deserving students.

- We are excited to witness their progress and growth in school. During a recent school follow-up, we had the opportunity to engage with the school administration, and their feedback left us impressed:
 - The academic results of the students are as follows: Ann Cheptchumba achieved a Grade B, Careen Koech obtained a Grade C+, and Valentine Ntongai attained a Grade C. These results demonstrate the dedication and hard work of the students, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.
- The successful payment of school fees for these three students has ensured uninterrupted education for them throughout the second term of the year, which concludes in August 2023. By removing the financial burden, we have enabled them to focus on their studies and fully engage in their academic pursuits. The positive feedback we received from the school administration further validates the impact of our scholarship program. We are delighted to see the tangible results of our efforts reflected in the students' academic achievements. We believe that providing educational opportunities to deserving students not only empowers them individually but also has a ripple effect on their families and communities, creating a brighter future for all.

CHALLENGES

- Inadequate space to cater for the growing number of learners at the library. Library restoration & fencing estimated costs (required by 2024): ~1,500 USD
- Need toilets and other sanitation in the library. Plumbing / toilet estimated cost: ~550 USD
- Require 2024 sponsorship for our 3 currently sponsored secondary students. Three students estimated annual school fees: ~1,000 USD (with variation depending on school)

OTHER

- Our local football team, which was formed by Shed A Light initiative, was promoted from county to regional level.
- We were able to get two soccer balls donated, which has really boosted team morale and improved performance on the field.