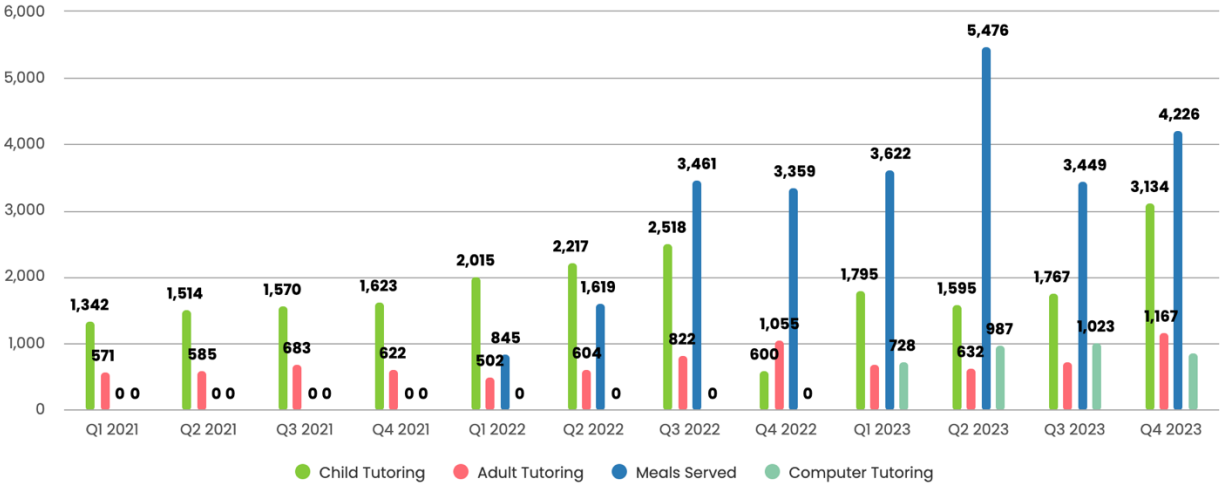


A close-up photograph of a young child with dark skin and short hair, wearing a bright pink long-sleeved shirt. The child is holding a green, textured plastic cup to their mouth and drinking. In the background, other children are visible, including one in a green and yellow shirt on the left and another in a yellow shirt on the right. The text "SHED A LIGHT FOURTH QUARTER 2023 REPORT (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)" is overlaid in white on a black background across the middle of the image.

**SHED A LIGHT FOURTH QUARTER 2023  
REPORT (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)**

PROGRAM	IMPACT (Q4 2023)
FEEDING PROGRAM	4,226 MEALS SERVED
TUTORING PROGRAM	3,134 LEARNERS
ADULT LITERACY	1,167 LEARNERS
STUDENT SPONSORSHIP	3 STUDENTS (6 STUDENTS IN 2024)
DIGITAL LITERACY	870 LEARNERS
NDOTO CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT	8 TEAMS RECEIVED JERSEYS
OTHER DONATIONS	240 PENS DONATIONS FROM DARAJA ACADEMY

### Shed A Light By The Numbers



### FEEDING PROGRAM

The Shed A Light Initiative Feeding Program has proven to be a crucial element for both the nursery school and the Shed A Light library. This program has greatly contributed to an increase in the number of learners attending nursery school classes. By providing nutritious meals, the program has enabled the children to concentrate better on their studies, leading to improved academic performance.

In 2023, the number of children attending school has risen from 65 to 75, clearly indicating the positive impact of the feeding program. Shed A Light served a total of 4,226 meals served for Q4 2023 to the children in need.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our generous donors for their unwavering support in making this program possible. Their contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of these children, providing them with nourishment and creating a conducive learning environment.

## **TUTORING PROGRAM**

The Shed A Light Tutoring Program is a remarkable initiative that has provided students in the community with the academic support they need to succeed.

The Program is an educational initiative by Shed A Light to provide students with academic support and guidance. The program offers personalized one-on-one tutoring sessions to students across various academic levels and subject areas.

The Program aims to help students overcome educational challenges and excel in their academic journey. Through personalized attention, the program motivates students to develop critical thinking skills, improve their academic performance, and embrace their unique strengths. Furthermore, the safe space created by the program has provided a conducive learning environment for students to study and revise for their exams.

The reopening of schools on 9th September 2023 marked the beginning of the second term, which ended on 29th October. Over the past three months, from October to December, the engagement of learners in schools has significantly increased. This can be attributed to the fact that most of the students are from pastoral communities, allowing them to take care of their livestock near the library while studying.

During this period, the number of learners increased, leading to a higher level of engagement. The engagement in the fourth quarter (October to December) reached 3,134 learners. This growth in engagement is expected to continue in 2024 as the community strives to empower its members and keep children in school.

Additionally, Shed A Light has been able to provide electricity to the library, which serves as a significant advantage to the learners. Given that most homes in the community are not connected to electricity, the Shed A Light library provides students with a valuable resource that they can use to study at night.

The Shed A Light Tutoring Program is a success story of how academic support and guidance can positively impact students in the community. By providing a safe learning space, the program has helped students to excel academically and increase secondary school enrollment rates. Shed A Light Tutoring Program has made a tangible impact in the community, and it is an initiative worth supporting and investing in for the future.

## **ADULT LITERACY**

Shed A Light Adult Literacy classes have made a significant impact on the adult community, shown in the high attendance of 1,167 participants in Q3 2023. These classes have proven to be instrumental in improving adult literacy rates and empowering individuals in the community. By providing accessible and comprehensive education, Shed A Light has helped adults develop essential reading, writing, and communication skills that are crucial for their personal and professional growth. The classes offer a supportive and inclusive learning environment where participants can enhance their literacy skills at their own pace. Through these classes, adults have gained confidence in their abilities, expanded their knowledge base, and improved their overall quality of life. Shed A Light Adult Literacy classes have truly been transformative for the participants and have played a vital role in fostering a more literate and empowered community.

## **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

We are proud to report on the progress of the three girls under our school sponsorship program. The girls, who were at risk of dropping out of school or being married off at a young age, have shown remarkable resilience and determination throughout their time at school.

These sponsored girls, poised to enter grade 10 next year, have not only found support for their education but have also actively contributed to the community by assisting in the library. Beyond the confines of their studies, their involvement in the library showcases a harmonious blend of academic pursuit and community engagement. This holistic approach to their development is a testament to the success of the Shed A Light initiative in nurturing both education and community involvement among the sponsored students.

Without the assistance of Shed A Light, these girls may have never had the opportunity to attend school or pursue their dreams. Our sponsorship program has not only given them access to education but also equipped them with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in their future endeavors.

We are confident that the three girls (soon to be six girls under sponsorship in 2024) will continue to excel in their studies and reach their full potential with the continued support of Shed A Light. We are committed to providing them with the resources they need to succeed and empowering them to become leaders in their communities.

## **COMPUTER CLASSES**

Through Shed A Light Digital Literacy Class, community members have been able to access a wealth of digital information through the Shed A Light computers that was previously inaccessible to them. This has opened new opportunities for learning, personal growth, and professional development. With the ability to navigate the digital landscape, individuals are empowered to explore various topics of interest, conduct research, and stay informed about current events.

Furthermore, the program has played a crucial role in enhancing employability within the community. By assisting individuals in writing job applications and CVs, Shed A Light Digital Literacy Class has equipped community members with the necessary tools to effectively present their skills and qualifications to potential employers. This has significantly increased their chances of securing employment and improving their economic circumstances.

In addition, the availability of a printer through this program has been immensely beneficial. Community members can now easily print their job applications, CVs, or any other important documents without having to rely on external resources. This convenience has saved time and money for individuals who previously had limited access to printing facilities.

The impact of Shed A Light Digital Literacy Class on the Mara Moja community is evident from the high level of engagement observed. With 870 learners utilizing the computers in Q4 2024, community members are actively participating in and benefiting from this program. The increased engagement signifies a growing interest in acquiring digital literacy skills and utilizing them to improve various aspects of their lives.

## COMMUNITY TUTORING

The October 2023 Ndoto tournament held in Mara Moja village has made a significant impact on the community. Thanks to the sponsorship of BATUK (British Training Unit Kenya), six boys teams and two girls teams received free jerseys. This not only gave the children the opportunity to participate in a fun and healthy activity, but also fostered a sense of teamwork and community spirit. Moreover, the Leo Project brought a much-needed medical clinic to the village, where over 46 people were treated. Drawing Dreams Initiative, the main sponsor of the tournament, also played a vital role in educating the community on the importance of environmental conservation through an education film.

The tournament was not only an opportunity for children to engage in soccer but also provided snacks for all the participants. Shed A Light Initiative was instrumental in ensuring that the tournament and medical clinic ran smoothly. We also organized a mentorship session with the boys from the community as a way of empowering them. The Ndoto tournament has benefited the children and the community at large, and provided a platform for organizations to come together and contribute positively to the community. It is impressive to see how a simple soccer tournament can have a widespread impact in many aspects of the community, and we look forward to more initiatives that will benefit both Mara Moja village and other communities!

## CHALLENGES

The Shed A Light Initiative faces several challenges that need to be addressed. Firstly, the organization requires a **larger space for the library**. Currently, the library is limited in size, making it difficult to accommodate all the books and create a comfortable space for children to read and learn. A bigger space would allow for the expansion of the library's collection and serve a larger number of children.

Secondly, the current library lacks basic **sanitation facilities** such as a toilet or washroom. This poses a challenge for the children who visit the library and need access to these facilities. Providing proper sanitation facilities is necessary to ensure a hygienic and safe environment for the children to utilize the library without any inconvenience.

In addition, the library needs to invest in **more chairs and tables**. Currently, the limited number of chairs and tables result in children having to share them, which can hinder their ability to concentrate and engage in learning. By providing sufficient chairs and tables, the library can create a more conducive environment where children have their dedicated space to read and study.

Lastly, the Shed A Light Initiative aims to support more children in their educational journey by providing **additional sponsorship for high school students**. Many children in the society cannot afford to go to high school due to financial constraints. Expanding the reach of the sponsorship program would require additional funding and resources to ensure that deserving children have the opportunity to pursue their education beyond primary school.

Addressing these challenges will not only improve the quality and accessibility of the library but also contribute to the overall educational development and empowerment of children in the community. By overcoming these obstacles, the Shed A Light Initiative can better serve the educational needs of the children they seek to support.



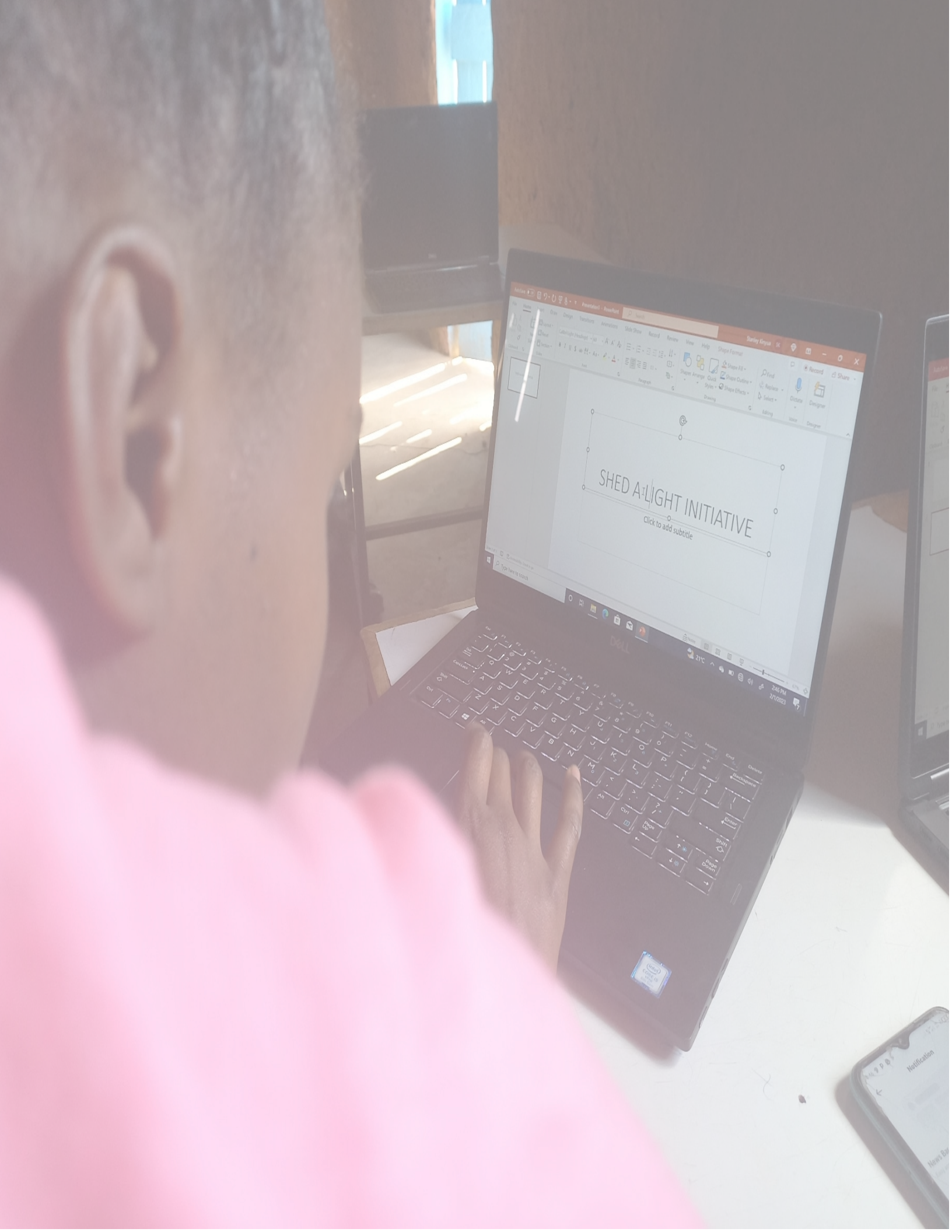
## SHED A LIGHT YOUTH TEAM BUILDING

On Friday, 16th December 2023, the youth from the Mara Moja community embarked on a team-building and life skills lessons program at Daraja Academy. This initiative was made possible through the partnership between Shed A Light Initiative, a community-based organization (CBO), and Daraja Academy. The aim of this program was to empower young men and women from the community by addressing various life skill issues that affect them.

The team-building and life skills lessons program at Daraja Academy, facilitated through the partnership between Shed a Light Initiative and Daraja Academy, was a great success. The program empowered 41 youths from the Mara Moja community with valuable life skills and mentorship. We are confident that this initiative will have a lasting impact on the participants, enabling them to overcome challenges, make informed decisions, and lead fulfilling lives. The commitment of both organizations to the empowerment of the youth is commendable, and we look forward to witnessing the positive outcomes of this partnership in the future.

Partnership for Youth Empowerment	Mentorship Session	Benefits of the Program
<p>The collaboration between Shed A Light Initiative and Daraja Academy is a significant step towards empowering the youth in the Mara Moja community. By combining resources and expertise, these organizations can provide valuable mentorship and life skills training to the youth. This partnership aims to equip them with the necessary tools to navigate challenges and make informed decisions that will positively impact their lives.</p>	<p>During the team-building and life skills lessons program, we were delighted to have 41 youths from the Mara Moja community participate in the mentorship session. The boys received the "Man I Am" program, which focuses on empowering young men to develop a positive sense of self, build healthy relationships, and make responsible choices. Additionally, the girls received the "WISH" program, which aims to empower young women by addressing topics such as self-esteem, communication, and goal-setting.</p>	<p>The mentorship session provided the youth with a safe and supportive environment to learn and grow. By engaging in team-building activities and life skills lessons, the participants were able to develop essential skills such as communication, problem-solving, and leadership. These skills are crucial for their personal development and will contribute to their success in various aspects of life.</p>





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