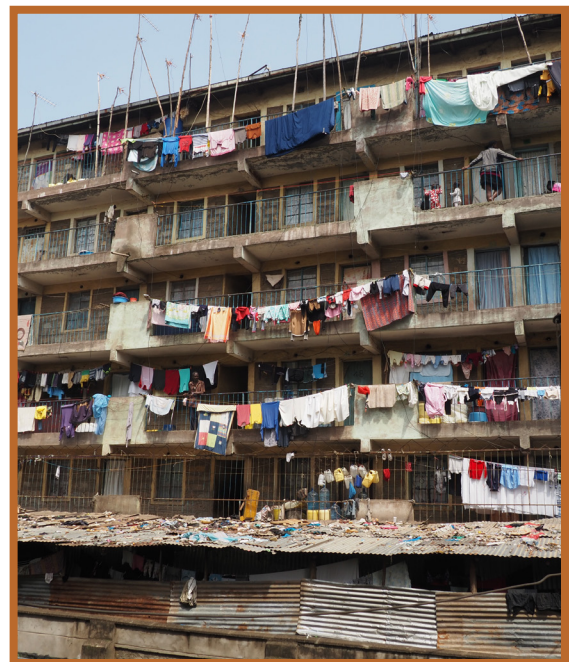
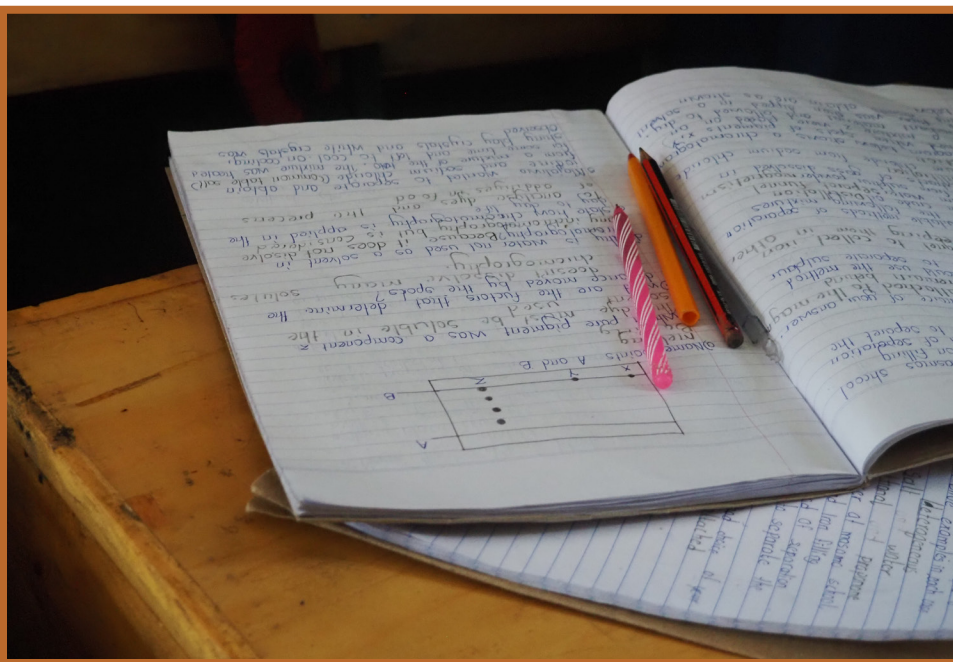
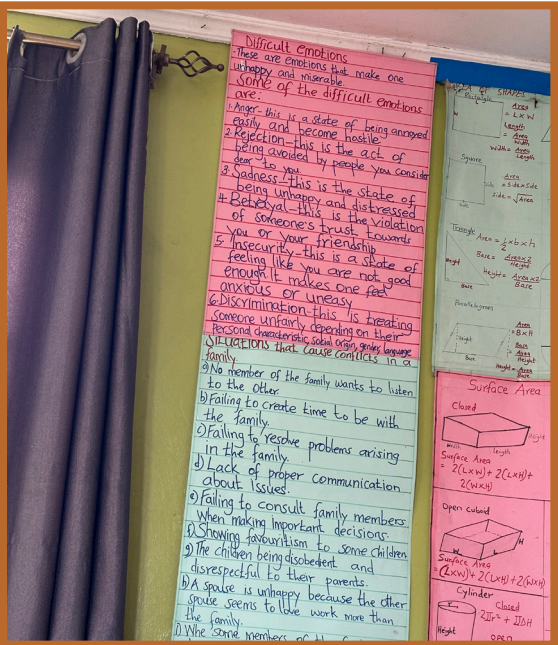




Annual Report 2023

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (ESV)





Friends,

Generally, a worthwhile investment is something that requires careful planning and intentionality, along with patience and discipline to see the return. This is true of our faith as well. When you consider the story of the sower, it was the seed that was planted in the fertile soil that would take time to grow and yield its harvest that was desirable.

Each of you have made an investment in the children and families of eduKenya, and as you know we are not seeking, nor are we expecting, immediate results. We are carefully planning, being intentional with programs and curriculum, seeking to pour into each and every student, regardless of their perceived ability and capacity. We also recognize that our approach of patient investment in the transformation journey is not the norm and therefore, requires patience in the journey with our teachers and staff, as we require a different approach from each of them.

We can look back to 2023 and point to a significant number of victories and progress, but like all things in life, we faced challenges, setbacks, disappointment and discouragement. The beautiful thing about our pursuit of transformation is that it is a continuous journey. It requires patience and intentionality, focused on

the mission and vision God has placed before us. So, as you read this year's report, I hope that you will be encouraged by the stories that you read, but at the same time also remember that, like the parable of the sower, we are seeking to provide fertile ground, planting seeds and trusting with patience and discipline, that God will take the investment of finances, time, prayer, mentorship, discipleship, and imparting knowledge and bring a harvest in the future that we could have never imagined.

Thank you for the seed investment you have made. We are grateful!

Adam Gould
Executive Director/Co-Founder

Who We Are

eduKenya is a movement of people that are driven by the love of Christ to have an impact on the world. It is a catalyst for change in a community languishing in abject poverty.

What is the problem?

Poverty. Chronic, generational, extreme poverty in Mathare, a community of about 600,000 people in Nairobi, Kenya that limits opportunity and stifles capability.

Where do we work?

We focus on particular villages in the larger informal Mathare community that are underserved, with little to no access to public education, or basic social services.

What is transformative education?

Transformation is seeing someone go from one path of expectations and actions to a radically different path of expectations and actions that are counter to the environment they are in.

How do we do it?

We offer opportunity. The chance for the people of Mathare to not only break the cycle of poverty, but thrive, transforming their own community through the purposeful, transformative Christ-centered education of the next generation.

How do we measure progress?

Using eduKenya's **7 Transformation Milestones**, which we incorporate into our learning culture, we are able to measure our success at the different development stages of our learners.

The 7 Transformational Milestones:

- 1. Christ-Centered** - A learner shows growth towards spiritual maturity as followers of Jesus Christ with an understanding of the need for God's grace and love. And because of their freedom in Christ, they can respond in gratitude to God by using their gifts and abilities to glorify God and positively impact others.
- 2. Empowered** - Our learners are exposed to different ideas and gain knowledge to be able to articulate their own understanding and ideas and make wise decisions. Students are ready, willing and able to take action.
- 3. Self Control** - Our learners are patient, disciplined, and make wise decisions. They display growth after constructively dealing with disappointment.
- 4. Positive Change Agents** - Our learners are team players who are ready to lead and/or follow when the opportunity presents itself. They display compassion, critical thinking, creative problem solving, humility and positive persistence.
- 5. Open-Minded Worldview, Grounded in Truth** - Our learners are respectful of themselves and others. They are self aware. They are ready to listen, learn, engage and support others without compromising Gospel truth.
- 6. Physical Wellness** - Our learners pursue a healthy lifestyle - they practice good hygiene, eat a balanced diet, make positive decisions with and about their bodies, and have been able to deal with and address any significant medical issues.
- 7. Graduation** - Our learners show academic achievement by completing their Pre Primary, Primary and Secondary Government Requirements while attending Educational Field Trips and relevant Skill Training programs. They also complete our Rites of Passage programs at the two main transitional stages - the ROPES program that marks the transition from primary school to high school and the Senior Leadership Program throughout their Senior year of High School.

Improving Every Day

The Kenya Certificate of Primary School Education (KCPE) exams, which are undertaken at the end of 8th Grade, are a major milestone in a Kenyan student's life, marking the end of their primary education. These exam results determine entry into the limited number of High Schools in Kenya for the majority of Kenya's children.

Norman, one of our students who attended Mawewa Primary School, started the 2023 school year with this special prayer request: "Please pray that I would pass the KCPE Exam." For students like Norman, the opportunity to be a part of a school like our Mawewa Primary School means an opportunity to receive a high-quality, Christ-centered, character-based education, in a place where most students will never graduate primary school. It means an opportunity to be mentored by teachers who care about their students holistically, pouring in their best effort to see their students succeed.

For 8th Graders, the school year can be especially challenging due to the pressures of exam preparation. Even while we strive to focus on a Christ-centered holistic education, the focus can become mainly about written tests and exams. As a private Christian School, our Mawewa teachers and students must constantly refocus their efforts, so that our learners have the opportunity, based on their ability, to meet our learning objectives. The tools to test well are highlighted, but for students who constantly struggle academically, improvement and alternative assessment is also emphasized so that all students may finish well to the best of their ability. For all of our students, Christian character is emphasized as their central motivation for success.



Norman



Mawewa School Principal, Habil Wesonga, receives our award.

At the end of 2023, Norman and all of our other 8th Graders sat for their KCPE exams. This entailed an intense 3 days of all day testing in English, Kiswahili, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Christian Religious Education. Despite the intense pressure, Norman passed his exams. We are grateful that God answered his prayer, but even more so, that Norman received the spiritual and social mentorship and guidance that molded his character, preparing him to meet the challenges that teenagers face growing up in extreme poverty. On top of Norman's success, the rest of our students saw significant improvement as a class. As a result, our Mawewa Primary School Principal, Mr. Wesonga, received an award on behalf of our Mawewa Primary School, for the Most Improved Private School in KCPE 2023 in all of Nairobi County.

This award represents years of diligent hard work, focusing on the whole child, with our teachers and all of our students, both the academically strong and the weak, striving to give their very best. Our results are being recognised in the larger Nairobi community and we are motivated to continue to focus on the whole child. To see each child, just like Norman, succeed to the best of their ability, and ultimately break the cycle of poverty in Mathare, one success story at a time.

Overview & Impact



Mawewa Preprimary School



Mawewa Primary School



Chelezo High School



Sustainable Investment Property



Skill Training Program

330 Students

20,000 Monthly Meals

5 Graduation Ceremonies

60 Nairobi-Based Staff

A School Culture of Hope and Devotion

50%

Higher scores in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE)

98%

High School graduation rate for students who begin at Chelezo

**Awarded - Nairobi County
- Most Improved Private
School in KCPE 2023**



The soccer match



Coach Juma, our alumni boys in green and Mr. Maingi

Another example of the importance of sports in character building happened through the efforts of Coach Juma and our Chelezo High School alumni. Our Chelezo High School security officer and former soccer coach, Juma, transferred from Chelezo High School in Wote, to take over the Security position at Mawewa Primary School in Mathare in Nairobi. On his arrival, Coach Juma contacted several of his former soccer players, most of whom live in Nairobi, to touch base with as many as he could.

For more than a week, there was a steady stream of alumni, both boys and girls, visiting Mawewa Primary School coming to say hello to their former coach. Coach Juma was clearly a favorite among the alumni. As he engaged with his former players, Coach Juma decided that he would bring the boys together for a soccer match with a local team in Mathare. This match took place during the fourth weekend of March 2023 at a local school's soccer pitch. When nineteen of our alumni showed up for the match, Coach Juma asked them if he could arrange another match with the current students of Chelezo High School.

Through this soccer friendly, Coach Juma hoped that our alumni would use the opportunity to speak into the lives of the boys and girls currently enrolled at our Chelezo High School.

After a few consultations with Mr. Maingi, edukenya's Head of Education and Deputy Director, a match was scheduled for April 2nd 2023 at our Chelezo High School. Mr. Maingi, a soccer enthusiast himself, also got involved in the preparations for the match, helping coach our current Chelezo soccer players, stepping in for Coach Hari, our current Chelezo School soccer coach, who was unable to be there due to his main responsibility as Head Cook of Chelezo High School.

After traveling from Nairobi, the alumni team, dubbed 'The LEGENDS,' arrived at the school and were welcomed with a cup of tea by the Chelezo catering staff. The match began shortly after lunch, and for the next two hours, the spectators, including all the Chelezo student body, were treated to an exciting match between the 'old boys' and Chelezo's slightly more youthful players. After a nervous start, the Chelezo team settled in to score the first goal of the match. By the second half, the Chelezo players were even more relaxed and had confidence playing at home against their 'big brothers.' Chelezo went on to a 4-2 victory against 'The LEGENDS'.

After the match 'The LEGENDS' had some time to interact with the students of Chelezo High sharing their life experiences with them. The students were excited to meet the former students, most of whom they had only heard stories about. 'The LEGENDS' were great role models for our students, being warm and open, gracious with their time, and carrying themselves with self discipline.

All people are created in the image of God with intrinsic value and dignity. This Christian ethic is being passed on to the next generation in Mathare. We see it through the simple act of primary students helping our preschoolers cross a street safely to have a place to exercise. We see it through young volleyball players extending a hand of friendship to students with disabilities, and we see it through a few soccer players willing to come back to our school, taking the time away from busy college and work schedules, to mentor the next generation after a friendly soccer match.



Chelezo High Soccer team with Coach Hari



David as a freshman at our Chelezo High School in 2016.



David at work at Mawewa Pre-primary in 2023



Sketches by two of our students 10th Grader, Samuel Onyango and 11th Grader Glory Muiruri

Painted murals on the outside and inside of our classes enhancing our preschool learning environment, making it fun, colorful and welcoming to our youngest learners. David's work also served as an inspiration to our youngest students as they saw a former student, who comes from an environment just like their own, excelling in his craft and using his gifts to serve within their school.

We also have other current gifted students who continue in David's footsteps at our Chelezo High School, such as 10th Grader Samuel, and 11th Grader Glory, whose artistic talent continues to be nurtured and developed, year after year. David, Samuel and Glory are uniquely gifted and our Chelezo School provides the environment to see that gift blossom to its full potential. Our other students might not all be artists, but some might be future business people, writers, scientists, engineers, mathematicians, linguists, carpenters, coaches, farmers and a myriad of other possibilities.

They all have untapped potential and creativity, and just like David Kombo, as we nurture their talents and gifts, investing in their future, we look forward to seeing that investment yield successful careers and years of Christian service that transforms Mathare to become a thriving community.



Mawewa Primary Murals

A Valentine's Day Gift

Our Community Sustainability Department which runs our Skill Training Programs, has continued to grow. Through our Skill Training Sewing Program we have been producing the school uniforms and graduation gowns for our students. We have also recently added the production of graduation gowns for some private Kenyan educational institutions. Additionally, new product lines have been added, fulfilling orders for private businesses of pencil cases and sanitary pad pouches. In 2023 our team also produced 600 heart shaped pillows for Valentine's Day for a local business.

These heart shaped pillows were a first for our sewing team. This special order provided part time work for several of our Chelezo High School alumni who assisted in stuffing the pillows and packing them for delivery, providing an additional source of income for all those involved.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Our greatest happiness does not depend on the condition of life in which chance has placed us, but is always the result of a good conscience, good health, occupation, and freedom in all just pursuits." The joy found in hard work, in a job well done, in honest work that results in provision for one's loved ones, and becoming an active positive contributor to one's community, is universal. When our alumni, parents and community members in Mathare join one of our skill training programs, each of them desires to learn a skill so they can grow into fulfilling their roles as adults, parents and guardians who can support their families and help their communities thrive.

Valentine's Day 2023 was a special gift for eduKenya's Community Development Program. The holiday and the special order our Skill Training Sewing Program fulfilled, provided the opportunity for our alumni, parents, guardians and community members to take real steps towards financial stability for their families.





Maize fields at our Mitaboni property before harvest



Drying the Maize at Mawewa Primary School

Seed for the Sower

Kenya depends on grain imported from Ukraine and Russia, which has meant a few years of unstable food supply and high prices. eduKenya’s Chelezo High School has been housed in a rental property in Wote since 2018. In 2022, eduKenya purchased property in Mitaboni, Machakos County in Kenya, which is about an hour and a-half from Mathare. We have been prayerfully preparing and planning for this new land to be the permanent location of our High School which has involved a vigorous design and planning process. During this planning stage, we continue to take our stewardship responsibility seriously, putting the land to good use.

In 2023, we successfully planted maize, a Kenyan staple, on the property. Our first harvest produced about 265 lbs of maize, which was loaded into a large pickup truck and delivered to our Mawewa Primary School. We then sun-dried the maize, which is an important step to avoid aflatoxin contamination. The maize was then milled into flour to make ugali. Ugali is a doughy, polenta-like dish that is a staple of our students’ diet. A favorite of our students, it is regularly served on Tuesdays and Fridays with a beef stew and spinach grown in our Vertical garden, as a part of our school lunch program at our Mawewa School in Mathare.

It is important to us to continue to be good stewards of all of our resources, especially during these high inflationary times. Supplementing our food costs with our own homegrown fresh food, goes a long way in helping us work towards developing sustainable solutions to meeting the needs of our students.

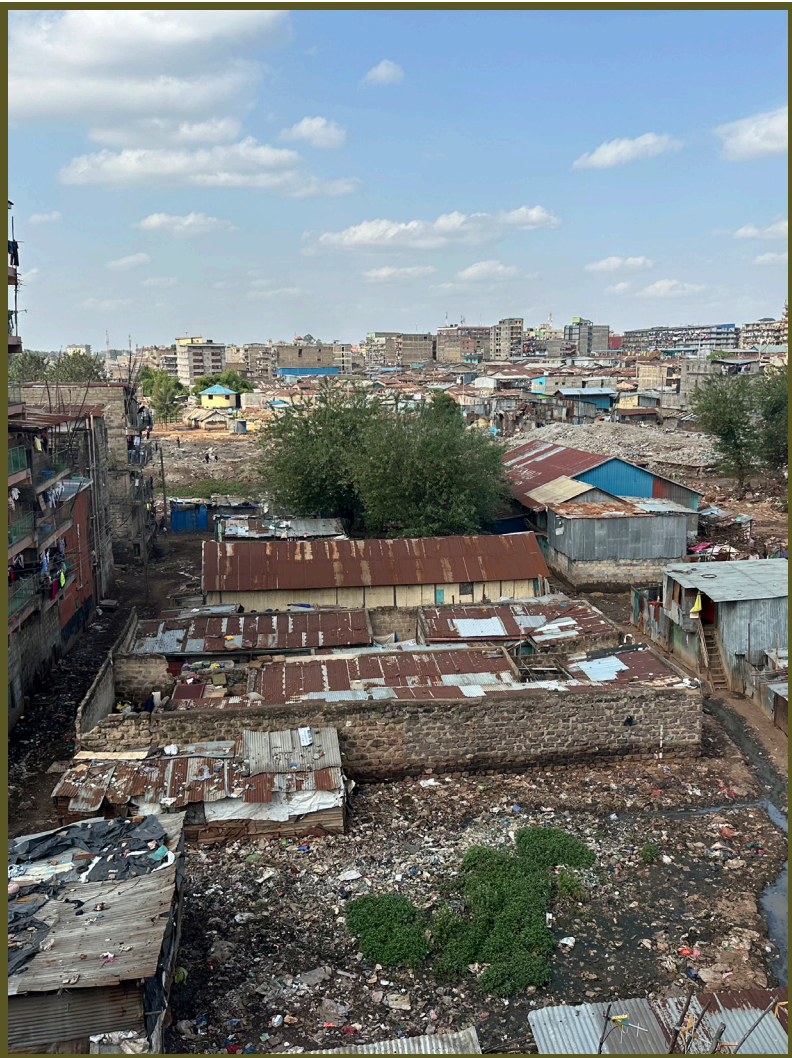


Our students’ favorite meal, ugali, beef stew and spinach.



Our support staff making plates of ugali for our students





Financial Snapshot

Fiscal Year 2023

eduKenya regularly monitors program budgets and costs to ensure that resources are maximized and used for their intended purposes. Annual audits and reviews are conducted by Certified Public Accountants.

We are dedicated to the highest standards of financial stewardship and accountability to both our donors and the people we serve. We are committed to efficiently and transparently utilizing the resources entrusted to us.

Here is the unaudited statement of our financial position for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Revenue

Individual/Private	\$620,350.00
Business/Corporate	\$12,276.00
Church	\$112,171.00
Nonprofit	\$38,187.00
Rental Income	\$10,566.00
School Fees	\$25,582.00
Skill Training	\$8,800.00
Other	\$24,611.00
TOTAL	\$852,543.00

Assets

US	
Current	\$ 751,327.00
TOTAL	\$751,327.00
Kenya	
Current	\$67,205.00
Fixed	\$458,578.00
TOTAL	\$525,783.00
Total Assets	
TOTAL	\$1,277,110.00

Expenses

Program (School, Skills, Community Support)	\$555,349.00
US Administrative	\$180,147.00
Fundraising	\$146,852.00
Kenya Administrative	\$14,921.00
TOTAL	\$897,269.00

Liabilities

US	\$112,043.00
Kenya	\$32,543.00
TOTAL	\$144,586.00





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