



Kesho

Celebrating a decade

2004 - 2014



We started with 2 children and 10 years later have supported over 500 children through school and reached out to nearly 2000 siblings, peers and parents.

"Kesho is a chapter of my life I wouldn't dare close. It has been the window through which I can see the whole world"

"I didn't even dream of going to university until I met Kesho"

Holistic - Inspiring – Responsive – Committed – Fun



What's new?



Welcome Evans Odhiambo Kesho's Executive Director

Evans, joined the team in July. He is doing a truly amazing job; coming from the Africa Education Project, Nairobi, where he'd been the Country Director for the previous 4 years. He brings to Kesho considerable experience as well as a strong personal commitment to the importance of education and youth development.

We're all so delighted.

Our Education Fund

Now you can choose whether to pay school fees for a particular child or pay as little or as much as you feel into our "Education Fund" which will help lots of children.

We'll send you our newsletter plus a summary each year of how all the children in the fund have been supported.



*~25 children are being supported through
our Education Fund at the moment.
Let us know if you want to switch.*



Making great progress

County Guidelines on Child Protection Referral Procedures

With 46% of children at risk of abuse across the country we take child protection seriously.

Isabel Mwangi, Kesho's Child Protection Officer, has been developing an easy to use manual on referral procedures to help everyone understand how to report abuse when it happens.

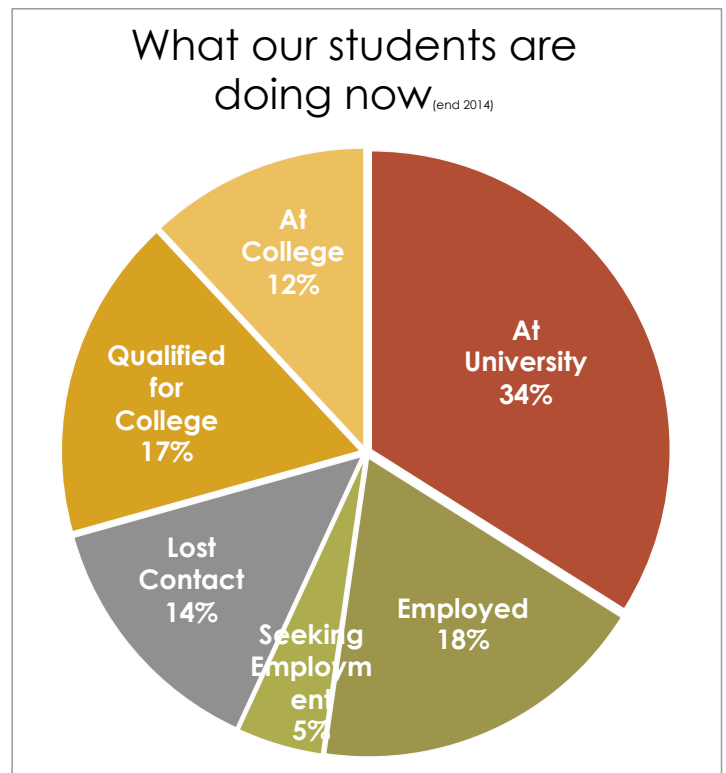
The Children's Department will be the custodian of the guidelines and help coordinate the process by sharing among the judiciary, police, local chiefs and doctors.



"I'm excited about the impact this will have on our community."

2014 Achievements

- ✓ You may remember, Calvin, ranked number 7 nationally in his end of Secondary Exams!
- ✓ 28 fun, enriching and training events for children, parents and teachers.
- ✓ 48 more students sponsored
- ✓ We welcome ~50 children a day to our resource centre



- ✓ 34% at University whereas the County Average is only 3%



Meet the children themselves



Mary Says

- Supported through the Top Girls Secondary School in the Country.
- 1st year Student of Medicine at Nairobi University
- Volunteers for Kesho giving inspirational talks to her peers
- Works at the Kesho Office in the holidays.

Mary says... "I clearly remember the 'Hopeless Me', several years back, when I approached Kesho for help. Did I just say hopeless? Oh yes! Where on earth was I going to get school fees to enable me be in my dream school? Alliance Girls was that school but at the slightest thought of the amount of money I was supposed to pay for my school fees, it felt as though my world was crushing, good thing is, Kesho happened.

Not only did Kesho pay for my school fees but also checked my academic performance on termly basis, an act that left the value of excellence completely etched in me. The countless, very informative, careers sessions that were and still are held to date, made me realize what career path I'd follow and most importantly what it takes to get there. This undoubtedly kept me on my toes.

Kesho has obviously turned me into a mature lady of substance, with hope for a brighter tomorrow. From 'Hopeless Me' to 'Hopeful Me' - Thank you!"



Rita Says

"I was very sad when my mother passed on last year. That led my sister and I go back to my father and stepmother and we ended up staying home and looking after the babies while my aunts worked.

I am now happy that Kesho took me to school and even bought me new school uniforms!

Sandra took me sailing. At first I was scared but now I want to be the best."

"I come to the resource centre when schools close. I like reading with the other children and I love painting which I have learnt at Kesho."



Proud of all our children's achievements - big and small

149 children
in Nursery & Primary

- ✓ Enrichment- chance to be a child
 - Christmas Craft Day
 - Leadership Training
- ✓ Passionate about reading
 - More Book Clubs in schools reaching out to dozens of peers.
 - Spelling Bees with Upendo Orphans
 - School Outreach
 - Listening to 42 children read twice a week.
 - Teacher training course on phonics, run by a Kesho sponsor.

113 students in Secondary
109 School Leavers

- ✓ Enrichment - including
 - Reproductive Health Day
Talking about relationships, sexual health, rights and assertiveness
- ✓ Training
 - IT – 35 took part this year
 - Leadership – 2 courses this year - >70% now completed training.
- ✓ Academic Success
 - 82% consistently scoring A-C in end of year exams
 - 3 A students joined university to study Medicine, Law and Economics.



Meet our School Leavers - Just a few of the 39 (36%) of enthusiastic young people who volunteer their time to *Kesho* and their peers



How can you help in 2015 ?

Donate to a specific child or to our Education Fund
introduce your friends...fundraise.

As little as £5/m / Ksh7000 a year will send a child to school.

ipads & tablets

Ready to trade in your tablet for a newer version...?

There are some great literacy apps these days but the most exciting one is the Oxford Reading Tree Scheme app (Biff and Chip series) – it saves buying all the books and is interactive too. So, when you're ready to upgrade your ipad – think of us.

Books

in English – in Swahili

Children love reading in both languages as long as it's a good story. We can never have enough.... You know what kids like - picture books, Biff & Chip, Horrid Henry any short novel for young teenagers - for reading out loud during our school book clubs ...



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