



# Kisaru Nkera Initiatives (KINI)

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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Since our last Newsletter in 2023 it seems I have not stopped running, or been sleeping!

We have finished some of our projects which has been an enormous task with the continuous rains since November (and I noted we were in drought the last time I wrote) – and more to come this week so the forecast says – but we continue on as best we can in the mud and rain.

I was very happy to have a friend visit from England who is a wonderful teacher and brought cases of resources for our teachers and spent 2 weeks with them teaching them different ways to approach teaching and interacting with the children.



We had a wonderful time and she was very happy to share my Tim Tams which I had brought from Australia with me.

Life has been very stressful and hectic trying to get children to school and also bringing children each day to KMA because the roads mostly are impassable when it rains and even now some roads are still not passable. To take children back to schools and attend school meetings I have had to go the previous day once the roads dry out enough to drive on, stay the night and drop children the next



day to school. We had to pull our builder out of this on his way home – and then we “drove” through it – Monica wasn’t very impressed with her introduction to our roads.

Often after meetings I then need to stay an extra night as I cannot get home in time before the

rains come and the roads again become impassable. So there have been many extra expenses this year just trying to ensure children are in school and also attend to meetings and other businesses I may have in town.



The road is impassable so this is what we drive through to try to get the children to and from school.



This was the “lake” we drive through each day to pick the children to come to school.

My worker and I had to make an unexpected journey to the specialist last week as one of my boys had mumps which local clinics misdiagnosed as hernias and we had to rush to have ultrasounds done. Is very difficult to get good and correct diagnoses here where we are and so it is a long 3 hour journey to attend medical help from specialists.

With all the challenges and work we have all is well (apart from the 2 days I spent in hospital on a drip, with some dreaded intestinal bugs reeking havoc with my intestines) and the children are doing well in school.

Sadly I had to send Stacy to Boarding School this year as she joined Junior Secondary. She has been with me for 10 years so we miss her greatly but she is happy in school and doing well.



To make my day more enjoyable the weaver birds have decided the tree outside my tent is great for nest making. It is quite fascinating watching them weave their nests and if they happen to be blown down they just start again. A great lesson for us – when life gets tough, collect more grass and start building again!



### MARA KINI ACADEMY (KMA)

We were expecting to have another 60 children join school this year, but that number turned into 100 with 90 children staying with me, many needing to stay weekends as they were unable to go home because of the inaccessibility of the roads.

We have therefore had to add extra workers to cater for the washing, cooking and general care of the children. The new boy's room we built is full as well as the tent the girls sleep in.



Our next project is to build the dormitories for the girls who stay in the home each holidays as well as for the children who stay during the school term. This is becoming more and more urgent as we are struggling with only one bathroom and toilet for the children and need to build one attached to the rooms for ease of access at night and to ensure the children are able to have better facilities for bathing.

We will convert the two tents into permanent buildings and make a large bathroom/toilets in between.

**\$25,000 would complete the two large rooms and bathroom facilities for the children.**



We are almost finished the 3 new classrooms (only painting to go and glass to be put in). Thank you to those who so generously helped us finish these classrooms.

However, with the extra children in the classes, 5 classes have between 60 and 80 children in them, so we need another 3 classrooms to cater for the two streams of the children we currently have.

With the high cost of materials, many have doubled in price since we started building, we will need \$50,000 to build 3 classrooms and a teachers' staffroom, as currently we have one classroom studying on the verandah and the teachers have no staffroom to do their marking and other prep.

We also need to add another 4 x 10,000 litre tanks (which are \$1,000 each) to ensure enough water supply when the rains are not constant.

We have produced a **promotional video** if you are able to share it with corporations and entities which may be interested in helping us bring our school up to the standards which are needed for the children who are currently studying there.

**Remember from both US and Australia all donations are tax deductible.** Links will be in the email for ease of paying.

Ten more **toilets** are also needed which are **\$2,000 each.**

Thanks to generous donors we have been able to build the needed dining area – which is very full with the 90 children in it.



These are some pics from KMA when Monica was here with the children and teachers.



These are only 3 of our 5 classes in school.



We have also added 4 new teachers to our staff to cater for the 2 streams in each class



Note the beautiful footwear 😊



A lovely drive through the Mara to the Hotel



My 3 babies "KINI Kids"



Our chief driver with his little ones  
We urgently need a 4WD Van so we can pick more children in each trip and save on fuel and time in the mornings and afternoons.

#### **KINI KIDS CHRISTMAS AND BIRTHDAYS**

Serena Hotel again took us to the Hotel for the day for Christmas and our children were able to entertain their guests.



Christmas Day for the children



One of my bigger boy's special celebration into manhood in December



Meeting again with Elizabeth's brother and grandmother where she spent the holidays



3 more girls were put into college to enable them to have more opportunities for jobs in the future



January is birthday time for many children

### CHILD SPONSORSHIP

There are still quite a number of children who need sponsorship to continue their education.

We have not been able to take on any new sponsorships this year and have also not been able to continue with some children who were not sponsored.

If you have not chosen a child to support and help give hope for the future, please see the attached list of children who are currently in URGENT need of sponsorship. We will have a number who need fees paid for the year or they will be sent home.

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If you would like to be part of this exciting work please contact Barbara for links for tax deductible receipts.

*Thank you for sharing in our dream.  
 "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world:"*



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## SPONSORSHIPS STILL NEEDED 2024

The following pages show the children who are currently in urgent need of sponsorship to continue their education. Thank for making a difference in a child's life for the future.

The prices are different for most children as it depends which school they attend as fees vary for Government and private schools, and whether they are day school students (All prices in A\$):

As it is urgent these children get sponsors, we have not been able to obtain photos of all children. However, these will be obtained for any sponsor. Thank you for understanding.

### COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

#### **Osumba Oluoch Ondiek** Kilgoris Polytechnic

His father does not have work and isn't able to look after his many children. Osumba is doing plumbing and will be able to help care for the younger children when he finishes. The course runs for 18 months.

**FEES FOR FULL COURSE (18 MONTHS): \$625**

#### **Elizabeth Kakenya Masoi** Sowing and Reaping



Elizabeth did very well in school but didn't start until she was older and so as she is now almost 20 has decided to follow what she wants to do and that is catering. She is doing very well, getting 95% in her practicals and 92% in her theory. Her mother passed away when she was young and is not able to live at home as her father chooses not to care for her. She has enjoyed learning more cooking techniques since she has been home for holidays.

**FEES/LIVING/EXAMS PER YEAR: \$980**

#### **Abraham Lekishon** Kilgoris Journalism College



Abraham is an orphan who has no-one to care for him. KINI has been sponsoring him since Form 1 and he has now completed one year of Journalism, the course he has always wanted to do. He is doing well.

**FEES/LIVING PER YEAR (3 Terms): \$2,025 (2 years to finish)**

#### **Elizabeth Saitoti Musuka** Kisumu Community College



Elizabeth has no family who is able to care for her or educate her. She lives with her aunt who has other children and is a widow so is not able to educate her. She is now doing a cooking course and will finish at the end of 2024.

**FEES/LIVING PER YEAR: \$1,000 (3 terms per year)**



**Sylvia** came to KINI requesting a safe home and a chance to go to college, as the family were organising her marriage and she did not wish to be married but go to College and have a future. KINI will keep her safe and put her in College to ensure she will not be forced into marriage.

**FEES/LIVING PER YEAR: \$1,000 (3 terms per year)**

## SECONDARY STUDENTS

### **Rebecca Selelo Lenoi** (Form 3) Ndanai Girls Secondary



Rebecca lives with an aunt who is not able to send her to school. She is from a remote area with a single mother who cannot keep her safe with her. She will be taken to be married or will likely become pregnant should she not remain in school.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

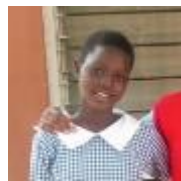
### **Susan Sanare** (Form 3) Gelegele Girls Secondary



Susan is from a single mother who cannot afford for her to go to school. As with other Maasai if she is not in school the uncles will marry her off.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

### **Tito Nampayio** (Form 2) Chellilis Girls Secondary



Tito's mother passed away in 2012 leaving 5 children who only had an aged grandmother to care for them. KINI has taken care of all the children since this time, paying for their education and the older daughter has lived in the KINI Home since 2014. Tito is in a good school and she is working hard to get good marks.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

### **Rebecca Morinte** (Form 2) Chelilise Girls

Rebecca has done well in Primary School but her parents have struggled to pay fees and were not able to pay for her to join Secondary. KINI has promised to help with fees should a sponsor be found. Like all Maasai girls who are not in school, she would be in danger of exploitation without our help.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

### **Grace Nayiano Nkamin** (Form 2) Kilgoris Girls Secondary



Grace is from a very poor family who have not been able to educate their children because of lack of fees. Grace walked very far to a primary school where they asked KINI to help her. She passed well and is now working hard in Secondary. Without a sponsor she will not be able to continue her studies.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Emily Tampei** (Form 2) Sosirot Girls Secondary



Emily is a very bright girl from a very poor family. Her father does not take responsibility for any expenses, including school fees, in the home. Her mother has no income but tries to get small monies to help ensure her children are in school. She works very hard to ensure this. If Emily had not been sent to school she would have been married as she would not have been able to stay at home if not in school. KINI has helped Emily to get into Form 1 to ensure her place in school but needs a sponsor to make sure she is able to stay there.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Koyanto Julius** (Form 2) Tulwet Boys Secondary



Koyanto's mother works for KINI Mara Academy earning a small wages to buy food for her family as her husband doesn't help with any finances for the family. Koyanto is a very good footballer but is studying hard to pass well.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Emmanuel Parsoial** (Form 2) Tulwet Boys Secondary



Emmanuel's father has 3 wives and is not willing to educate this family's children. The mother struggles to keep the 8 children in school and cared for.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**David Mbirika Kituiya** (Form 2) Kabartegan Boys Secondary



David is from our local community. His father passed away some years ago and his mother isn't well, thus finds it difficult to raise money to educate the children. If these boys are not in school they are often sent out to look after cattle and become involved in many antisocial behaviours.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Henry Ochieng** (Form 2) Kanga Boys Secondary



Henry was recommended by a Principal from a National School. Henry's mother is blind and cannot look after him or his siblings. Henry ended up on the streets until his grandmother took him in but she is not able to pay for any of his schooling. He got one of the highest marks in his primary school and was accepted to a very good school. Fees/Shopping is \$700 per annum.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$700 (3 terms per year)**

**Gloria Chemutai** (Form 2) Tengecha Girls Secondary



A school teacher has requested KINI help this girl as she has a single mother who is not able to put her in school. She does very well and is in a very good highly sought after school. The neighbours and teacher have done shopping so fees only are needed \$600

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Sheila Chebet** (Form 2) Saseta Girls Secondary



Again teachers have requested help for this girl who has only a mother and no income with other siblings to keep in school. Friends are helping with shopping so fees are needed for her to continue her education and have a hope for the future.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Rebecca Naimutie** (Form 3) Gelegele Girls Secondary



Rebecca is in Form 2. She is the youngest daughter from a large family and her father is not able to provide for her schooling and her brothers are struggling to ensure others in the family are in school.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Jane Nankine Mempe** (Form 2) Chelilis Girls Secondary



Jane's father passed away when she was quite young and her mother struggles to ensure her 4 children are in school. Jane now in Form 1 and her mother asked KINI to support her to ensure she continues in school and does not succumb to the problems for young girls in her community.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Sharley Koitat Kiserian** (Form 4) Olorukoti Secondary



Sharley's father does not care for her schooling as he wants her to stay at home. KINI put her into Secondary School as she was afraid if she stayed at home the father will force her to marry. She ran away to stay with the Pastor of her church who has been helping her stay in school. However, he is not able to pay school fees. Without a sponsor she will not be able to finish school and follow her dream to go to University. She will finish school at the end of 2024.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$500 (3 terms per year)**

**Hellen Naserian Lekakeny** (Form 2) Kilgoris Girls Secondary School



Hellen's father refuses to pay for her to attend school and the mother struggles to find school fees. KINI has been supporting Hellen through Primary School but without a sponsor it will be very difficult to complete her education. The only option her father would see is to marry her off as happens with most girls who are not sent to Secondary School.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Samwel Sonkoi** (Form 2) Boito Boys Secondary School



KINI had a call from Samwel's primary school to request KINI to pay Samwel's school fees. He is an orphaned boy who has no grandparents and whose Uncles will not care for him, thus he is left to live with a relative. This relative has many children of his own and is not able to pay school fees. He did well in Grade 8 and has now gone to Secondary School where he will do very well..

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**



**Naini Loice Sokonoi** (Form 2) Gelegele Girls Secondary School



Naini now lives in Barbara's home because her family circumstances did not keep her safe nor allow her to study. Her mother passed away 4 years ago and it has been difficult for the father to care for and educate the children as he has remarried and has a number of small children now to care for. Naini has gone to Secondary School where she is very happy and working hard to get good marks.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year) and \$200 per year for her living expenses**

**Kevin Kirui** (Form 2) Kaplong Boys Secondary School



Kevin is from a very poor family of 13 children and is now living with an Aunt as his parents cannot take care of him. He did well in his primary exams and has been accepted to a top secondary school where he is expected to do well.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Leah Maitete** Form 1 Gelegele Girls



Leah is from a remote forest community and her mother is left to care for the children and educate them. As she is a second wife with 6 children the husband does not help with their education or upkeep.

**FEES: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Rebecca Tampeyan Kipasenua** Form 1 Kaboson Girls Secondary



Rebecca is from a single mother who walks 2 hours each way every morning to sell milk to educate her children, some in university and Secondary. They live in a remote forested area so if girls are not in school they are very quickly married off.

**FEES: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Leah Lekumo** Form 1 2024 Oloosinon Girls



Leah was brought from her home by a friend of KINI where she is now staying as her father had arranged for her to be married, she was only 13 years at the time. Without KINI's support she will not be able to continue her schooling. Next year she will go to secondary school.

**FEES: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

**Neema Potiso** Form 1 Saseta Girls

Neema is an orphan who lives with a family who have cared for her since she was very young. As the family have other children in secondary school and also university. She will go to Secondary School next year.

**FEES: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

### **Susan Seleyian Ntae (Form 1) Ndanai Girls**



Susan's family is very poor and the father does not take responsibility for the children or their education. There are 10 children in her family. If KINI does not continue with her sponsorship her father will marry her off. Next year she will go into Secondary School but she will need a sponsor to ensure her fees are paid.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**



### **Lucy Nemompe (Form 1) Gelegele Girls**

Lucy lives with her grandmother with her other 2 siblings and the grandmother is unable to pay for her to attend school. Her parents are not able to care for her and if she is not in school will be in grave danger of being married off.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**



### **Mintai Jackson (Form 1) Boito Boys**

Mintai's father has 5 children and struggles to ensure they are all in school. Mintai does well in school and has been able to be admitted to a very good secondary school where he will have opportunity to do well.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

### **Maxwell Kiplagat Grade 8 Ilkarian Junior Secondary School**



Maxwell is a very bright boy. Sadly his mother is not able to care for him as she has a mental illness and he has been left to care for his younger siblings and roam the streets of the small town. A local business man has taken him into his home and KINI has agreed to share his care with providing education expenses. A bright boy who deserves a bright future. Next year he will go to Secondary School and without a sponsor this will not happen.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$600 (3 terms per year)**

### **Namunu Morinte Paranai (Grade 8) in Emerutoto Junior Secondary School.**

Namunu lost her father 5 years ago and her mother does not have an income and struggles to ensure her 4 children are in school.

**FEES: \$300 (3 terms per year)**

### **Lucy Barbara (Grade 6) Emerutoto Primary School**



Lucy is now 13 years and has lived with Barbara in the KINI home since she was 6 years of age. Her mother passed away and the father could not care for the children and the grandmother wasn't willing to care for the children. The children will need to stay with KINI for the rest of their lives here.

**FEES/LIVING: \$300 (3 terms per year)**

### **Lemayian Samuel (Grade 7) Olkirreruki Primary School**



Lemayian's father has 3 wives and is not willing to care for the schooling of all the children. The mother struggles taking care and educating her other 6 children. Lemayian is a day student so the fees are quite low for the year.

**FEES: \$100 (3 terms per year)**

**Gedion Lankas** (Grade 8) Olkirreruki Junior Secondary School)

Gedion's mother is the only provider for the family of 6 children and struggles to find funds to feed the family as well as educate the children. They live in a very remote forested area so opportunities to get money is very low.

**FEES: \$100 (3 terms per year)**

**Emily Masoi** (Grade 6) Iltolish Mara Primary School – Boarding



Emily is Elizabeth's sister and is not cared for by her father or new stepmother (who is very young). She has been put into boarding to ensure her safety and she has opportunity to study.

**FEES: \$500 (3 terms per year)**

**Elkana Samperu Masoi** (Grade 3) and **Kerempe Masoi** (Grade 4) Iltolish Mara Primary School



Elkana and Kerempe are brothers to Elizabeth and Emily. Their father is not able to pay for their schooling and they will not be put into school if KINI did not care for them.

**FEES: \$200 (3 terms per year)**



**Brian Olamunyak** (Grade 7) Emerutoto Junior Secondary School



Brian's mother is single and is not able to care for Brian as she cares for his 4 younger sisters. Brian is doing well in school and will continue to Junior Secondary next year.

**FEES: \$400 (3 terms per year)**

**Praize Chelangai** (Grade 5) Rockfield Academy.



Praize has a single mother who is not able to care for her and other family do not have the funds to help educate her.

**FEES: \$400 (3 terms per year)**

**Brian Julius** (Grade 4) Iltolish Mara Primary School



Brian is from a very poor family who struggle to educate their 3 children. Fees are very low as he attends a day school close to his home.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$100 (3 terms per year)**

**Raphael Mungare** (Grade 8) Partikilat Junior Secondary School



Raphael is in to Grade 7 and does well in school.

His mother is alone in caring for him and his brother who is in Secondary School and struggles to ensure his fees are paid.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$500 (3 terms per year)**

**Maxwell Memusi Ranka and Nasayio Ruth Ranka (Grade 5) Isokon Academy**



Maxwell and Ruth are brother and sister both in Grade 4. Their father passed away leaving 4 wives and a large number of children. Sadly both mothers are not well and have no way of obtaining money to care for the children. Visiting their homes we found they have no food in the home and rely on the goodwill of relatives and neighbours. We have placed them both in a private school where they have a good meal for lunch each day. Both are in the top positions in the class.



**FEES PER YEAR: \$350 (3 terms per year)**

**Dorcas Pirsra (Grade 7) Partakilat Junior Secondary School**



Dorcas is in Grade 7 and is sister to Moses Tekan. The father abandoned the family leaving the mother and grandmother to care for the 6 children. Dorcas does well at a day school near her home. She needs to go into Boarding school now she is in Grade 7.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$500 (3 terms per year)**

**Maxwell Muchunga (Grade 8) Karen C Primary School.**



Maxwell is in Grade 7 and studying very well. His father also cares for 3 other orphaned children as well as his own 4 children and is very difficult to ensure they are all in school and able to finish their education.

**FEES PER YEAR: \$480 (3 terms per year)**

**Stacy Parkins (Class 7) Olopikodonge Junior Secondary School**



Stacy has lived with Barbara since she was 2 years of age and has grown into a beautiful and very talented young lady. She is now 12 years of age and going to Junior Secondary School. Stacy has no other family to care for her and sees KINI as her family.

**FEES/LIVING PER YEAR: \$500 (3 terms per year)**

**Enkereri School** is the school closest to the Manyatta where Barbara lives and KINI has supported quite a number of children in this school for 10 years and continues to support children from here into Secondary School. A large number of the children are partially supported which means KINI pays 50% of fees and where parents or guardians are able, they pay the remainder. Some children, because of very poor circumstances, especially where aged grandparents are responsible for their fees, have their full fees paid.

**Those whose full fees are paid (day school) Full year's fees for 4 children \$300**

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|----------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| ❖ Elia Memusi  | Grade 4 | ❖ Brian Letipa Nampayo | Grade 5 |
| ❖ Brian Sonkoi | Grade 6 |                        |         |

**FEES PER YEAR PER CHILD: \$60 (3 terms per year)**

**Those whose part fees are paid (day school) Full year's fees for 17 children \$650**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ❖ William Ntimama Ben     | ❖ Paranai Elizabeth Sonkoi  |
| ❖ Gideon Sanare           | ❖ Solomon Lemuta Mukenye    |
| ❖ Nankini Nampayo Jackson | ❖ Maria Sikilai Ben         |
| ❖ David Sereni Metemi     | ❖ Elizabeth Nashipai Metemi |
| ❖ Raila Joshua Jackson    | ❖ Naomi Nasieku Osiriai     |
| ❖ Joshua Morinte          | ❖ Nataia Ben                |

**FEES PER YEAR PER CHILD: \$40 (3 terms per year)**