

TODAY'S NEWS

Activities from January - March | 2023

Climate solutions Project

With the support from Spirit in Action Grant, we managed to construct a solar drier to educate the students and the community on preventing post harvest losses through sun drying of vegetables and fruits to ensure food security and improved nutrition. We also organised gardening workshops on climate smart farming practices.

Capacity Building & Staff Highlights

Our staff attended different training sessions which included training on child online safety by Watoto watch, an online safeguarding training by Segal Foundation, a Result Based Project Management training by Amplify Girls, and a Resource Mobilisation training by For Impact Org. We welcomed Sylvia Okello to our team as the Finance and Admin Officer and recruited two attachees in the Finance and Education department



Scholarship Program

A total of 45 students from varied socio-economic backgrounds from different Secondary /Primary schools across Kisumu, Siaya and Kakamega counties have benefitted from the scholarship program. We have been striving to increase access to education to underprivileged girls living in rural and urban slums in Kenya. The major goal of this program is to provide financial help since it allows students from low-income families to acquire education. In addition, 1 of our students in the program who is waiting to join the university with a mean grade of B- is a volunteer member of the organisation as a way of giving back to the community.

Life Skills

We also held life skills sessions for the students on HIV/AIDS to create awareness on prevention, treatment and care due to the need for continuous advocacy to mitigate the increased rate of infections and re-infections among young people.





STEM Mentorship

We held 4 STEM mentorship events including a two week AKILI Annual Math Camp in

partnership with the African Maths Initiative (AMI). The camp brought together 40 students from 18 schools across the country, 15 volunteer teachers to explore and learn extracurricular math. The basis of the camp was to present exciting themes to students on problem solving to inspire them to pursue careers in STEM subjects. They acquired technological skills and learnt new ways of solving math. They also discovered how mathematics is used in the real world and that it is everywhere.

Agency Survey

In partnership with Amplify girls we administered an online AgencySurvey(baseline) to 11 students for the new cohort of the SMARTGirls mentorship program. The basis of the survey was to enable us to measure girls' agency (unique personal self-beliefs, attitudes about environment, and soft skills). The program involves providing young girls with holistic education, mentorship, skill-building and enrichment opportunities that empowers them to succeed in life.

Highschool transition

11 Akili STEMarts Academy Pupils have been engaged in both normal class learning activities and out of class learning activities and mentorship as they prepare for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams that will enable them to transition to high school. They have been evaluated in 5 continuous assessment tests and from the onset their academic performance has improved from a mean score of 280.27 to 335 out of a possible 500 marks. The target for the first quarter[1st term] of this academic year was 330 marks out of 500 marks which has been achieved so far. Our mean target for this year is 380 marks.

School Uniform and Bicycle distribution

In January through March, we partnered with Tailored for Education to transition 4000 students from primary to secondary school through provision of free school uniforms, shoes, undergarments and menstrual hygiene supplies. This ensured 100% transition across 21 secondary schools in Kisumu, Siaya and Kakamega counties. The schools reported over 90% increase in school enrolment, improved school fees payment as parents used money that could have otherwise been used to buy school uniforms to pay school fees. About 70 tailors from 20 businesses were contracted to make the school uniforms allowing them to earn income to support their families. We are also planning to launch our own tailoring shop in May to allow us to sustainably make and distribute school uniforms to increase school enrolment

