



# 2021 Annual Report

Providing holistic support to orphans and vulnerable children in Kilifi.

20th December, 2021



## Welcome Note

Dear Friends of Upendo,  
Our sincere gratitude to all our sponsors and supporters for their overwhelming support to Upendo children and activities this year.

It is an honor for you to be part of the Upendo family: touching the lives of these wonderful children and their families in different ways.

Unlike the other years, this year, we present to you our report so much in photos. I hope you like it and enjoy reading through.

Thank you,  
Lemic Ngalla  
Project Director.





## Change of Name



Upendo changed its name from Upendo Orphans Support Project to Upendo Children Kilifi. Upendo's mission remains to offer love, holistic care and support to all orphans in their community. This change is only meant to avoid 'labeling' the children as 'orphans' and further end exclusion, discrimination and stigmatization that may be associated with the name.

"Self-identity and the behavior of individuals may be determined or influenced by the terms used to describe or classify them.

People come to identify and behave in ways that reflect how others label them."



# Global Giving Fundraiser



Hi <<First Name>>,

We're so grateful to partner with you. On behalf of the entire **GlobalGiving Team**, welcome to the community! Your passion and outstanding fundraising skills shone through during the **September 2021 Accelerator**. We hope you **take the time to celebrate** this tremendous accomplishment with your team.

Thank you for your overwhelming support during the Global Giving Accelerator fundraiser. With your support, Upendo raised US\$ 11,947 and ranked 14th out of 635 organizations across the globe within only 18 days! Upendo is now a Global Giving permanent member.

More projects will be posted into the Global Giving platform early next year.







"I am glad that I have joined university. I will work hard and be a role model to the other Upendo beneficiaries."

Neema is a Medical Engineering student at Technical University of Mombasa."



John is a year one student studying Building and Construction Engineering at Mitunguu Technical Training Institute in Meru.

We are currently supporting 3 students in college and universities. Some graduated last year and this year and are seeking employment.



## Secondary School



All our 7 children who did their grade 8 national examination in March this year got admission into county and national secondary schools across the country.

3 out of the 7 students got scholarships from a bank and their secondary school fees and other learning materials are fully covered.



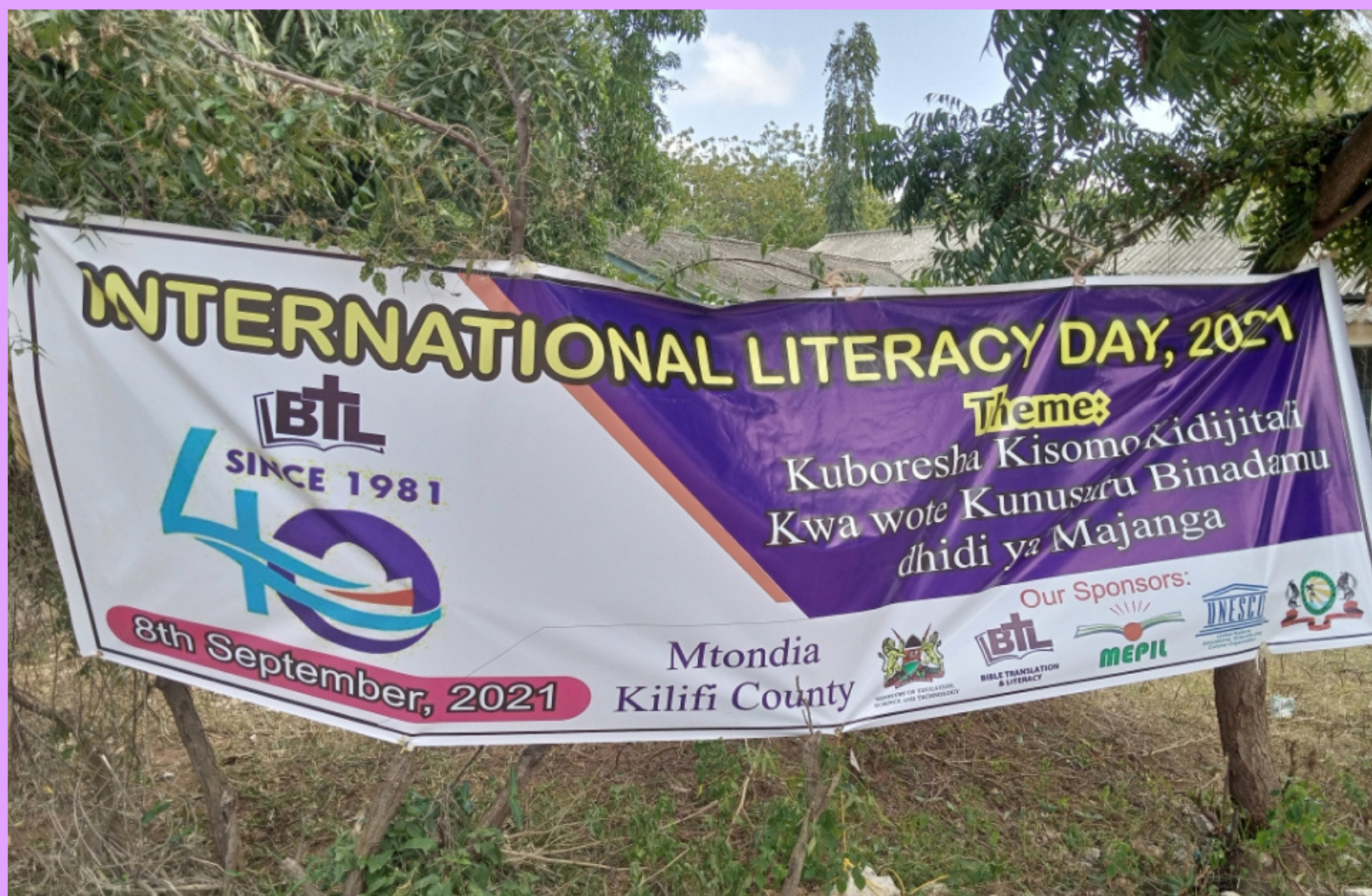
Upendo is currently sponsoring 25 students in secondary school across the country.



## Nursery and Primary School



Upendo supported 27 students in Nursery and Primary school. Two of these are in boarding primary schools within the county.



Upendo also participated in this year's International Literacy Day whose theme was "Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide."





The new curriculum (Competency Based Curriculum) emphasizes the complex outcomes of a learning process (i.e. knowledge, skills and attitudes to be applied by learners) rather than mainly focusing on what learners are expected to learn about in terms of traditionally-defined subject content. Its core competencies include: Communication and collaboration, Critical thinking and problem solving, Imagination and creativity, Citizenship, Learning to learn, Self-efficacy and Digital literacy.





# Healthcare



Our beneficiaries are greatly benefiting from the National Health Insurance Fund paid fully by Upendo.

Our girls were also provided with sanitary pads and Menstrual Hygiene Education.

The children had a basic first aid training that aimed at boosting our their confidence to act and help in emergencies in an effort to save a life or identify potential hazards.



## Feeding



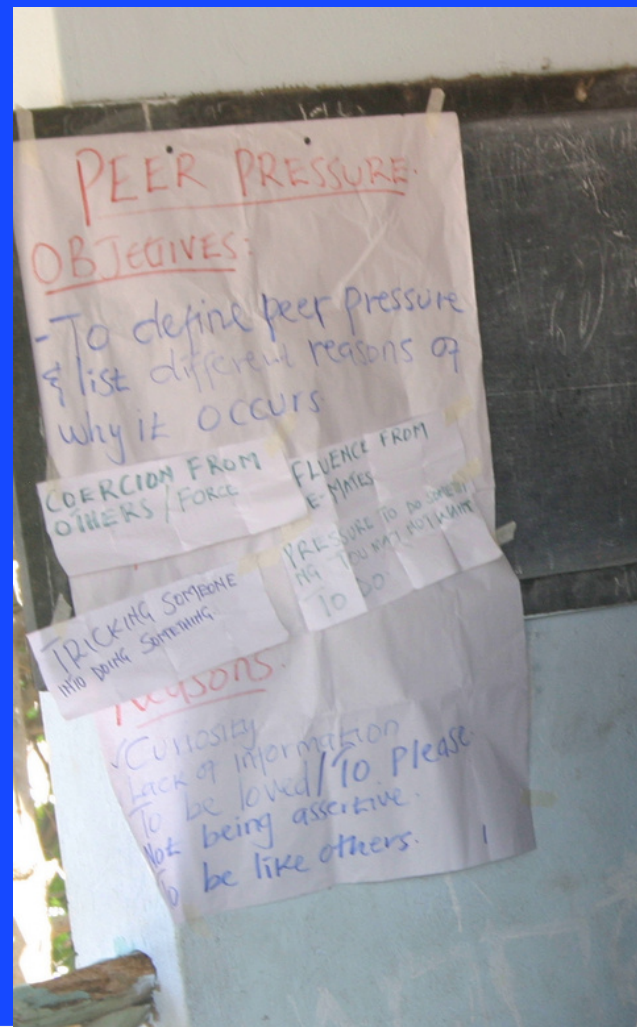
Feeding a child at school is such a simple thing - but it works miracles. The children were fed at the project, 3 meals a day across the year.



# Psychosocial Support



Upendo contracted two new trainers this year to facilitate the psychosocial support sessions. Some of these sessions are conducted based on age and gender.





# Vocational Skills Training

## (i) Mosaic Arts



Trans-cultural Perspective in Arts and Education (<https://tpaee.eu/>) facilitated a mosaic arts session to our primary school children.



## (ii) Computer Skills



## (iii) Photography and Videography



Photography and Videography training to our upper primary, secondary and college students by Fontech Media, a local media company in Kilifi.



#### (iv) Hairdressing



Hairdressing provides an opportunity to touch other people's lives in multiple ways. It is a practical skill that can influence other people's social life and also shape part of their personality.





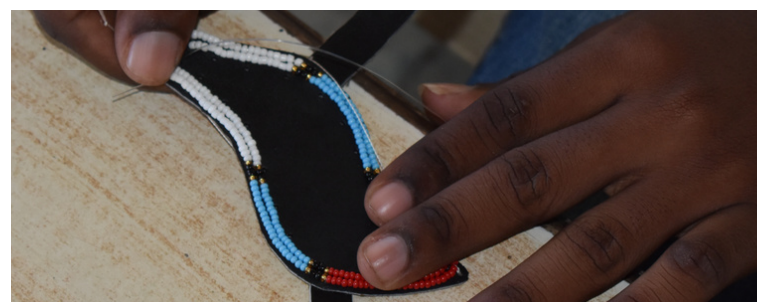
## (v) Tailoring



The children made uniforms to all continuing secondary students and some of the primary school students over the school holidays.



## (vi) Bead-Work



The children made bracelets, earrings, shopping bags, necklaces and purses which are sold at Mnarani Club and also at the project. This year, we introduced them into making Maasai sandals and made many pairs that were sold at KSH 800 (about US \$8).



# Guardians' Broiler Project



The broiler business project is booming! The guardians keep 200 broilers at a time (after a period of 6 weeks) and each chicken sells at KSH 450 (about US \$4.5). They look forward to expanding this business as well as starting another business for their group.



## Kitchen Gardening



Upendo harvested tomatoes and kale from the kitchen garden which were prepared for the children's meals.



## New Staff



Recruited two new security guards on annual contracts. This increases the number of staff for the Upendo Children Kilifi to 6.

Upendo is currently seeking funds to put up a perimeter wall around its premises to maximise security of its assets and all persons involved with the project.



Upendo Children Kilifi staff with some of the school teachers.



## 2021/2022 Student Leadership



Glorious Japhet, Grade 7.



Leila Juma, Grade 7.



Hassan Daniel, Grade 7.



Saida Nzara, Grade 8.

Some of our students who are top of the school's students leadership at Upendo Modern School. Several others were elected governors and senators.

Thank you so much... / Asanteni sana...

Wishing you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.