

UPENDO ORPHANS SUPPORT PROJECT

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UPENDO 2019 NEWSLETTER



Figure 1: Upendo Music Group during a past County event

INTRODUCTION

ear sponsors and supporters, colleagues and friends,
Welcome to this year's Newsletter. This is an opportunity to share with
you updates around Upendo activities. We express our sincere
appreciation to all sponsors and supporters for their invaluable support and love
to Upendo. We hope that these updates will inspire you to continue supporting
Upendo children to realize their full potential and become independent and
responsible citizens.

1. Form 1s-Grades and Schools

All our 15 children passed their grade 8 examination and were admitted into different national, extra-county and county secondary schools across the country.



Figure 2: Some of the students pose for a photo before travelling to their respective schools

2. Injili Music and Mziki Africa Awards





Upendo Music Group won two awards/trophies this year at the Injili Music and Mziki Africa Awards held in Mombasa in August and December respectively. The group emerged the best choir in these East African competitions. At the Injili Music Awards, the group's song was voted the best Gospel Cover Song of the Year (East Africa) and the Best Gospel Group of the Year (East Africa) at the Mziki Africa Awards.

The children have so far recorded 3 songs and released a video for their first song. The songs are on Upendo's you tube channel

(https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=upendo+orphans+support+project).

They have also performed at different platforms including county and national events, church seminars and conferences and talent extravaganzas.

3. Beach Cleaning Activity

Upendo children, staff, board and founder members in partnership with the Kilifi County Government, department of Environment, did a beach cleaning activity at Baobab Beach in Kilifi. This was a give back opportunity for Upendo to the

community which has supported Upendo for so long in so many ways.



4. <u>Upendo Talent Show</u>

Upendo organized a talent extravaganza on 5th October, 2019 which brought together over 200 students from various schools, child care institutions and churches. It was a day full of fun and an opportunity for children to showcase their talents.



5. Journalism Club





Several Upendo students aspire to be journalists and have had opportunities of being hosted in several radio shows in a number of radio stations within Kilifi.

6. Grade 3 Tailoring Results

All the four students who sat their national grade three tailoring examination passed.



Our sincere gratitude to all those who supported us financially, in material donations, in prayer and through visits. We cherish your involvement in the project activities.



Figure 3: Chen Jinling (volunteer from China) with Upendo children

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year