

# JIRANI

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Releasing children from poverty  
**Compassion**  
in Jesus' name

## He is the Reason for the Season



“For unto you is born  
this day in the city of  
David a Savior, which  
is Christ the Lord.”

*Luke 2:11*





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Known, Loved, Protected

**Child Protection:  
Our Highest Priority**

**Report cases of abuse and neglect to 116.  
#SeeItReportIt #YouHaveThePower**

Child Protection Campaign 2021

## Our Mission



Releasing Children  
from poverty in Jesus'  
name

## Our Vision



All children in poverty  
thriving toward their  
God-given potential

## Core Values



Integrity  
Discernment  
Dignity  
Stewardship  
Excellence



# Walking to Biking:

## *The Potential impact of 100 Bicycles*



*Compassion International partnered with World Bicycle Relief (WBR) to present 100 bicycles to 100 youth from three church partners in Makueni County: AIC Kiu, ACK Kavete and RGC Kavete. This initiative aims to support youth and children who spend more of their time walking than studying.*

**S**chool going children in these rural areas usually do a 2-4-hour roundtrip walk 10-15KM each direction to get to and from any school while carrying a school bag loaded with books. Bicycling reduces that time to 30 - 45 minutes, allowing them to attend school and have more time for schoolwork, play and household chores.

Even though bicycles are necessary, they are often not attainable because available models frequently break down and are unaffordable to most youths enrolled in Compassion's program. WBR designed their rugged, versatile bicycle and community-based maintenance and repair model with rough rural terrain in mind.

The bicycles not only help the youths get to school. Student bicycle ownership means better access to food and water and a more reliable income for 9 - 12 additional individuals in their family circle.

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Through this initiative and working with the Monitoring & Evaluation team, we hope to see improvements in school performance among our beneficiaries and more girls completing their education.

The partnership also involved the training of 3 local mechanics (two caregivers and youth) to set up bicycle repair businesses, where beneficiaries and the community at large can have their bicycles repaired at a fee.



It will create income for the trainees and ensure other interested youths can learn from them and gain the needed skills to set up their shops in future.

**By Carolyne Nzau**  
Program Support Specialist



# Habitat & Shelter



*Since the inception of IFC Mkongani many of its caregivers have been living in dilapidated structures. Housing is a basic need that every human being would endeavour to have.*

In 2020, at a time that saw us supporting caregivers due to the economic impact of Covid-19, 20 caregivers decided to come together and make better homes for their families, using access to a Makiga Machine. They came up with a budget of items for their housing project.

They came up with a design for a two-roomed home constructed using 2,400 bricks. Each of the caregivers who received the Unconditional Direct Cash Transfers support contributed towards financing the project. They then started purchasing the murram (kifusi), cement and paying for the labour of the brickmaker.

They divided themselves into smaller groups to sieve murram, carry water and offload bricks at the worksite. They would start work early in the morning and leave in the evening. The brick-making process took four months to make 50,000 bricks.

After completing the brick-making, each caregiver listed whatever they could contribute towards the construction of the house. These included coconut trees for timber, iron sheets, water, labour, a land bank and food.

Compassion International facilitated the church partners ferrying of the bricks to the construction sites for the different homes. So far we have managed to build three two-roomed permanent houses.

## Challenges

1. Even though some caregivers have their resources (labour, water and palm trees for timber), the church no longer has the funds to facilitate the housing project since the resumption of project activities.
2. 5 caregivers are at an advanced age and cannot contribute to the project.
3. The caregivers spend most of their income to cater for their basic needs with little to spare for the project.

## Conclusion

To reach our goal of completing the construction of the remaining homes will depend on external funding.

By IFC Mkongani





# Security During the Festive Holiday Season



*Criminal trends indicate an upsurge each time we approach the festive season of Christmas. In recent months there have been several worrying reports of violent crime in different parts of the country. Some of the likely causes of the current criminal trajectory are the impact of the Covid-19 restrictions on the economy, competing Government expenditure priorities leaving more security needs going unresourced or under-resourced and violent gun-related crimes linked to terrorist activity.*

## Advice:

1. Ensure that your residential security is adequate with multiple locking points on doors and well-locking windows. Maintain a sound key management system by not leaving keys on display and being easily accessible to strangers.
2. At all times maintain a high situational awareness of your surroundings, including residential neighborhood and household security behaviors. Always trust your instincts.
3. Maintain contact with local authorities and local media outlets and keep abreast of changes in your security environment.
4. Know your neighbors and consider forming a "neighbourhood watch" where you look out for each other's homes and the neighbourhood.
5. Upon recognition that the building is under attack, use the Run-Hide-Fight protocol:
  - 5.1. **Run** - If possible, seek shelter at a safe distance.
  - 5.2. **Hide** - Lock all access points immediately, and household members should immediately move to a predetermined safe location in the home.
  - 5.3. **Fight** - If confronted by a threat such as an armed attacker, household members should fight only as a last resort and only to preserve their life or the life of others.
6. During or after the incident, and only when safe to do so, contact the local police for a response.

**By Caleb Meshac Aluk**  
**Senior Security Specialist**





# Finding Sustainability in Baking



*Lilian in St. Simeon Mwangutwa, has been very passionate about learning and perfecting her baking skills. In March, 2019 she started selling cakes in her local community. By October 2020 she had saved Kes. 15,000.*

**T**hrough this business she is able to support her mother in the provision of basic needs at home, she also pays a monthly loan for her mother which was borrowed when she was joining college to pursue a certificate course in counseling psychology.

Lilian is able to cater for her own transport to and from Mombasa two days a week as she attends classes. She was also able to train 8 caregivers at the church program on cake and bread baking.

With her savings, she supported her young brother Mbaji when he joined form 1 in July 2021; She paid for uniforms and stationeries which was Kes.6000 and paid first term fees of Kes.4000 out of required term 1 fees of Kes.10,000. Lilian is one of the most outstanding youth who has greatly benefitted through skills training at the church.

**By: Benjamin Kivuva**  
**Partnership Facilitator**



Kshs **15,000.**

*Amount Lilian had saved by October 2020 in selling cakes in her community.*

Kshs **6,000**

*Amount Lilian paid for uniforms & stationeries for her younger brother*

Kshs **4,000.**

*part of the 10,000, 1st term fee Lilian paid for her younger brother.*







From left to right. Daniel Biryra, Stella Mwamure, Eunice Mwariri ( Compassion staff) , Kaidza Komora, and Nancy Mbodze at IFC mkongani Church



From time to time, we revisit our childhood memories and let our inner child out to play.



The official opening of the water tank in Mabasheni, Kwale County by Deputy Governor, Kwale County, Fatuma Achani and our Outgoing National Director, Joel Macharia.



Who is my Neighbor? A visit to Lokipetot Akwan Elim Pentecostal Church in Turkana county



At the heart of a family is their home. Creating flourishing communities by building homes for families in Chigutu, Kwale County



When in doubt, just dance



Sky above, sand below and fun all around



Not sure what they were celebrating but the joy was unquestionable





## New Staff

### Roy Radido Okech



**M** Meet Roy Radido Okech also known as Radido. Previously, he worked as an engineer but thoroughly enjoyed storytelling and film making. Roy is happy to join the Compassion Kenya team as a full-time filmmaker and can't wait to tell stories of hope and exert his God given talent towards our mission of releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Roy is a husband to Brenda and a father to 2-year-old daughter Zani and 2-month-old son Zamar.

In addition to story and film, he is really passionate about music, fitness and most recently house plants (thanks to the pandemic). He also serves as a worship leader and lead guitarist at his local church, Christ is the Answer Ministries (CITAM) Woodley, as well as run a fitness YouTube channel, a venture that really sparked his love for film making even more. Occasionally, he also enjoys a trip to the great outdoors, a sure way to refuel his creativity!





# Warmest Wishes From Compassion Kenya



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*





Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

**(Proverbs 31:8-9)**



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