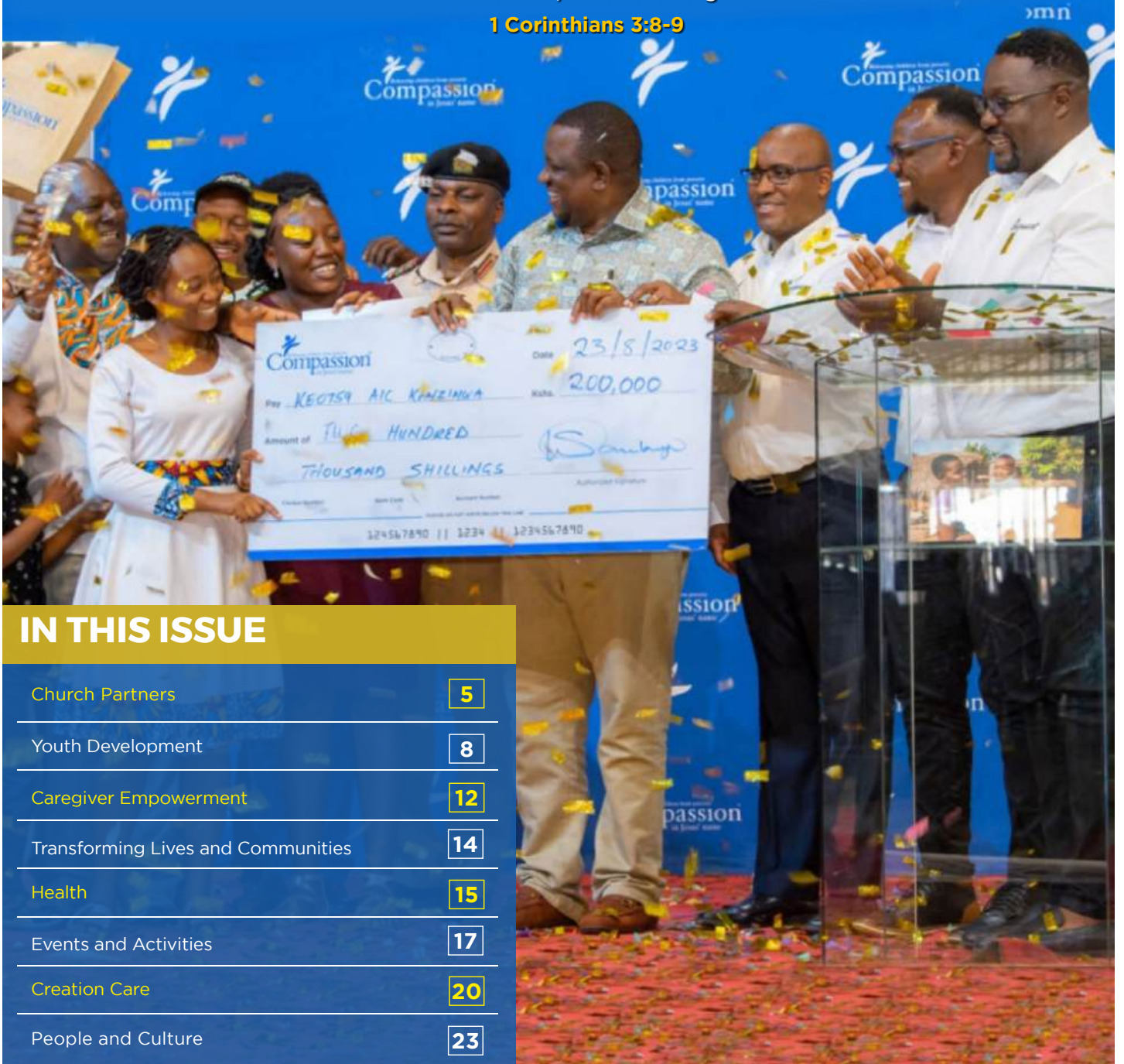




## “Innovation: Towards Self-Sustenance”

“The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building”

1 Corinthians 3:8-9



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## Our Mission



## Our Vision



All children in poverty thriving toward their God-given potential.



# Partner of the Year Awards 2023: *Celebrating Innovation for Self-Sustenance*



*Participants, boy scouts, and band members take a group photo with Hon. Salim Mvurya, Cabinet Secretary, Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, and Compassion International Kenya National Leadership team.*

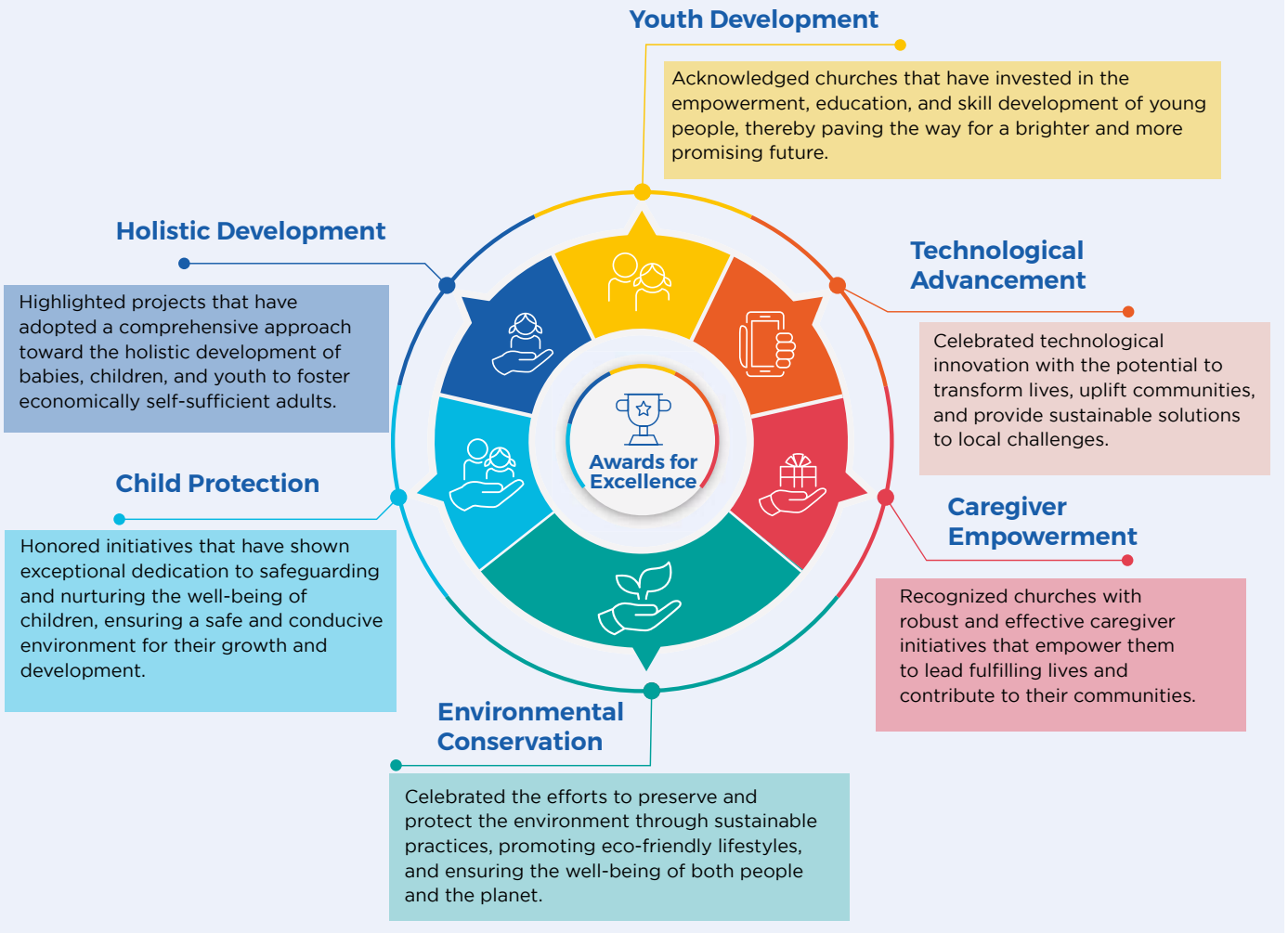
*In a recent celebration of visionary leadership, innovation, and community-driven impact, the Partner of the Year Awards 2023 took place on August 23, 2023, at Elim Church in Mombasa County.*

**H**on. Salim Mvurya, the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, the chief guest at the event emphasized the critical importance of safeguarding children and fostering partnerships for the enablement of the communities, thereby breaking the chains of poverty. He extended his appreciation to Compassion and its church partners for their commendable efforts in various domains, including Child Protection, Holistic Development, Youth Development, Technological Advancement, Caregiver Empowerment, and Environmental Conservation. The Cabinet Secretary also underscored the need for responsible resource utilization to secure long-term prosperity.



*Hon. Salim Mvurya, Cabinet Secretary, Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, delivers his keynote address.*

**Awards for Excellence:** The awards celebrated 120 Church partners in Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Taita Taveta, and Kitui Counties, honoring excellence in six categories that are fundamental to ensuring our work is impactful and sustainable.



Hon. Peninah Malonza, OGW Cabinet secretary of East African Community, The ASALs & Regional Development who also graced the event, highlighted the crucial link between sustainable development and preserving Kenya’s natural and cultural heritage. She shared that the work honored at the event aligns with broader efforts to empower communities and promote sustainable development.



*Hon. Peninah Malonza, OGW Cabinet secretary of East African Community, The ASALs & Regional Development, delivers her address.*

Several local church leaders, including Bishop Peter Mwero, Bishop Alphonse Baya, Bishop Mbega, and Bishop Jembe, gave inspiring words to those present during the ceremony. They emphasized that the work being done is a calling we must all work towards fulfilling. They added a spiritual and moral dimension to the event, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in bringing about positive change. The leaders reinforced our commitment to freeing children from poverty in Jesus’ name.

Compassion’s work is grounded in partnership. Years of impactful work in the country have been made possible through these partnerships. The support of generous sponsors like Ecobank, KCB, and Tech Kids, who endorsed the event and its message of self-sustenance through innovation, proves that the work of the Frontline Church Partners truly benefits the communities around them.



*Simon Kiragu, Regional Head of Financial Institutions, and International Organization, Ecobank Kenya, presents a USD. 1,000.00 cheque to the 2023 Compassion International Kenya, POYA Awards Overall Winners.*

The event successfully promoted the importance of collaboration and innovation in achieving long-lasting positive change in the community.

**Contributors:** James Mulandi, Manager of Partnership and Raphael Jalango Partnership Facilitator

# Church Partners

*Compassion International Kenya sponsors the launch of the Hesabika Trust Code of Conduct and Governance Guidelines for the Church in Kenya*



*(From left to right) Newton Midamba, Senior Manager of Partnership; Linet Ochieng, Senior Manager of Business Support; Justus Muinde, Senior People and Culture Strategic Partner; Catherine Wamiti, Senior Manager of Program Support; Samuel Wambugu, National Director; Christine Musau, Director of Program Operations; Gregory Papoi, Assistant General Counsel; and Bishop Shadrach Oloo, Member of the Compassion International Kenya Board*

**O**n Wednesday, August 30, 2023, we celebrated and co-sponsored signing of the Hesabika Trust Code of Conduct and Governance Guidelines for the Church in Kenya at the All-Saints Cathedral. It is the first of its kind in Kenya and was developed by the Hesabika Trust to unite churches in matters of ethics and governance.

Compassion Partners with 460 churches in 31 Counties across Kenya to release children and youth out of economic, physical, spiritual, and social poverty. We believe in the need to ensure that our partners share in the belief that every child should be Known, loved and protected. The Code demonstrates that the Church can effectively and objectively self-regulate. The Code of Conduct and Governance Guidelines for the Church in Kenya covers core values, ethical responsibility and personal conduct for church leaders, the Church as an institution, and its congregation. It provides for the stewardship of church finances and other assets (savings and investments, fundraising, remuneration, tithes, and procurement). It has disciplinary and complaints handling, and dispute prevention and resolution procedures.

Churches that sign the Code demonstrate a commitment to good governance and conduct with their leadership and congregation and respect for internal and external resources.

They will need to build the internal capacity to adhere to the Code. It will support their Christ-centered capacity to uprelease the communities they serve, align with our mission, and make them more effective partners in our work to release children from poverty.

The development of the Code was driven by the need for the Church to model good governance and accountability, even as we demand the same from political and government leaders.

*Compassion International Kenya endorses and supports the Code of Conduct and Governance Guidelines for the Church in Kenya because it promotes shared values of ethics and governance among churches.*

This endorsement reinforces Compassion International's mission to release children out of poverty by ensuring its partner churches uphold ethical standards. Together, we will release every child and youth from poverty in Jesus' name.

**Contributor: Newton Midamba,  
Senior Manager of Partnership**

# A Journey Towards Growth and Expansion



*Compassion Team with church leaders officially opening the church in Silale, Baringo County*

Compassion International Kenya is wholeheartedly committed to fulfilling its mission of nurturing the potential of vulnerable children in poverty-stricken regions country wide. One of the fundamental pillars of our impactful work is our collaboration with local church partners. This partnership has been pivotal in creating a profound and sustainable impact on children and their communities'. Therefore we must work toward the continued development and expansion in cooperation with these church partners. With over four decades of invaluable experience, Compassion International Kenya has cultivated a vast network of church partnerships spanning over 31 counties. This is evidenced by the recent endeavor to extend the reach to areas devoid of churches, exemplified by the newly established church plant in Silale Town, Baringo County.

The positive impact of this focused collaboration is evident in numerous success stories, with Silale serving as a shining example. Once a place where children faced limited opportunities, Silale has now transformed into a center of academic excellence and dreams. Moreover, this initiative's ripple effect extends beyond sponsored children, encompassing their families and entire communities. Through such endeavors, Compassion International Kenya is effectively breaking the cycle of poverty and enabling holistic growth.



*Compassion Team with church leaders at the church planting ceremony*

Looking ahead, Compassion International Kenya remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering growth and expansion within its church partnerships. Our strategy includes continuous refinement of the approach and the strategic use of technology for expansion to reach even more disadvantaged children. By empowering local churches, Compassion has cultivated a holistic and sustainable model of child development that impacts both the present and future generations.

**Contributor: Caleb Munyoki,  
Manager of Partnership**

# Transforming Lives in Lokipetotakwaan, Turkana County



*Pupils during a typical school day.*

Life is full of diverse experiences, and bitterness was a familiar taste for the children of Lokipetotakwaan. Situated in Turkana County, this community faced the harsh reality of prolonged drought and food scarcity, forcing families to depend on pastoralism, wild berries, and relief food for survival. Amidst these challenges, Elim Church in Kakuma and its partnership with Compassion International sparked a transformative journey of change.

Lokipetotakwaan was a place where hardship was etched on the landscape. Families struggled to put a meal on the table, and water scarcity overshadowed their everyday lives. The children faced not only hunger but also the absence of necessities like clothing, shelter, and access to education.

In 2022, Compassion International Kenya partnered with Elim Church in Kakuma. The collaboration breathed new life into the community, focusing on empowering the most vulnerable members – the children. Through this partnership 180 children were welcomed into the Compassion program, beginning a transformative journey.

The leaders of Elim Church and program staff underwent comprehensive training, equipping them to lead the change within their community. Early in the partnership, a disaster fund was allocated, enabling the church to purchase meals for the children. This intervention provided immediate relief to households grappling with the bitter pangs of hunger. Health screenings and interventions, spiritual guidance, and hygiene education further solidified the comprehensive support the community received.

Education emerged as a central catalyst for change. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Elim Church, Restoring Order Ministry (ROMI), and Compassion International, the community witnessed the creation of a foundation for learning.

Permanent classrooms, a well-furnished kitchen, a staff room, and a kindergarten section were established. Trained teachers and adequate learning resources replaced the former scarcity, igniting the flames of hope within the children's hearts.



*Children in school before Compassions interventions*



*Children in school after Compassions interventions*

Lokipetotakwaan transformed from a place referred to as the “*mountain of wild animals*” to a vibrant community with a thriving school, a feeding program, and enthusiastic children. The impact of Lokipetotakwaan is a testament to the power of collaboration to transform the lives of children.

**Contributor: Shadrack Nakua,  
Partnership Facilitator**

# Youth Development

*International Youth Day :Green skills for youth, towards a Sustainable Future*



*Guests in attendance for the International Youth Day panel discussion event held at the Compassion International Kenya office.*

*Compassion International Kenya hosted an inspiring event to commemorate International Youth Day (IYD) which is celebrated annually on August 12th. This year's theme was "Green Skills for Youth, Towards a Sustainable Future". The event served as an excellent platform for discussing the challenges faced by young people and the importance of equipping them with essential skills, knowledge, and values to thrive and make significant contributions to the sustainability of our world.*

The panel discussion was driven by partner organizations that support youth initiatives. Key panelists included Andrew Too, the Technical Assistant for Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA), Magdalene Wanjugu, the Executive Director for NairoBits Trust, Kevin Odhiambo, the Regional Ministry Coordinator for iServe Africa and, Samuel Wambugu Compassion International Kenya's National Director. Each highlighted the importance of green skills in the different sectors they represent but more so highlighted that green skills are not a far-fetched idea but the day-to-day solutions that the youth can pick up towards making their environment better.

The discussion emphasized the importance of technical and formal education, including leadership training. The panelist stressed the need to break down gender barriers in male-dominated fields, ensuring that as the youth are empowered with green skills no one is left behind as an effort to reduce inequalities a key sustainable development goal.





*The panelists From Left to right Andrew Too, the Technical Assistant for Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA), Kevin Odhiambo, the Regional Ministry Coordinator for iServe, Magdalene Wanjugu, the Executive Director for NairobiBits Trust, Africa and, Samuel Wambugu Compassion International Kenya's National Director.*

Samuel Wambugu underscored the importance of equipping youth with market-relevant skills and leadership qualities with a unique perspective, linking green skills with spirituality to emphasize that caring for the environment is not just practical but also a moral obligation. The event served as a reminder of our collective duty to empower young people and nurture their commitment to environmental conservation.

Watch the full event here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H4dHZQ2Wdc&ab\\_channel=CompassionInternationalKenya](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H4dHZQ2Wdc&ab_channel=CompassionInternationalKenya).

*Together, we can work towards a brighter, more sustainable future.*



*Guests in attendance for the International Youth Day panel discussion event held at the Compassion International Kenya office*

**Contributors:**  
Douglas Mosei and Lydia Sereya Program Support Specialist

# A Journey of Resilience, Talent, and Impact



**D**aniel, a dedicated student at the Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), has shown remarkable talent and dedication. Besides his academic pursuits, he is also an athlete. Daniel enrolled at the Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) to study Plumbing and Pipe Fitting through the Compassion Complementary Intervention (CIV). During his time at KEWI, he discovered a passion for Floorball that has led him to represent Kenya at the African Championships.



His journey began when he joined KEWI's Floorball team. Floorball is a fast-paced indoor team sport that combines elements of ice hockey and soccer. Played with a lightweight ball and specialized sticks on a gymnasium floor, it emphasizes speed, precision, and teamwork. Daniel's dedication, hard work, and exceptional skills quickly caught the attention of both his peers and coaches. Through relentless determination, he became a key player and excelled to the point where he earned a coveted spot on the Kenya Floorball National Team.

Daniel had the opportunity to represent Kenya in the African Championships, held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, on the 13th-17th of September 2023. His inclusion in the National Floorball team is a testament to his talent and dedication to the sport, and it is a moment of great honor. The Kenyan team came third in the African competitions, a great testament of Compassion Participants making a difference in their context.

Daniel's story is a great example of how the Compassion holistic development program allows young participants to succeed and positively impact their communities.



**Contributor: Douglas Moseti Program Support Specialist**

# Graduation Celebration in Tharaka Nithi County



Samuel Wambugu, National Director, Awarding program participants during the graduation.

*The Compassion International Kenya team came together to commemorate a significant achievement - the graduation of some of its program participants from primary and high school. This event marked the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and unwavering dedication of the program participants in Tharaka Nithi County in Kenya.*

For many children born into poverty, the dream of accessing quality education often feels like an unattainable aspiration. Yet through Child Sponsorship, these children are provided with a lifeline of hope, empowering young minds with the essential tools they need to break free from the cycle of poverty.

The recent graduation ceremony was not only an opportunity to applaud the graduates but also a chance to acknowledge and appreciate the tireless efforts of Caregivers, the Frontline Church Partners, and the community in supporting these children throughout their transformative journeys.



Douglas Moseti Program Support Specialist, Awarding program participants during the graduation.

As a gesture of encouragement and support for the graduates' future endeavors, Compassion International Kenya took a step further. Those who excelled in primary school received new smartphones, helping them develop digital skills that are increasingly vital in today's world. Similarly, those who excelled in high school and gained immediate access to university were awarded new laptops, equipping them to navigate the fast-paced digital landscape ahead.

During the event, Samuel Wambugu, the National Director of Compassion International Kenya, shared his perspective on the significance of such graduations. He emphasized,

*“Looking ahead, Compassion International remains committed to continuing its work in providing quality education and holistic development to children in need. The graduation serve as a reminder of the possible positive change when individuals and communities come together with compassion and a shared vision for a better world for children and youth.”*

Contributor:  
Harun Githinji, Partnership Facilitator

# Caregiver Empowerment

## *Farming Forward:*

## *AIC Mwarangeni's Annual Agribusiness Expo*



*A Caregiver's stand with various displayed products*

Over the past three years, AIC Mwarangeni Frontline Church Partner has consistently organized shows and exhibitions in collaboration with the Kitui County Government through the Ministry of Agriculture. These events serve as a valuable forum where all 15 registered Community Savings and Loans (COSALO) groups, consisting of Compassion participants caregivers and youths, to demonstrate their diverse income-generating skills to potential stakeholders and investors. These shows and trade fairs have been pivotal in promoting and supporting the Church's activities within the local community.

Through collaboration between AIC Mwarangeni Church partner and the Kitui County government, these events have served as a platform for sharing knowledge about sustainable farming practices, enhanced livestock management, and various agricultural innovations with caregivers, youth, and

local farmers within the community.

Interactive demonstrations and workshops have enabled farmers to acquire contemporary techniques, utilize advanced technologies, and adopt best practices, resulting in increased agricultural productivity and culminating in the establishment of the Thagicu Arimi Co-operative Society Ltd. for the aggregation and marketing of green grams.

The collaboration between AIC Mwarangeni's and the Kitui County Government has had a transformative impact on the local community.

It has facilitated knowledge sharing, network building, and economic empowerment, all of which align with the shared goals of Compassion International Kenya and the AIC Mwarangeni Church in combating poverty.



*Eunice Mwariri, Program Support Specialist visiting a stand at the expo.*

**Contributor:**  
**Phyllis Gathoni, Partnership Facilitator and,**  
**Evans Mbae Project Director**

# Empowering Caregivers for a Brighter Future



*Compassion Participants Caregivers at training sessions*



**A**t ACK Karangare in Embu County, Kenya, Frontline Church Partner has committed to empowering caregivers as catalysts against the cycle of poverty through partnerships with like-minded organizations that share our vision of community empowerment. Through home visits of Compassion participants, the church felt the need to further empower caregivers with the knowledge and skills to generate income and meet their family needs. In response, the church at a local level sought partnerships with Hand in Hand Kenya and Jirani Smart Ltd, organizations dedicated to community empowerment in Kenya.

Hand In Hand offers groups essential Income Generating Activity (IGA) skills and business training, while Jirani Smart provides startup capital to businesses without interest. The collaboration between organizations lasted for nine months from November 2022 to August 2023.



*Compassion Participants Caregivers showcasing their income generating activities.*

The collaboration kicked off with 15 groups, each consisting of 20 Compassion Participants caregivers, all registered with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. Over a period of nine months, these caregivers have undergone transformative training in various entrepreneurial skills, including group formation, savings, enterprise development, economic management, credit access, value chain/marketing, and climate change awareness, among others.



*Compassion Participants Caregivers showcasing their income generating activities.*

The impact of these training sessions has been profound. Caregivers have gained knowledge and harnessed their newfound skills to engage in income-generating activities such as soap making, baking, detergent production, tie and dye, bead necklace crafting, and much more. As the training program came to an end, it became clear that investing in caregiver empowerment and transformation through partnership can break the chains of poverty and pave the way for a brighter future. The various businesses that took shape during the program highlight the value of this approach.

**Contributor: Patricia Mghendi-Otachi,  
Program Support Specialist**

# Transforming Lives, One Home at a Time:

## *Eunice's Story of Hope*

*In Kenya, housing is considered a fundamental social and economic right for all citizens. The constitution guarantees every Kenyan the right to accessible and adequate housing, as well as reasonable standards of sanitation. Compassion Kenya as a supporter of the socio-economic development of the country through child development is actively working to ensure that children are protected even in their homes.*

Eunice, a program participant, and her family of seven faced dire living conditions in a remote rural area. Their dwelling was a small, thatched mud house with leaking roofs and damp walls. A massive portion of their home had no roof, forcing the family to huddle in the remaining section, partially thatched with local palm fronds.

This makeshift arrangement provided little protection from changing weather conditions, leaving the children vulnerable to the harsh night cold. The overall living conditions were deplorable, severely impacting their health and well-being.

Unfortunately, financial constraints prevented them from improving their living situation.

Eunice's life took a hopeful turn with the introduction of the shelter improvement initiative by the Church Partners. The initiative aimed to revamp the family's housing conditions. Collaborating closely with the family, the church helped design a new house featuring three bedrooms and a spacious sitting room. The objective was to create a living space offering more room and better ventilation, contributing to improved health.

The results of the housing initiative were remarkable. The family now resides in a secure, comfortable house catering to their needs. With ample space for every family member to live and study. The new home has fostered an environment conducive to personal growth and well-being. The enhanced ventilation has had a discernible positive impact on their overall health, starkly contrasting their previous living conditions.

Eunice, and her family's journey from a substandard, dilapidated mud house to a safe and comfortable new home is a testament to the positive impact of shelter improvement initiatives in rural areas.

These programs are an integral part of Compassion's efforts to ensure sustainable communities for the children in their program. Beyond Eunice and her family, Compassion, with its Church partners, is committed to improving the living situations of its participants and their families.



Contributor: Safari Kasiwa Project Director EAPC Maamba

# Health

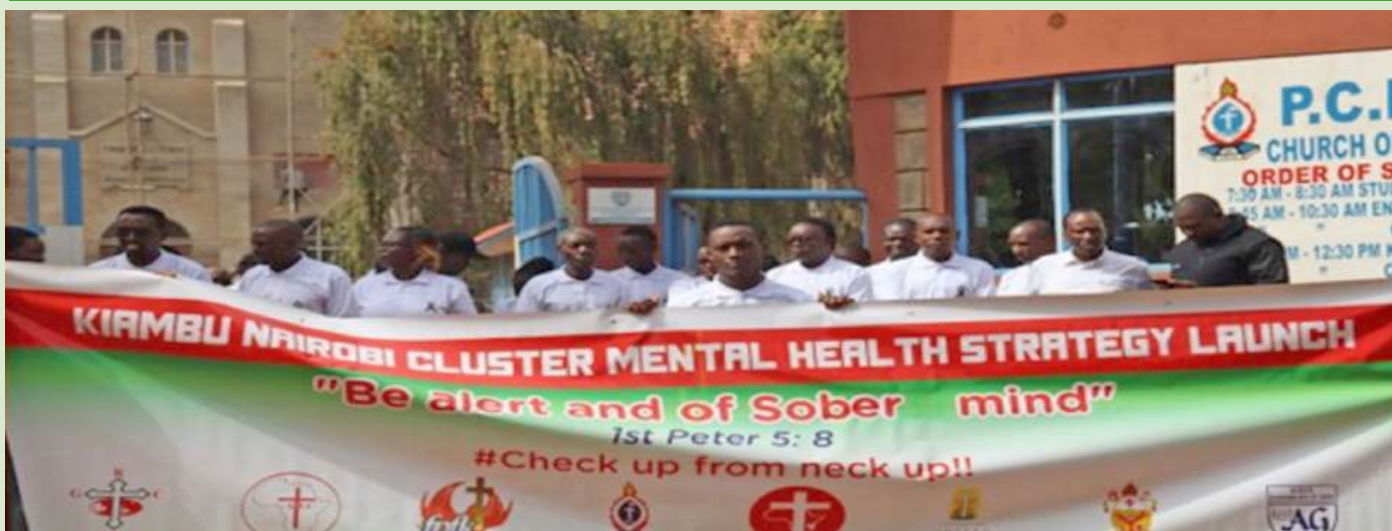
## Launch of Mental Health Strategy



After months of dedicated effort, 17 Kiambu-Nairobi Frontline Church Partners Mental Health Strategy launched on August 24, 2023, at PCEA Thogoto Church. This momentous event brought together various projects and stakeholders uniting in their shared commitment to addressing mental health challenges within the community.



Participants Marching band during program launch.



Church representatives Caregivers and program participants marching during the launch event.

The launch commenced with a spirited march from the venue to Alliance Junction and back. Participants donned white turtlenecks adorned with green ribbons, and with the slogan “Be Alert and of Sober Mind” The eye-catching theme, “Check-up from Neck up,” resonated with onlookers, emphasizing the importance of mental health awareness.

During the event, the Reverend from the host church shared wisdom from the book of 1 Kings 19:1-5, focusing on Elijah’s struggles to highlight the significance of addressing depression and investing in positive social networks.

The presence of the Mental Health Taskforce underscored the importance of creating a positive social network to engage a broader audience. The event attracted a diverse audience, including church leaders, chairpersons, community leaders, mental health representatives, youth representatives.

Several speeches highlighted key mental health insights, including the link between substance abuse and mental health, the importance of early diagnosis, and the role of psychiatry.



*Host Rev Kelvin Wathatu and Assistant Chief Caroline Wambui giving their remarks at the event.*

The strategy created in collaboration with mental health practitioners aims to promote good mental health and early intervention, specifically during childhood and adolescence. This approach is sustainable throughout life, equipping individuals to face challenges and reap long-term benefits. The strategy prioritizes family involvement in mental health and wellbeing, educating and raising awareness about the risks and consequences of drug and substance abuse, and improving outcomes for individuals with mental health problems through treatment and therapy.



*The Kiambu-Nairobi Frontline Church Partners Mental Health Strategy 2023-2028 being unveiled.*

Additionally, follow-up support and monitoring after treatment will be increased through social support and community involvement. Successful implementation of these priorities will require new ways of working. This successful event serves as a reminder of the urgent need to prioritize mental health awareness and support.

**Contributor:**  
Eunice Mwariri, Program Support Specialist



## Compassion and NairoBits Sign a Memorandum of Understanding

Compassion and NairoBits signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) following the successful launch of a pilot class at PCEA Kariobangi, a church partner. The pilot program involved the training of 30 young program participants in the Digital Literacy Program. NairoBits Trust is a non-profit organization in Kenya that helps disadvantaged youth from informal settlements by empowering them with ICT skills.



*Program Participant at a session during the training with NairoBits*



*Compassion team, NairoBits team at PCEA Kariobangi, a Frontline Church Partner during the MOU signing ceremony.*

Their programs provide digital skills training and professional integration with the labor market, enabling the youth to pursue successful careers in technology. NairoBits has impacted over 10,000 young people in Kenya, making technology accessible as a life-changing and solution-building tool for vulnerable youth.

## Alumni's Compassionate Initiative at PCEA Kibra

Compassion International Kenya Alumnus of the Leadership Development Program recently organized an event at PCEA Kibra. The church had been vandalized during a local protest in the country, and the alumni dedicated a full day to spending time with the current child participants. During the event, they taught, played, and danced with the children in the program. Additionally, the alumni generously donated computers and invested in refurbishing the digital center located in the church, which is part of the Child Development Center.

This initiative reflects Compassion International Kenya's effort towards releasing children from poverty; is a full-circle mission, with the children who have graduated from the program coming back as adults to give back to their community and break the cycle of poverty.



*Alumni in the newly opened Digital center in Kibra.*



*Alumni cleaning and repainting the digital facility before the re-opening of the digital center in Kibra*



*Alumni playing with the kids at PCEA Kibra Church.*



*Alumni teaching during the day's events in Kibra.*

# Creation Care

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”  
Genesis 2:15 (NIV)*



*Hon. Salim Mvurya, Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Samuel Wambugu, National Director, and Newton Midamba, Senior Manager of Partnership planting trees at the Partner of The Year Awards.*



*Compassion team planting trees at ACK Karangare in Embu County during the Caregiver Empowerment graduation*

# International Days Celebrated in the Quarter

Compassion  
in Jesus' name

**WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY**

#WorldOrganDonationDay August 13, 2023

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in Jesus' name

**WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY**

#NoMatterWhat #worldhumanitarianday August 19, 2023

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in Jesus' name

International day of  
**CHARITY**

Empowering Children for a Compassionate World

#InternationalDayofCharity September 5, 2023

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in Jesus' name

**International Literacy Day**  
*"Promoting Literacy for a World in Transition"*  
Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies.

#InternationalLiteracyDay September 8, 2023

Compassion  
in Jesus' name

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

Actions for peace:  
*Our ambition for the #GlobalGoals*

#InternationalDayofPeace September 21, 2023

Compassion  
in Jesus' name

**WORLD HEART DAY**

USE HEART KNOW HEART  
*Heart for Humanity  
Heart for Nature  
Heart for Children*

World Heart Day September 29, 2023

# Celebrating World Breastfeeding Week 2023



**W**orld Breastfeeding Week 2023, observed from August 1st to August 7th, focused on **"Enabling breastfeeding: making a difference for working parents."** This global celebration underscores the importance of breastfeeding in infant care while emphasizing the pivotal role of community support in enabling breastfeeding for working parents and nurturing a healthier future for generations. Breast milk is a remarkable powerhouse, providing antibodies and essential nutrients for a baby's growth and immunity during the first six months of life.

Compassion International Kenya's church partner, P.C.E.A Boru Haro, played a vital role during World Breastfeeding Week by educating and supporting mothers. Knowledgeable nurses conducted training sessions covering breastfeeding fundamentals and practical techniques for infant positioning, ensuring both the baby's comfort and the mother's well-being.



*Educating and supporting breast-feeding mothers during one of the trainings sessions*

Going beyond their community, P.C.E.A Boru Haro launched an impactful awareness campaign in Marsabit County, dispelling myths and educating the public about breastfeeding's crucial role in infant health and development. The week's activities highlighted breastfeeding as a cornerstone of maternal and infant well-being, underlining Compassion International Kenya's commitment to uplifting women, improving child health, and creating supportive breastfeeding environments across Kenya.

**Contributor:**  
**Irene Kimani, Program Support Specialist**



*Members of P.C.E.A Boru Haro and members of the community marching*

# People & Culture

## New Team Members



### Welcome!

**M**eet Meshack Omari Nyatome. He holds a Bachelor of Business Information Management degree from Kisii University. Meshack joins us as a Partnership Facilitator. He comes in with a wealth of experience that spans various domains.

Before joining, Meshack was a Product Manager at ABNO Software International. He embarked on a journey through FOCUS-Kenya, where he actively served as a STEM (Short Term Experience in Ministry) team member.

Meshack is married to Jane Mbula and a father to two wonderful children, Ryan Baraka (4 years old) and Rylee Zawadi (2 and a half years old).

He indulges in various hobbies such as captivating movies, engaging in card games like Ligretto, and exploring the beauty of nature through invigorating walks.

Meshack is passionate about serving God, particularly in youth engagement, preaching ministry, and worship at IDC JKUAT (Interdenominational Church-Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology).

Meshack's favorite verse is Romans 8:14-17

### Welcome!

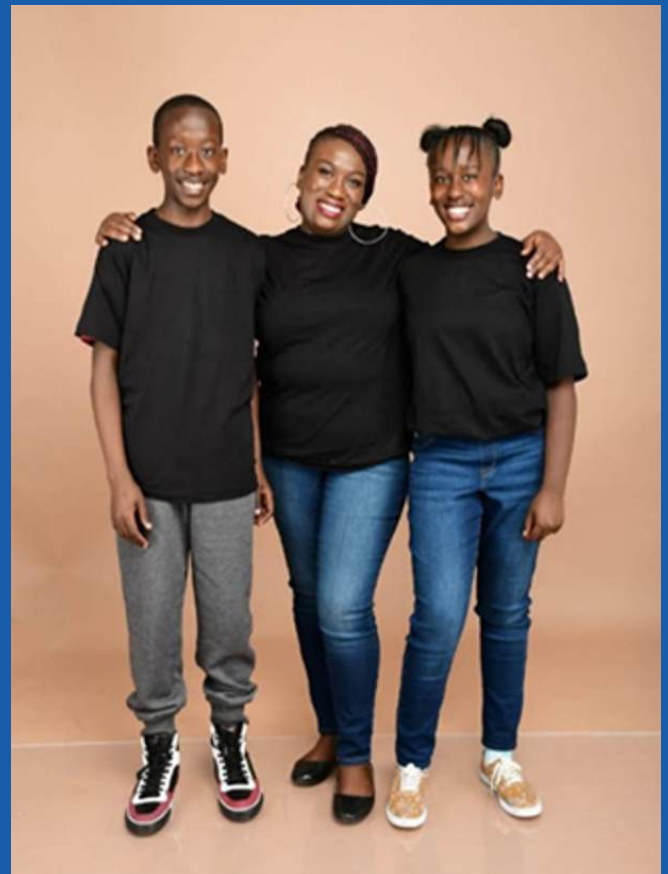
**M**aureen Matetel joins the Business Support team as an Administrative Assistant. Maureen holds a bachelor's degree in Tourism Management from Moi University.

Before joining Compassion, Maureen was a Logistics Officer at Church World Service. She previously worked at the National Organization for Peer Educators (NOPE), serving as Administration Assistant.

Maureen's family is blessed with 15-year-old twins, Ian, and Natasha.

During her leisure time, she enjoys listening to music, reading books, cooking, watching cartoons and documentaries, playing indoor games such as table tennis or chess, and traveling. Additionally, she likes to engage with women in her community. Maureen is passionate about serving God through intercession and ushering in church.

Her favorite Bible verse is Psalms 23.



# New Team Members



## *Welcome!*

**M** meet Purity Wangeci Wanyeki, joining Compassion as a Partnership Facilitator. Before joining Compassion, she served as a Child Protection Program Manager and a Monitoring Evaluation Accountability Learning and Advocacy Coordinator in Rescue Dada in Nairobi. Before that she was a Project Director in two of Compassion Church partners in Laikipia County.

She is currently finalizing her Master's Degree In Public Health from Mount Kenya University and has a Bachelor's Degree in Science from Egerton University. She has professional certifications in Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Policy and Advocacy, Leadership and Management, Global Health Research and Project Cycle Management and is an Alumni of Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI-RLC EA) cohort 36 and an iLEAD ELF-Africa cohort 10 fellows.

She is married to Newton Kariuki and together we are blessed with one daughter aged 2 years. Her hobbies include reading, swimming, and watching and enjoys taking nature walks and spending time with friends and family.

She worships in PCEA Kiambu town church where she serves as a church deaconess of Tent of Prayer district fellowship. She is also passionate about serving God in the children ministry as well as evangelism ministry in the church. Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 27:4.

## *Welcome!*

**W**e are delighted to introduce Evans Onyango Onyango, who has joined our Compassion family as the Partnership Facilitator. Evans is a passionate youth development coach with a mission to empower the next generation to thrive.

He brings a wealth of experience, having organized life-changing youth development events nationwide since 2016. He also served as a project director at AIC Tudor for three years, gaining valuable project management skills. With a degree in commerce and accounting, he's committed to lifelong learning.

Evans is the youngest in his family and happily married to Sheryl. He values family time immensely. Notably, Evans is a Compassion alumnus, having completed our Leadership Development Program (LDP) and the Young Africa Leaders Initiative East Africa Regional Leadership Center.

At Trinity Chapel Tudor in Mombasa, Evans actively supports the children's ministry and teaches in the main church.



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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