

>>> QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER I-2024 <<<



Empowering youth, cultivating excellence



"Happy Easter Holidays! This holiday holds special significance for Twajali because it marks the beginning of a new chapter. On the eve of Good Friday, we close the doors of our current center, with the hopeful anticipation of reopening them for our September intake at our new dream center in Kajiado County. Truly, dreams are valid."

**ENDING TO BEGIN**

Upon the return of our beneficiaries and team members from their December holiday, they had no clue for the changes that were awaiting. The fiery taste of a kanthari had already found its way into their food. Our training sessions resumed on January 15, 2024, with 13 beneficiaries from the September intake and an additional 17 who had completed their training awaiting internship opportunities. This was the time to communicate our new intended path. A turn of events that mark the start of a new journey.

TRUSTING THE PROCESS <<<

The road has been bumpy but there is hope for bright future. Through the training the youth are taking control over their lives. We successfully secured internship placements for the previous batch of beneficiaries. Seven of our beneficiaries have been offered positions in a star rated hotel. our current beneficiaries received 100% weekend on-job training gaining practical skills. Kenya utalii college opened its door for our beneficiaries exposure visit. We endeavor dismantling barriers and creating a brighter future for our youth



THE WILD WATERS

A JOURNEY OF ADVENTURE, RESILIENCE AND TRANSFORMATION

>>> CLOSURE AND REBIRTH

Equipped with a virtual backpack of leadership tools, I arrived in Kenya from the kanthari leadership training in India with a singular mission: to revolutionize our existing program. Shifting away from conventional and theoretical teaching methods to embrace a holistic and experiential training approach was easier said than done. These ideas received a lot of resistance from the majority of stakeholders. They deemed our vision crazy, uncertain, and unattainable. With 30 beneficiaries still actively engaged, ensuring a seamless transition became paramount to avoid disrupting the ongoing process. Those days were filled with reflection, confusion, and even moments of despair. As Sabriye Tenberken wisely stated, "A change maker never leaves the washing machine." Now, as the three months draw to a close, it's time to take a bold step. We are closing down the current phase and transitioning to a new environment—one that fosters a conducive atmosphere for training and shields our beneficiaries from the perils of drugs, crime, and prostitution. This isn't goodbye; it's a new beginning.

*Dear friends and supporters,
Your unwavering commitment has accompanied us since our inception. Over the past two and a half years, we have operated within the challenging environment of the slums, touching the lives of over 130 beneficiaries. Now, the time has come for us to embark on a bold transformation. With your continued support, we'll navigate this transformative path toward a brighter future.*

>>> OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

1. On March 28, 2024, we closed the doors at our current location and have embarked on the exciting journey of relocating Twajali to a fresh setting.
2. We have conducted a thorough search for suitable land to establish our new base and identified a 10 acre land in kajiado county.
3. For the previous batch, we achieved an impressive 99% internship placement rate.
4. The ongoing batch has completed their training successfully, and we're eagerly awaiting their internship placements scheduled by April 8, 2024.
5. In preparation for the September intake, we've initiated outreach programs with our target beneficiaries for ensuring a successful launch.



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IMPACT THE LIFE OF
MARGINALIZED YOUTHS IN
KENYA.**

SO WHAT NEXT....

THE NEW BEGGINING (MWANZO MPYA)

>>> ON OUR MARK

Having already identified and conducted a thorough search for the new land, we now set forth on a mission to raise funds for the acquisition of a 10-acre parcel in ILPOLSAT village, located in Kajiado County. Our efforts involve engaging with various local and international donors to garner support for the project's success. We operate within a strict timeline of one and a half months to initiate the land acquisition process.

According to Kenya's guidelines on land acquisition, we plan to secure the land in two installments. As soon as our initial deposit is made, we intend to commence the setup process promptly.

>>> GET SET

Now that we have acquired some assets, it will be feasible to begin with a modest setup in our new location. Leveraging the available local materials and the limited funds at our disposal, our plan is to construct manyattas (traditional Maasai mud houses) to serve as hostels, along with a kitchen and a multipurpose area. This initial stage focuses on meeting the basic requirements to make the center habitable for the upcoming intake."



>>> GO

As we establish our model center, our focus shifts to creating the necessary infrastructure and training systems in preparation for the September intake. This involves developing a comprehensive calendar of events, crafting detailed lesson plans, and defining clear objectives for each topic in our syllabus. Additionally, we actively engage in the intake process, interacting with potential beneficiaries to identify and select individuals who are the right fit for our program.

