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Empowering youth, cultivating excellence



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>>> GREENING TWAJALI 🌿

With our new centre in Ilkuishin, we're prioritizing the creation of a microclimate to support learning and growth. To manage the strong savanna winds, we've begun planting wind-breaking trees around the site. We're also establishing orchard paths and green borders to add beauty, shade, and learning spaces. One tree at a time, we're making Twajali greener and stronger.



THE TREE STAFF ROOM

We haven't built a staff room yet but that hasn't stopped us. For now, our team meets under the only tall tree we found on site. It's where we sit, plan, and prepare for the upcoming intake.

This tree has become more than just shade—it's our first staff room and a symbol of humble beginnings. In the future, we plan to build our **baraza** right here—a simple, welcoming space for gathering, sharing ideas, and growing together.



A NEW CAMPUS , NEW INTAKE...

UWEZO PROGRAM INTAKE

We've opened admissions for our first intake at the new Ilkuishin centre. We're targeting to recruit in **20 youth—10 from informal settlements around Machakos and 10 from the local Ilkuishin community**, as a way of fostering community ownership and involvement.

Our recruitment criteria involves girls, teenage mothers, and youth aged 18–30 who have finished secondary school, those are not in formal school or formal work, and have a strong interest in hospitality. This is a 6-month residential program designed to build skills, confidence, and opportunity.

For both the team and the beneficiaries, this marks the beginning of a new chapter—and we can't wait to grow together.

INTERNSHIP EVALUATION REPORT

We recently conducted evaluations for our 15 trainees who were placed in various hospitality establishments as part of their internship program.

From the evaluation feedback, it was clear that our trainees stood out for their strong social skills and trainable attitudes—a reflection of one of Twajali's core objectives: personal development.

We are proud to share that **8 out of the 15 trainees** received direct job placements, while the rest have secured casual roles as we continue to support them in finding permanent opportunities. This progress confirms that the seeds we plant through holistic training bear fruit..



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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY...

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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

On April 11th, we held our groundbreaking ceremony to officially introduce Twajali to the Maasai community in Ilkuishin. The event brought together over 60 people, including community members, local leaders, elders, and friends of Twajali, all united by a shared hope of transforming lives through hospitality and holistic youth empowerment.

It was a beautiful day marked by meaningful moments. We **planted trees** as a sign of growth and sustainability, **shared heartfelt conversations** with the community, and enjoyed a meal together to celebrate unity and new beginnings.

💧 WATER OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE

Water remains our biggest hurdle at the new Ilkuishin centre. The area is dry, and with no reliable nearby source, we currently depend on costly water deliveries.

Yet water is essential—for our residential program, hospitality training, and tree planting efforts. We're now exploring long-term solutions, including a borehole and rainwater harvesting, to meet our needs and support the wider community.

This challenge is tough—but we're committed to finding a lasting solution.



Ground Breaking Ceremony at Ilkuishin, Emarti Sublocation. Kajiado County