



**VIHIGA
KENYA**

Amazing Grace Center
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PROGRESS REPORT

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**EMPOWERING
RURAL VIHIGA
YOUTH**



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ABOUT VIHIGA COUNTY

The beneficiaries that we serve are aged between 10- 29 years and live in Vihiga county, the second-smallest county located on the western part of Kenya in East Africa. It is rural with a high population density living in poverty, limited social, technology, employment, and economic empowerment resources, and high rates of HIV/AIDS infections that mainly affect girls and young women who are often left as widows, single mothers, and orphans to fend for themselves. Agriculture is the taproot of Kenya's economy but the food insecurity problem we face is because majority of the families mainly depend on casual jobs as a main source of income that earn them less than \$2/day. This is because majority of the land in Vihiga is covered with granite rocks making it unproductive for commercial farming.

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WHO WE ARE

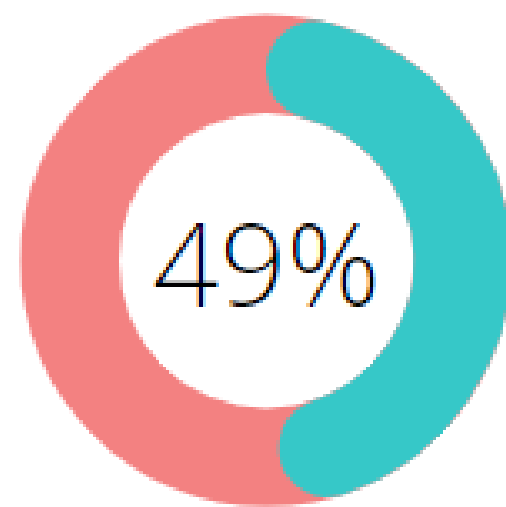


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Amazing Grace Center Kenya Community Based Organization (AGCKCBO) in Vihiga County, is a women-led grassroots organization. We invest in education and digital economic empowerment infrastructure for youth and young women affected by poverty, HIV/AIDS, and Disability in rural Vihiga Western Kenya to live healthy, independent, and productive lives.



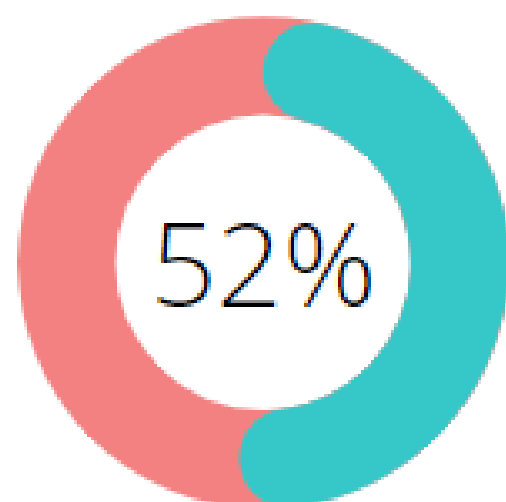
688,778
Vihiga Population



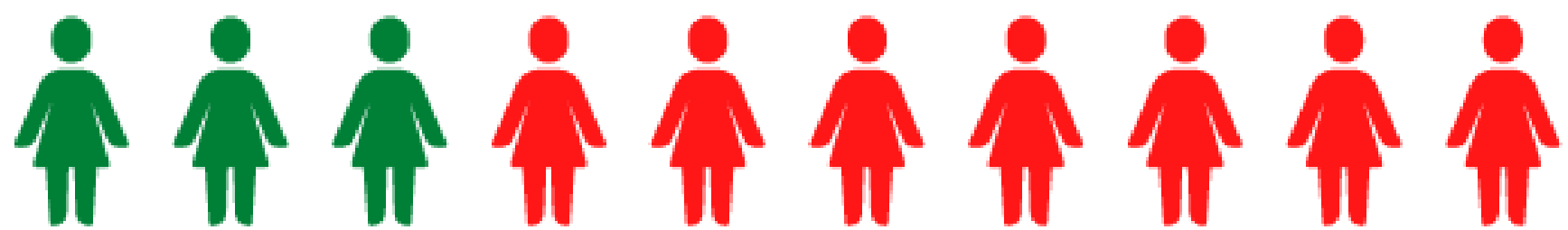
337,501
Aged between
15- 64 Years



Average Income
\$2/Day



52.2% Female
47.8% Male



**< 50% Girls complete basic
secondary education.**

Founded in 2016 and registered with the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Services, Department of Social Development in Kenya (Registration LUA/SCSDC/CBO/402/2016) AGCK has:

10+

Supporting social well-being staff members and dedicated volunteers that reach out to our community monthly to do school and home visits.

24+

Annual sessions on life skills mentoring, technology training, Smart Agribusiness, Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Awareness and Holiday Tuition Programs.

60+

Secondary education, school holiday meals, STEM scholarship prep, career and entrepreneurial sponsored and mentoring beneficiaries across all our programs.

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2022 Progress



YETU "OURS"

INITIATIVE

A total of **2** train of trainer staff members were selected for USAID and Aga Khan Foundation 6 month funded YETU training to enhance sustainability through local resource mobilization.

- A total of **36** returning students and youth benefitted from our pilot school sponsorship, holiday tuition, Agribusiness training and social support programs.
- A total of **17** students received full and partial secondary educational scholarships which included **13** girls and **4** boys.
- A total of **3** student leaders are learning basic computer skills in digital safety, basic keyboard skills and virtual communication through in person and virtual school holiday mentoring sessions.



We had **20** school holiday program days with a total of **40** facilitated mentoring sessions in March - April 2022. On average **32** out of **45** expected students attended our daily sessions throughout. New faces came in almost daily, increasing the number to an average of **60** attendees per month. **71.63%** returning students benefitted from the provided daily holiday snacks, lunch and mentoring sessions which were well attended.



WHAT WE DO

We are excited about our slow but steady progressive growth as a rural education STEM champion and the impact we have made in the Luanda sub county community especially among young girls and women in the last two years.

Holiday Sciences, Math, secondary school scholarship, Computational thinking and out of school study tuition group programs have gained popularity and interest among our community youth affected by poverty. We have a semi-permanent dedicated Technology and Chemistry teaching member that has made significant in kind contributions of their time in providing holiday mentoring and tutoring. This has seen a consistent improvement in performance for these subjects.

TOPICS COVERED (LEARNED) DURING OUR Q1 HOLIDAY SESSIONS.

- **Mathematics** -General/basic mathematics and facilitating study group formation discussions.
- **English** - Functional writing skills (Letter writing), composition(essay writing) and facilitating study group formation discussions.
- **Biology** - Parts and function of an eye, connection to vision science career mentors and formation of study group discussions.
- **Chemistry** - Organic Chemistry 1, Periodic Table, Structure and Bonding and study group formation discussions.
- **Life Skills and Digital Mentorship** - Traditional Songs & Dances, career choices and related requirements for Graphics and Web Design. Tertiary Computer science career opportunities and Scholarships available, related academic, extracurricular requirements and Goal setting (Academic counseling).



STEM EDUCATION

We implement the InspireHER STEM program model at the Amazing Grace Center Kenya CBO which won the top innovative idea award for inspiring hope, creating joy and igniting potential at the inaugural June 2022 Edinnovate Showcase organized and awarded by the prestigious and coveted University of San Diego, The Jacobs Institute for Innovation in Education.

Among other judging criteria, our solution was considered to be new but more effective than existing solutions.

100% of funds received through STEM education campaigns goes to direct support and payment of school fees, school uniform, mandatory government fees, science, math, digital learning tools, transportation to and from school, classroom teaching resources and digital literacy materials.

These funds are managed in a separate bank account and girls and women are given priority based on economic hardship, academic performance and vulnerability criteria.

We are seeking laptops, smartphones, tablets and technology skills development sponsor partners.

A person is sitting at a desk in a dimly lit room, looking at a laptop. A projector screen in the background displays a video call with a woman. The text 'PAID OVER USD\$8300 IN SCHOOL FEES, SCHOOL SUPPLIES & STEM CAREER MENTORING SPONSORSHIPS' is overlaid in large, bold, pink letters on the right side of the image.

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AVERAGE PERFORMANCE

SUBJECT	AVG SCORE	GRADE
English	64.95%	B
Mathematics	46.38%	C
Biology	49.44%	C
Physics	50.98%	C+
Chemistry	65.67%	B
Computer Studies	80.37%	A

English is not the first language of communication among the villagers, rural teachers and students, majority of whom are comfortable with Luhya the local dialect. This greatly affects the teaching and understanding of technical subjects in Science, Mathematics and Computer studies which affects overall subject interest and mean grade performance. It also affects the students' confidence in effective communication. We rely on education consultants and mentors from various backgrounds for effective holiday academic and life skills development. Our combined volunteer mentor access database has grown from 30 to 40 both in person and virtual mentors that provide life skills, English conversation, digital skills, scholarships, college, Agribusiness and career development skills.

Our youth beneficiaries are required to maintain good behavior, consistent mentoring attendance and a minimum of passing grade and above in ALL school subjects to maintain their social support sponsorship and education scholarships in the programs. We are seeking learning exchange and digital literacy implementing partners.

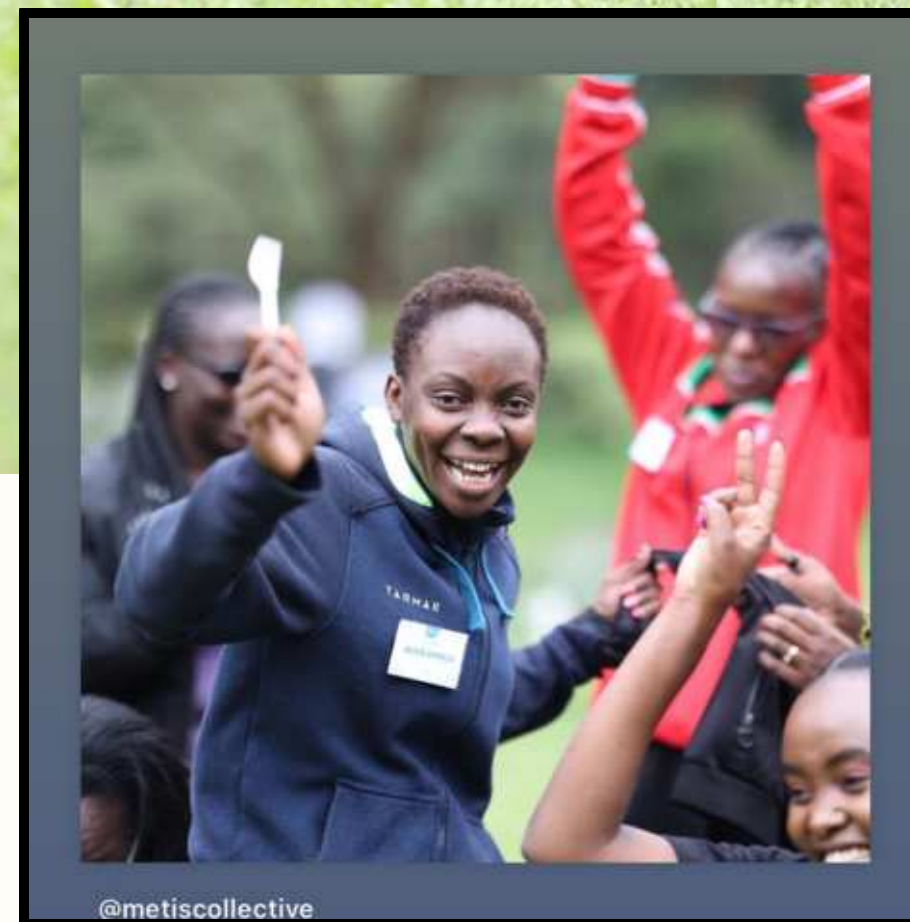
LIVELIHOODS

AGRIBUSINESS EMPOWERMENT

A total of **22** students attended phase one of our Model Agribusiness economic empowerment training which included **15** girls and **7** boys at the end of quarter one in 2022.

In order to sustain our local operations, support continued school fees, tuition programs and school feeding programs, we have initiated a model climate smart agribusiness kitchen and vertical garden maintained by sponsored secondary school students, mentees, benefitting parents, staff members and CBO member volunteers. The phase one training equipped students with knowledge and skills on how to do kitchen gardening by adopting climate smart technologies to produce quality traditional leafy vegetables. It also empowered students and local unemployed youth to embrace kitchen and vertical farming gardening skills as an urban farming method, an extracurricular activity for their career exploration, financial literacy, global learning exchange for exposure and as an income generating activity for the sustainability of organization's programs, youth and women led small space Agribusinesses, seed, equipment and capital access startups. The land space we use is from an in kind donation. We are seeking implementation experts.





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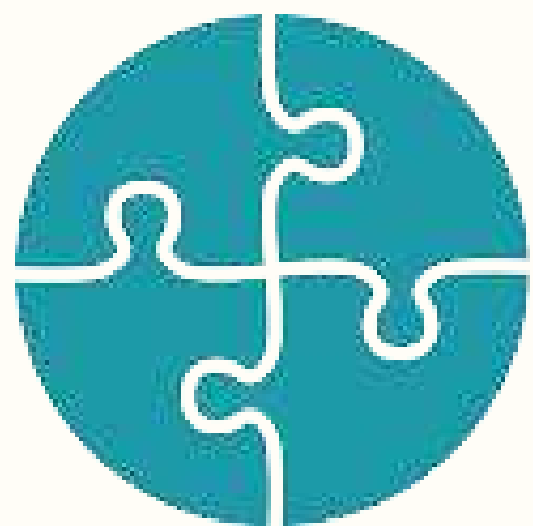
COLLABORATIONS



VISIONS
global empowerment



MIRROR
OF HOPE FOUNDATION



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SABATIA EYE HOSPITAL

**QUILTS FOR
EMPOWERMENT**

Inspireher STEM

YOUR TIME HERE COUNTS

VISIONS GLOBAL EMPOWERMENT

Visions is committed to enabling sustainable development through Education, Leadership and Technology. Provides skilled monthly mentoring in rural development, organization governance and fundraising skills. Also sponsors website maintenance and advisory leadership development.

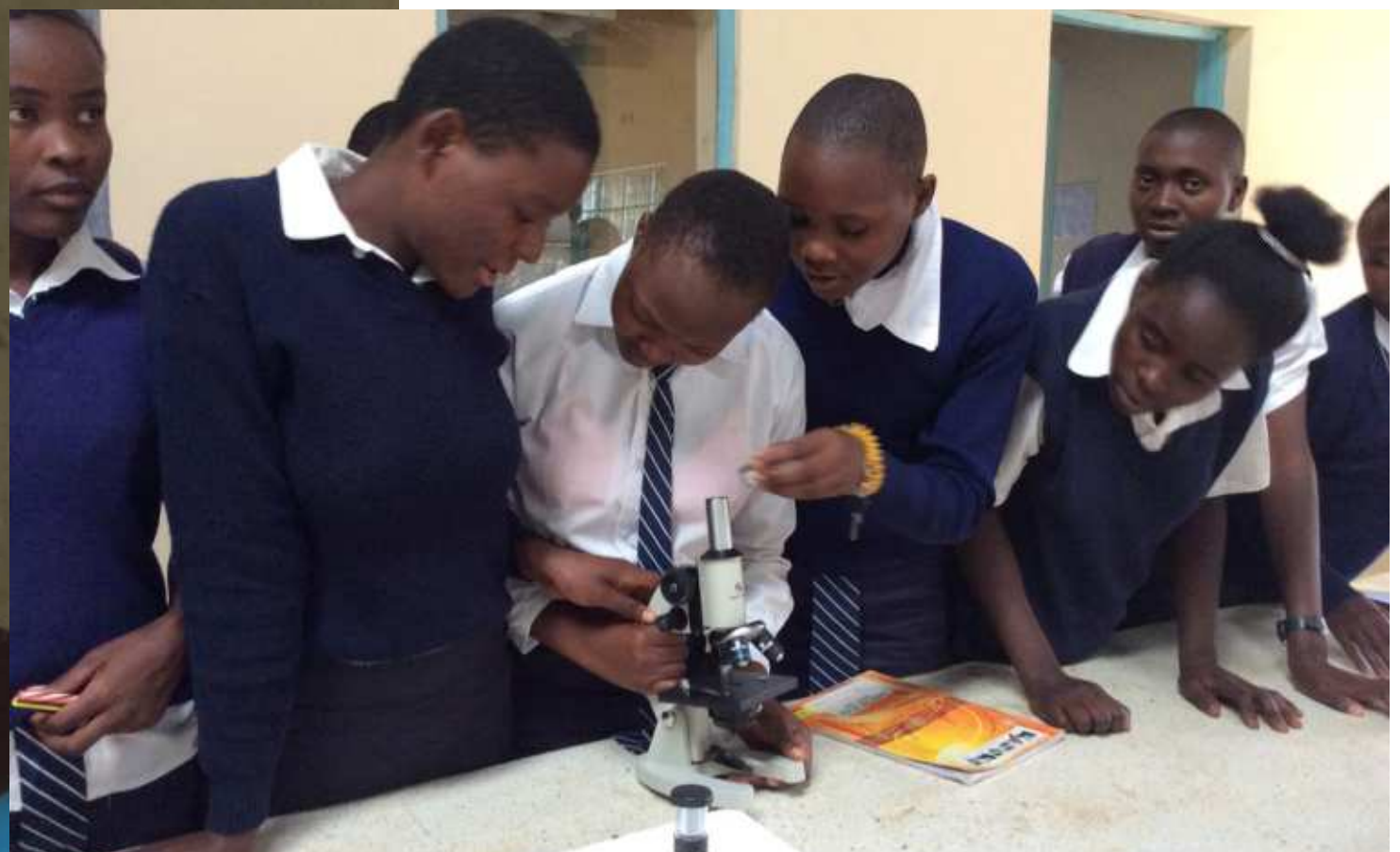
MIRROR OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Mirror of Hope Foundation is committed to unleashing the greatest potential through education in all its forms. Provides support for USA donors to make tax deductible contributions and our youth to access education sponsorships which in turn equips young people with employable STEM skills they can use to obtain well-paying jobs.



SABATIA EYE CLINIC

Provides eye check up services annually by sending five staff members including an ophthalmologist and subsidizes the cost of consultation and prescription fee by 90% for each AGCK beneficiary.



QUILTS FOR EMPOWERMENT

Committed to working together to give girls access to correct and accurate Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) information to make informed choices.

METIS FELLOWSHIP

We were selected to participate in the Metis fellowship cohort six. This is a six months program from July to November 2022 which encompasses a design thinking approach to education innovation and improves our human centered curriculums.

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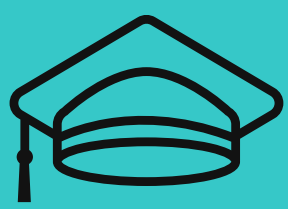
For more information about our programs, new projects and how to get involved visit our site at:

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WHAT DOES MY SPONSORSHIP COVER?



Basic Education



Life Skills Mentoring



Digital Skills Empowerment

We select vulnerable girls with a high potential for success based on primary school performance, community leadership and place them in boarding schools. During school holidays, we supply snacks, lunch, sanitary pads, stationery and facilitate holiday tuition.

We train in digital job and smart Agribusiness skills and provide life skills guidance by connecting to STEM mentors who empower with critical financial literacy information, women rights, communication, technology, and sexual reproductive health rights awareness to make informed decisions.

100% Covers Basic Education, Tuition and Technical Skills Training

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A Resource Center for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and Climate Smart Agriculture Rural Talent.

Anyone regardless of their location can get involved to sponsor, donate supplies or volunteer in supporting our mission to empower rural Kenyan youth to lead for change.

The first step is to contact our STEM education sponsorship team via email at volunteer@amazinggracekenya.org or phone at : +254-725-952-552.

You can also visit our website at:

<https://www.amazinggracekenya.org/join-us>



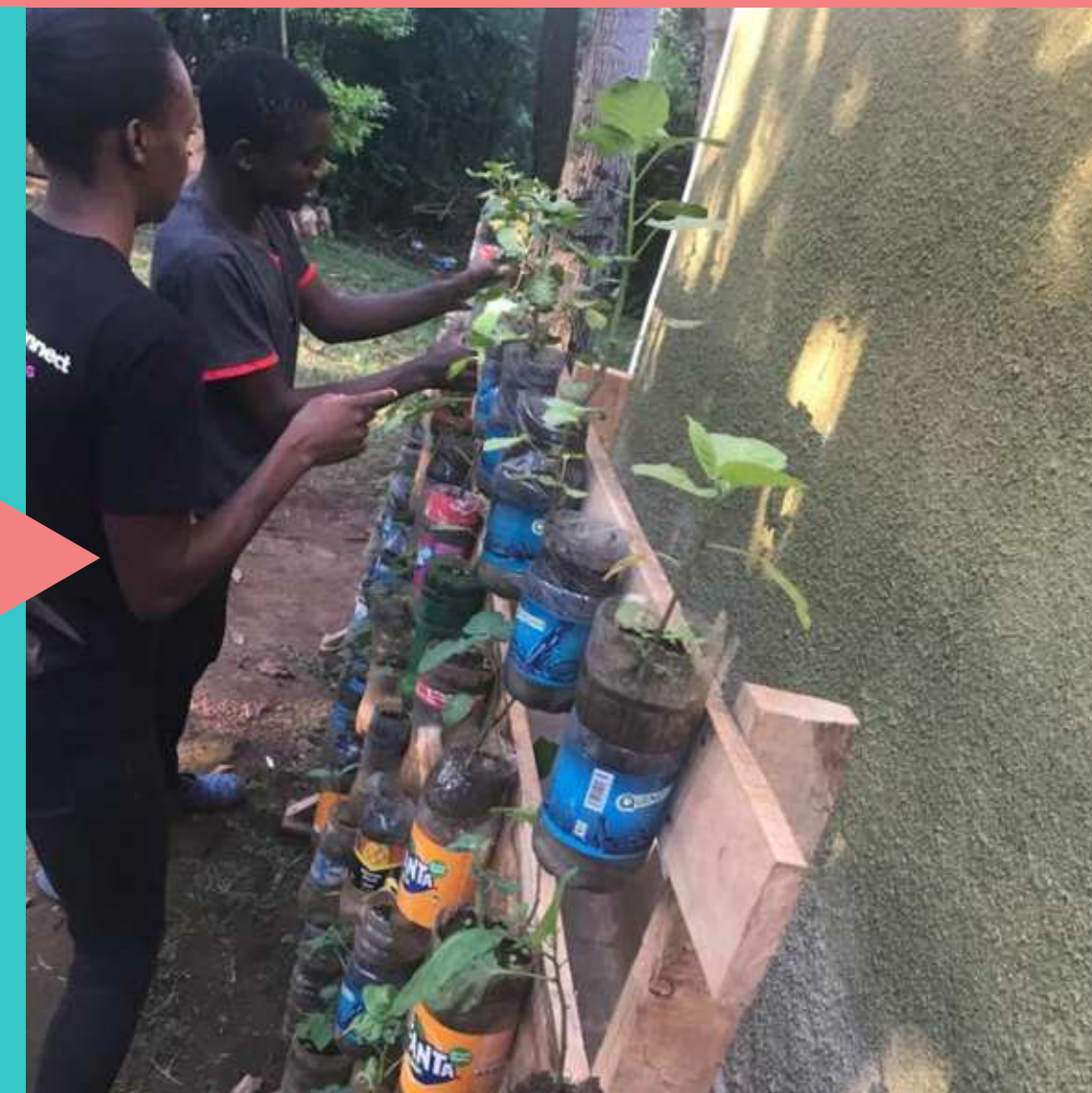
We have three main sponsorship categories in which you can become a STEM Education Champion. Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or annually.

- USD \$375/Year covers partial secondary education mandatory government fees, holiday tuition, holiday lunch,snacks, sanitary pads and digital safety training.
- USD 750/Year covers full secondary boarding school placement, mandatory fees, tuition, school uniform, stationery supplies, transportation to and from school.
- USD \$1125/Year covers full secondary education, sanitary pads, Agribusiness training and technical vocational training.

We accept sponsorships from anyone with a genuine interest to make a difference in the life of a rural child or young woman affected by poverty.

This includes but is not limited to donations from mentors, individuals, families, travel groups, social clubs, church groups, corporate organizations, university clubs, and schools.

At least 3 times a year, your student will write a letter/ record a video, provide academic report cards, or their entrepreneurial progress throughout their sponsorship period.



For more information about our programs,new projects and how to get involved visit our site at: www.amazinggracekenya.org



THANK YOU

ASANTE SANA FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO CHANGING RURAL YOUTH LIVES.

