

WAJIBU WETU CHILDREN'S TRUST

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT YEAR 2024



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Introduction

Greetings and Happy New year! I Trust that you are well and your families too? I have the honour to share with you the Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust, 2024 Annual Report on the activities, ongoing projects, ambitions and achievements of Wajibu Wetu.

Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate vulnerable and orphaned children in view of enabling them to have an equal opportunity in the world like other normal children. We achieve this by networking with the Government, NGO's, agencies, foundations and trusts in order to achieve the realisation of Wajibu Wetu's dreams, all for the interest of children's excellence and a bright future.

Manager's note

"Dear Stakeholders

Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust is a registered organization that was founded in the year 2005 at Rironi village along the Nairobi Nakuru Highway. The organization was founded with the pious zeal of helping vulnerable and totally orphaned children who are at risk of abuse due to neglect in the society.

The meaning of the word 'Wajibu Wetu' in Swahili means collective efforts. The project began its operations with 3 children and in the course of its first year, the number increased to twelve children who are now in the home-exit program. Those in the exit program have all completed their secondary and tertiary education and some are employed/ in business in various fields and locations in the country.

They have formed an Alumni group through which they periodically offer support through donations, mentorship programs and organizing co-curricular activities for their younger brothers and sisters.

Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust is located at Athi river, Kinanie location near Komarock slum and also bordering Makongeni settlement. The slum and the settlements are one of the main target areas for the Wajibu Wetu outreach program, where many children of the low income /poor farm workers benefit through food, education, clothing and at times health care needs.

Our main target areas are the poor and vulnerable residents in the slums with the aim to nurture, educate and improve the livelihoods of the people living in the slums and vulnerable communities.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Wajibu Wetu Board of Trustees, Imani Foundation through Mr. Harrie Oostrom, Mr. Rob De-Jong his family and Friends, Mr and Mrs. Anampio and family, Dr. Cecilia Wamanda, Rev. Fr. Peter Kamau, the entire Wajibu Wetu Board of Trustees, Mrs. Lilian, her family, the Wajibu Wetu alumnae group and the members of the community in our neighborhood. We sincerely wish you good health, happiness and success in your families and in all your endeavours. May your kindness and generosity return to you a hundredfold and may your strength and energy only grow, and your hopes become reality.

We continue to strive and seek more partnerships to ensure that all children have access to education, good health, and shelter and family values. We are grateful to you for the care of our children.

God Bless you all.

VISION

To nurture community needs in view of socio-economic and environmental development through childcare.

MISSION

To rescue, rehabilitate in view of outreach/exit programs by networking with the Government, NGO's, agencies, foundations and trusts in order to achieve the realization of Wajibu Wetu's dreams, all for the interest of children.

Wajibu Wetu Residential program

The residential program caters for the holistic needs of the children within the premises of the trust. The program has the capacity to accommodate between 30 to 35 children at one given time with the help of care givers with the goal of re-integrating them back to the community upon maturity or once suitable guardians are identified.

In Line with the children's Act 2022 that recommends re-integration of children back to their biological families, adoption/foster homes. Wajibu Wetu is in the process of creating a transitional program that will foster on the vision of Wajibu Wetu in compliance with the government directives.

Outreach program

The Wajibu Wetu Outreach program caters for the needs of the children who are vulnerable and less privileged but who have a parent/guardian with whom they reside. The outreach program has a hand in the community and social welfare of these children. This is an ongoing growing activity and the program seeks to support the children in their educational, clothing, food and health needs.

We seek to develop our outreach program further in 2025 by re-integrating some of our residential children who have living relatives, Wajibu Wetu will continue to support them in their educational, clothing, food and health needs. We seek to expand the program in the community by enrolling more vulnerable children and offering support for their educational and other basic needs. This is our pilot phase as we adapt to the new regulations of the children's Act 2022.

Exit program

Our exit program is interlinked to the outreach program. It supports children who have been re-integrated back to their families but who are still in a vulnerable position. It also supports children who have attained 18 years and are in college/universities or those who are starting out in life by supporting them to become independent and responsible members of the society.

Alumnae Program

We have an active Alumnae group at Wajibu Wetu that consists of ex-residential children who have been raised at the institution and have successfully completed their education and are now working in various fields in the society. They have formed a group aimed at giving back to their younger



brothers and sisters through various activities such as mentorship, charity work and at times minor financial support.


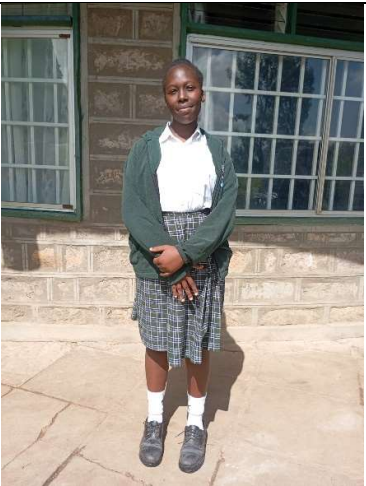
Some notable achievements in 2024 were the purchase of kitchen utensils for the Institution, shopping and contributions towards Christmas celebrations in 2024. They have also embarked on a project to provide clean drinking water by funding the connection of 2 water tanks that harvest rain water which will then be piped to a water filter system donated by Dr. Lucy. This will enable us to have clean drinking water throughout the year.



EDUCATION



Education is one of the key pillars of the organization. We strive to ensure all the children receive a quality education as a foundation for a better future.



Below is the current education profile for all our children for the year 2025. It lists in summary the details of the children and their respective fees and as well as their dreams and aspirations.



NAME		PAID FEES YEAR 2024	FEES FOR YEAR 2025
 <p>DENNIS ODHIAMBO</p> <p>Dennis will be turning 15 years old in 2025. He is a student at Daystar Mulandi Primary School and will be joining grade 6 in January 2025. He has made tremendous progress in his academics, socializing and in sporting activities. He got to represent the school in various sports activities this year. We are proud of his development.</p>		<p>Grade 5 school fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Grade 6 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 13,500</p> <p>TOTAL 2025 KSH 13,500</p>
 <p>JOSHUA MUTEMA</p> <p>Joshua will be turning 15 years in 2025. He studies at Daystar Mulandi Primary School and will be joining grade 9 in January 2025. He is gifted with many talents especially in sports and the arts</p>		<p>Grade 8 school fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Grade 9 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 13,500</p>



and has represented the school and church in various events this year. We encourage and support him as he balances his academics and developing his talents.			TOTAL 2025 KSH 13,500
 <p>WILLIAM MANICE</p> <p>William will be turning 17 years old in 2025. He joined Form 1 in Mbooni Boys High School, one of the best performing schools in Makueni County and in the country. He has assimilated well in High school and boarding life. He is gifted academically and we strive to support and encourage him in all his endeavors.</p>		<p>Form 1 school fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Form 2 School Fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 57,500</p> <p>Inclusive of Uniform, school ID and other school stationery</p> <p>TOTAL FEE 2025 KSH 57,500</p>
 <p>SHARON WAMBUI</p> <p>Sharon will be turning 18 years old in 2025. She studies at Mua Girls High School and will be joining form 3 in January 2025. She performs well in her academics and social classes. She has a cheerful demeanor and still aspires to be a nurse when she grows up.</p>		<p>Form 2 School fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Form 3 school Fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 57,500</p> <p>TOTAL FEE 2025 KSH 57,500</p>



 <p>LUCY WAMBUI</p> <p>Lucy Wambui will be turning 19 years old in 2025. She studies at St. Lucia girls' high school Nunguni and will be joining Form 4 in January 2025. She is hardworking in her academics and is hopeful of performing well in her final year of Highschool. She has also been very active this year in school and church extra-curricular activities.</p>		<p>Form 3 school fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Form 4 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 57,500</p> <p>TOTAL FEE 2025 KSH 57,500</p>
 <p>JANE NYAMBURA</p> <p>Jane Nyambura will be turning 19 years old in 2025. She is enrolled at St. Theresa Mwala Girls High School, Mwala and will be joining form 4 in January 2025. She is very active in extra-curricular activities especially in the arts and she also promises to work hard to achieve good grades in her final year of high school.</p>		<p>Form 3 School fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Form 4 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 27,500</p> <p>TOTAL FEE 2025 KSH 27,500</p>




	<p>MARGARET WAMBUI</p> <p>Margaret Wambui will turn 19 in 2025. She is enrolled at St. Lucia Girl's High School, Nunguni and will be joining form 4 in January 2025. Margaret has shown improvement this year and has been actively representing the school in volleyball sports activities and in church activities. She promises to tackle her final year of High school with vigor to ensure she obtains good grades.</p>	<p>Form 3 School fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Form 4 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 57,500</p> <p>TOTAL FEE 2025 KSH 57,500</p>
	<p>MARGARET MUHITO</p> <p>Margaret will be turning 19 years old in 2025. She is enrolled at St. Theresa Girls High school, Mwala and will be joining form 4 in January 2025. Margaret continues to be well disciplined and hardworking in her academics and extra-curricular activities both at school, home and church. She was promoted to overall commander in the school scout's union and has demonstrated great leadership qualities. She promises to work hard in her final year to enable her achieve her dream of being a nurse.</p>	<p>Form 3 School fees (3 terms) - CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform- CLEARED</p>	<p>Form 4 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Ksh. 57,500</p> <p>TOTAL FEE 2025 KSH 57,500</p>



	<p>JACINTA NDUNGE</p> <p>Jacinta Ndunge will be turning 16 years old in 2025. She is enrolled at Kinanie primary school and will be joining grade 9 in January 2025. Jacinta is among the first</p>	<p>Uniform 2024-CLEARED</p>	<p>Grade 9 School Fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 10,000</p>
<p>group of students to join Grade 9 under the new CBC program in preparation for High School. She will sit for the KEPSEA Exam in 2025 which will determine the high school program she will undertake under the CBC curriculum. Jacinta is enrolled in the outreach program, and receives school uniform, books, school supplies and food assistance from Wajibu Wetu. We will be further supporting her education in paying for her tuition fees. She comes from a needy family and her parent a single father is currently unable to support her.</p>			<p>Total 2025 Kshs 10,000</p>
	<p>BONIFACE MWENDWA</p> <p>Boniface Mwendwa will be turning 14 in 2025. He is enrolled at Kinanie Primary School and will be joining grade 5 in January 2025. Boniface is currently</p>	<p>Uniform 2024 CLEARED</p>	<p>Grade 5 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 10,000</p>
<p>being supported under our outreach program, he has been receiving assistance with School uniforms, books, school supplies and as well as food aid, due to their dire situation Wajibu Wetu will further support him with school fees in 2025.</p>			<p>Total 2025 Kshs 10,000</p>

	<p>JOHN MUTUKU</p> <p>John Mutuku will be turning 11 in 2025. He is enrolled at Kinanie Primary School. He will be joining grade 5 in January 2025. John is currently in the outreach program and has been receiving assistance with School uniforms, books, school supplies and as well as food aid, Wajibu Wetu will further support him with school fees in 2025 this is due to the dire situation in his family. He is a cheerful boy who is very sociable and has a lot of potential. We have witnessed great improvement over the years through the assistance in his education.</p>	<p>Uniform 2024 CLEARED</p>	<p>Grade 5 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 10,000</p> <p>Total 2025 Kshs 10,000</p>
	<p>THOMAS LAZARUS</p> <p>Thomas Lazarus will be turning 5 years old in January 2025. He is the youngest in the Wajibu Wetu family. He Joined Wisdom Achievers Academy in 2024 and has completed his 1st year and will be joining PP2 in January 2025. He has learnt how to read and write and to construct sentences in English. He is also active in sports, music and other extra-curricular activities. Thomas is a very sociable and kind boy with a very bright future. We wish him well in all his endeavors.</p>	<p>Kindergarten Fees – 2024 3 Terms CLEARED</p>	<p>Kindergarten School Fees 2025 (3 Terms)</p> <p>Kshs. 80,000</p> <p>Please note: Amount Inclusive of fees, Transport and school activities.</p> <p>Total 2025 Kshs. 80,000</p>

	<p>GEHARD NJENGA</p> <p>Gehard will be turning 22 years old in 2025. He is currently studying in AIC Kijabe College of Health Sciences pursuing a Diploma course as a Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse. AIC Kijabe is one of the best schools offering this training in the country. He is a hardworking young man who is excelling in his studies, he is passionate about Health care and is hopeful for a bright future ahead. We wish him success as he follows his dream.</p>	<p>College Fees 1st Year 2024 (2 semesters) CLEARED</p>	<p>College Fees 2025 (2 semesters)</p> <p>Kshs 259,000 (1 academic year)</p> <p>Please note: The amount is Inclusive of Hostel Accommodation Fees and Food Costs</p> <p>TOTAL 2025 KSHS. 259,000</p>
	<p>AMOS MAKAU</p> <p>Amos will be turning 21 years in 2025. He joined Kenya college of Interior Design in 2023 and is currently in his second year. He is pursuing a Diploma course in Interior Design and is performing very well in academics and projects. He is a hardworking young man who is very enterprising and full of Ideas. Amos is also talented musically and is very active in the youth activities in the church.</p>	<p>College Fee 2024- CLEARED</p> <p>Hostel accommodation, food, pocket money, transport - CLEARED</p>	<p>College fees 2025 (2 semesters)</p> <p>Kshs. 43,000 3 semesters = 1 academic year)</p> <p>Please note: The amount is Inclusive of Hostel Accommodation Fees and Food Costs</p> <p>TOTAL 2025 Kshs. 43,000</p>

	<p>BRIDGET KIMEU</p> <p>Bridget will turn 19 years old in 2025. She was admitted to Kiambu Institute of Science and Technology where she is pursuing a Diploma course in Information Technology. She has adapted well to the new environment at college. We wish her well in her studies.</p>	<p>Form 4 School fee (3 terms) CLEARED</p> <p>Uniform CLEARED</p>	<p>College fees 2025</p> <p>Kshs. 142,820 2 semesters = 1 academic year)</p> <p>Please note: Amount is Inclusive of Hostel Accommodation Fees and Food Costs</p> <p>TOTAL 2025 Kshs. 142,820</p>
	<p>YOHANNES JEREMY</p> <p>Yohannes will be turning 24 years old in 2025. He has completed his 2nd year at Kiambu Institute of Science and Technology where he is pursuing a Diploma in Building Technology and Civil Engineering. He attended Theory and practical lessons which culminated in 3 months Industrial attachment as part of the coursework. He is hardworking and has started using his acquired skills to do minor repairs and improve some few projects at Wajibu Wetu. He is passionate about his studies and very hopeful for the future.</p>	<p>College Fees 2024- (2 semesters) CLEARED</p>	<p>College fees 2025 (2 semesters)</p> <p>Kshs. 142,820 2 semesters = 1 academic year)</p> <p>Please note: The amount is Inclusive of Hostel Accommodation Fees and Food Costs</p> <p>TOTAL 2025 Kshs. 142,820</p>

 <p>ADAM ABDUL MAJID Adam Abdul Majid is 14 years old. He is enrolled at Kinanie Primary School and will be joining grade 7 in January 2025. Abdul and his siblings joined our outreach program in 2024 where they have been receiving assistance in kind (clothes, mattresses etc.)</p>		<p>Grade 7 school fees</p> <p>Kshs. 6,000</p> <p>Total 2025 Kshs 6,000</p>
 <p>SEPH ABDUL MAJID Seph Abdul is 13 years old. He is enrolled at Kinanie Primary School. He will be joining grade 5 in 2025. Seph and his siblings joined our outreach program in 2024 where they have been receiving assistance in kind (clothes, mattresses etc.)</p>		<p>Grade 5 school fees</p> <p>Kshs. 6,000</p> <p>Total 2025 Kshs 6,000</p>
 <p>JOSEPH NYATHE MAITHYA Joseph Nyathe is 13 years old. He joined the Wajibu Wetu outreach program in 2024 where he has been receiving assistance in kind (food aid and clothing). Joseph did not get the chance to complete his primary education due to the hardships in his family. He is hoping to join a motor vehicle mechanical</p>		<p>School Fees 2025</p> <p>3 Semesters</p> <p>20,000</p> <p>Total 2025</p>

course in 2025 to enable him to attain skills that will help him in future.		20,000
 <p>BONIFACE MUTISO MAITHYA</p> <p>Boniface Maithya is 14 years old. He was shortlisted together with his brother in 2024 and joined our outreach program. He has been receiving assistance in kind (food aid and clothing). Boniface and his sibling did not get the chance to complete their primary education due to the hardships in the family. He is hoping to join a motor vehicle mechanical course in 2025 to enable him to attain skills that will help him in future.</p>		<p>School Fees 2025</p> <p>3 Semesters</p> <p>20,000</p> <p>Total 2025</p> <p>20,000</p>
 <p>SARAFINA PENDO JAMES</p> <p>Sarafina Pendo is 23 years old. She is currently enrolled in Kabete National polytechnic and is pursuing a certificate in Information Technology. She is currently in her second year. She has been a part of Wajibu Wetu outreach program since 2023 and will be receiving partial assistance in school fees to enable her to complete her certificate.</p>		<p>College fees 2025 (2 semesters)</p> <p>Kshs. 34,000 2 semesters = 1 academic year)</p> <p>TOTAL 2025 Kshs. 34,000</p>
GRAND TOTAL		Kshs. 1,125,640

Developments in Education 2024

1. George Kidei Graduation – George Kidei completed his pastry and bakery course at Tigoni Technical College and graduated. He is currently employed in the hospitality industry and is fairing well. We wish success in all his future endeavours.



George Kidei during his graduation ceremony in August 2024

We wish to Sincerely thank Mr. Rob De Jong, his family and his friends, for their comittment and sacrifice to ensure our children receive a quality education. We offer our gratitude and we ask God to Bless you and your Families and all that you do abundantly.

Ongoing collaboration between Imani foundation and Wajibu Wetu

The partnership between Wajibu Wetu and the Imani Foundation has lasted many years. This great relationship has helped Wajibu Wetu in achieving its dreams and goals through their funding for our running costs, various development projects and through their valuable advice and shared experiences. This has been made possible by their able board of Directors led by Mr. Harrie Oostrom and Mr. Francis Meerveld.



Members of the Imani Foundation during a visit to Wajibu Wetu in 2024

In 2024 the Imani foundation helped to fund 2 major projects namely the construction of a Kitchen, store, laundry area and the purchase of an energy saving Stove. These projects are meant to improve the lives of the children and meant to propel the organization towards its goal of being self-

sufficient. We will continue strengthen our relationship with the Imani Foundation through our shared vision and goals and we hope to collaborate in more projects in the coming year.

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Harrie Oostrom & Family, Mr. Francis and the whole Imani Foundation for their invaluable advice and support.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC GROWTH ACTIVITIES

We are involved in various household strengthening activities that seek to ensure there is food security for the children and to provide a source of income for the organization. The long-term goal is to make Wajibu Wetu self-sustainable through various income generating activities the activities.

In 2024 we engaged in these household strengthening activities;

1. **Farming-** We continue to strive in the farm to ensure that we have sufficient food for the children. The farm also provides healthy organic food and fruits for the children which ensures that they obtain a balanced diet in their meals every day. The farm supplements the budget of the organization by ensuring that we only purchase a few items from the market.



Various Produce from the Wajibu Wetu Farm in 2024

We have increased the number of fruit trees in the farm and it is our hope that in the next 2 years we will start harvesting fruits for our own consumption and for sale in the market which will boost our income from the farm.



Mango Fruits



Oranges



Papaya Fruits

We have also ventured in French Beans and Baby corn Farming for the export market as a commercial venture that is projected to increase income from the farm.



French Beans in the Farm



Harvested French Beans

2. **Water Utilization and supply** – The water available for use in the project is equally utilized for domestic use i.e., drinking, cooking, sanitation. It is also largely used for irrigation purposes in the farm. We also engage in water vending to the community especially during the drought period as many households mainly depend on rain water and water sold by those who have boreholes. During the rainy season many people harvest rainwater and the income from the sale of water reduces as has been the case in 2024 where we had prolonged rainy seasons.
3. **Livestock Farming** – We engage in various forms of subsistence livestock farming mainly for domestic use. This includes goat farming, Chicken, turkey and guinea fowls. We are in the process of re-introducing dairy farming with the aim of producing milk for domestic consumption and gradually increasing the production for the sale of surplus milk. There is a demand in the area for fresh milk as the community is also growing in population.

4. **Rental Income-** We had an uneventful year in 2024 in regards to rental income. The demand for rental houses was low and we are in the process of rethinking the model to offer hostel accommodation to the students in the neighboring college.

The Table below represents a summary of the income generated by the household economic strengthening activities in 2024.

TABLE FOR MONTHLY INCOME 2024

	WAJIBU WETU FARM INCOME SHEET 2024							
MONTH	VEGETABLES		FRENCH BEANS		FRUITS		CEREALS	
	Domestic use	Farm sales	Domestic use	Farm sales	Domestic use	Farm sales	Domestic use	Farm sales
JANUARY	10,000	-	-	-	-	-		-
FEBRUARY	10,000	-	-	-	-	-		-
MARCH	10,000	5,000	-	-	14,800	-	12,600	-
APRIL	10,000	6,330	-	-	8,000	-	33,600	-
MAY	8,000	2,800	-	-	7,175	-		-
JUNE	10,000	8,200	-	-	5,200	-		-
JULY	10,000	7,990	-	-	6,400	-	10,400	-
AUGUST	10,000	7,890	-	-	1,200	-		-
SEPTEMBER	8,000	7,170	-	-	1,500	-		-
OCTOBER	10,000	4,170	-	-	4,800	-		-
NOVEMBER	10,000	2,420	-	-	1,500	-		-
DECEMBER	10,000	615	-	39,850	800	-		-
	116,000	52,585	-	39,850	51,375	-	56,600	-

WATER		DAIRY		HOSTELS	TOTALS	
Domestic use	Water sales	Domestic use	Farm Sales		Domestic use Total	Farm Sales Total
30,000	-	-	-	-	40,000	-
30,000	-	-	-	-	40,000	-
5,000	-	-	-	-	42,400	5,000
5,000	-	-	-	-	56,600	6,330
15,000	-	-	-	-	30,175	2,800
35,000	-	-	-	-	50,200	8,200
35,000	2,200	-	-	-	61,800	10,190
35,000	1,800	-	-	-	46,200	9,690
35,000	1,045	-	-	-	44,500	8,215
35,000	200	-	-	-	49,800	4,370
20,000	175	-	-	-	31,500	2,595
20,000	120	-	-	-	30,800	40,585
300,000	5,540	-	-	-	523,975	97,975

ACHIEVEMENTS/COMPLETED PROJECTS IN 2024

1. Construction of outside Kitchen, Store and laundry area

In 2023 we made an appeal through a proposal to the Imani Foundation for the construction of an outside kitchen and store. This followed a great need for the facility with the growing needs of the organization. The funding for the proposal was approved towards the end of 2023 and the construction work commenced in February 2024. Despite a few challenges experienced by Wajibu Wetu in 2024, we are happy to report that the project was successfully completed through the support of the Imani Foundation through its directors led by Mr. Harrie Oostrom and Francis Meerveld who have held our hands through the challenging journey and have supported us till completion of this major project.

Please see below photos of the old kitchen and the newly constructed building courtesy of the Imani Foundation.



The old kitchen building





The New Kitchen and store bulding

We managed to add on a small laundry area as part of an ongoing project to improve on the sanitation and hygiene of the workers and the children as they wash their clothes. This has helped to curb the Prescence of mosquitoes, frogs and stagnant water near the house which is a health hazard.



Old Laundry/sanitation area



The new laundry/sanitation area

The new building will ensure that the food is cooked in a hygienic environment which will reduce the risk of contamination. It will also provide a safe environment for the staff and out of danger from snake bites as she can safely prepare the meals for the children in a safe and well-lit environment. The building will also centralize the kitchen operations with the kitchen and store being in the same area.

2. Energy Saving Jiko

With the approval of the Kitchen and store, we also got the approval of an energy saving stove which was funded by the Imai Foundation.

The stove/Jiko was constructed in the new kitchen to aid in the cooking of meals for the children. The previous stove had been worn out over the years and was no longer effective

in its functions. It kept breaking down and posed a danger to the staff as they were cooking the meals for the children.



The old stove used for cooking

The new stove is already operational and has already brought many improvements. The stove uses less firewood than the traditional stove as it preserves heat by use of the bricks used to build it. The height of stove also helps the staff not to bend too much as they are cooking or lifting the heavy pots ensuring that their health is not affected. The 3 burners on the stove also ensure that one can cook different foods simultaneously ensuring that time is saved. The new stove is also equipped with 3 chimneys to ensure the smoke is well dispelled and does not affect the people.



The new stove in use

We are deeply grateful to the Imani Foundation through Mr. Harrie Oostrom and Mr. Francis Meerveld for your support in making this project a reality and improving the quality of life for the children in Wajibu Wetu through this and the many other projects that you support us with. May God bless all members of the Imani Foundation and all your families abundantly.

3. French Beans & Baby Corn Farming

In 2024 we embarked on commercial French Beans farming. We got the connection to an export company called 'The Fresh Approach' that contracts local farmers to farm the crops for the export market. They provide the seeds for planting and the services of an agronomist

who guides the planting process from the planting period until the harvesting period. We had a few challenges with the first trial due to unforeseen weather changes but we did not give up and upon the second trial we managed to get a good harvest and earn a small profit after expenses.



French beans in the Farm

The company provides a ready market for the product which eliminates the presence of middlemen/brokers who affect the price of the crop. They also buy the product directly from the farm cutting down on any transport costs.



Harvesting french beans

This was a great motivation for us and it encouraged us to continue with the plan as it holds the potential to be an income generating project that would ensure a regular income at least quarterly every year.



Part of the French beans harvested from the farm for sale

We will also venture into baby corn farming for the export market in the beginning of 2025. This will ensure crop rotation which is good farming practice and will also be a means of diversification.



example of baby corns



The Baby Corn planted at the Wajibu Farm

The project has a lot of potential as an income generating project for Wajibu Wetu but it requires investment through the expansion of farmland and in farm inputs.

CHALLENGES IN 2024

1. Extreme Weather Conditions

In 2024 the country experienced a prolonged rain periods which caused flooding and affected critical infrastructure like roads and bridges. It also affected farming activities due to the presence of too much water in the soil which led to low production of crops. This affected us in a major way as we were not able to get enough food from the farm and we had to resort to purchase food from the market that we normally obtain from the farm.

We had to travel a long distance to access the market and other services as the bridge connecting the main road to the home was swept away. The food prices were also high at the time due to high demand which led to a rise in the running costs of the organization during this period due to unforeseen expenses.



A section of the access bridge washed away by floods in 2024

The Government is currently tarmacking the road which is a good initiative that will prevent such disasters in the future.

2. Rising cost of living

The country has also seen an increase in the cost of living over the past few years which can be directly attributed to the current economic situation in the country. This has led to an increase in the cost of basic commodities like food, essential services like health care, education and even fuel prices.

3. Health Care

We have a challenge in the area of health care for the children whereby we have to pay out of pocket for health services and medicine every time the children fall sick. A health Insurance plan under the national health insurance plan now the Social Health Authority would go a long way catering for the medical expenses of the children in the event they fall sick.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH IN 2025

- 1. Farm Land Expansion-** We see a lot of potential for the future in the area of agriculture for Wajibu Wetu. This is an area we believe will help us generate more income for the organization and as well sustain the food needs for the children. We currently utilize around 2.5 acres of the land for farming and we have approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 acre of land that is underutilized. We had previously reserved it as grazing land for dairy cows and other livestock. We are changing our approach to livestock keeping and we are opting for zero-grazing of dairy cows and other livestock due to the abundance of fodder in the farm.

The underutilized land needs to be cleared and tilled to prepare it for farming, it also needs investment for a drip irrigation system. We believe that this expansion will allow us to do more commercial farming which will in turn generate more income.

- 2. Solar Energy –** Wajibu Wetu has identified a need for additional solar energy to help in providing lighting and more essentially solar batteries to enable us to pump borehole water 24 hours. It has been a challenge during the dry season to fill all the 4 tanks of 10,000 litres each especially when we have utilized the full farmland. This is because we rely on solar energy to pump the water directly without a solar battery, we do not store the extra energy for use at night and this allows us to pump water for approximately 8-10 hours in a day. This ensures that only 2 tanks are filled, these two tanks are used to supply water to the houses in the compound and as well irrigate 1 half of the garden. This leaves one half of the garden under irrigated especially when we utilize the whole garden for farming.

We believe that if we had the capacity to store the energy in solar batteries, it would enable us to pump water during the day and night which would ensure adequate water supply for domestic use and enough for irrigation for the whole farmland. This will lead to increased production and no limitations/seasonal planting as we would be able to plant all year round without dependency on the rainy season.

The solar system would also allow us to change from use of electricity to solar lighting which would cut the costs used in paying electricity bills.

3. **Bee Keeping-** Bee Keeping is a key area for growth in 2025 for Wajibu Wetu, it is an idea projected in line with the organization's goal of becoming self-sustainable. There is a growing demand of alternative and healthy sweeteners in Kenya as opposed to sugar. People are turning towards Honey, due its health benefits. Modern Bee Keeping provides the opportunity for farmers to keep the bees in modern bee hives and bee sheds that are meant to assist the bees in their production and as well as offer a safe and natural environment for the bees to co-exist with nature and thrive while protecting them from predators and other insects.

Wajibu Wetu is located in a warm environment which is favorable to the bees and also provides a lot of plants and sufficient water through the farm. The area also has a lot of indigenous trees and plants which are important in providing the necessary eco-system for the bees to thrive.

A Kilogram of Honey currently retails at 800Kshs in the supermarket and if done in the right way, the modern bee farming system which allows a farmer to manage multiple beehives at a time, this can be a great source of income for the project.



Example of modern bee keeping structure

4. **Dairy Farming-** We are in the process of reviving our dairy farming project in 2025. We are planning on rebuilding and improving the current cowshed to a more modern and efficient one that will ensure better hygiene, space for the cows. We will practice zero grazing and utilize the fodder available in the garden. The initial stage will ensure that the organization produces its own milk for consumption and gradually evolves to the sale of surplus milk as an income generating project.

We will need to look for an adequate specimen that is adapted to the local environment and with a high yielding capacity.

5. **Goat Farming –** In 2024 we identified an opportunity in goat farming. This entails the rearing of goats for meat production which is sourced by the local butcheries and families during the festive seasons like easter and Christmas. Goat milk production is also a potential area of investment with a growing demand for alternative dairy options. Goat milk is considered very nutritious and fetches a higher price in the market as compared to cow milk.

We currently have 8 goats at Wajibu Wetu and we are currently looking to increase production in 2025, the goats have the ability to reproduce at least twice a year increasing the flock exponentially over a short period of time.

The major investment for this project would require a standard shelter for the goats, feeds and the periodic medical requirements.

6. **Pig Farming-** An area of production that Wajibu Wetu is looking into in 2025 is commercial Pig Farming. Pig farming once done in the correct manner can be profitable due to the short maturity period of pigs and a ready market for pig products. With adequate training and the right investment in a modern structure and enough animal feeds to start with the venture can be a viable source of income for the organization and an added source of food for the children also.
The success of these agricultural ventures can also be a training platform for the neighboring schools and the community where training can be offered at a fee thus providing an additional source of income.
7. **Community Resource/vocational center and Day care center-** One of the long-term visions for Wajibu Wetu is to have a vocational/resource centre whereby the youth who have finished their primary/secondary education would have the opportunity to get equipped with useful technical and life skills. The centre would cater to the needs of the children/young adults in the communities who come from very vulnerable and low-income families.

A daycare centre for young infants and toddlers is also a long-term vision of the organization. This would offer the children a safe space where they would be looked after during the day when their parents are out working.

Most of the parents in the local area are farm workers and unskilled laborers. This would be made possible with the purchase daycare materials and employment of an ECD teacher.

Wajibu Wetu moments 2024





Christmas 2024



Family bonding moments



Planting trees for the environment



Helping out at the farm during school holidays



Mombasa memorable moments



Hiking in the nearby hills

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