

# **WAJIBU WETU CHILDREN'S TRUST**

## **ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT YEAR 2023**



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## **Introduction**

Happy new year! I have the honour to share with you the Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust, 2023 Annual Report on the activities, ongoing projects, ambitions and achievements of Wajibu Wetu.

The mission to rescue, rehabilitation view of Outreach/exit programs 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 in frontier research.

## **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.

I would like to introduce to you our new members on the Wajibu Wetu Board of Trustees:

1. Mrs. Rita Ndegwa
2. Dr. Samuel Kagiri
3. Rev. Fr. Peter Kamau

They have graciously accepted to work together with us as members of the board of Trustees in Wajibu Wetu. Through their advice, support and friendship over the years we have been able to work together to achieve the common mission and vision of Wajibu Wetu. We thank them for their invaluable support.

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 and the Wajibu Wetu alumnae group. 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 consultation with various stakeholders with the aim of creating a transitional program that will foster on the vision of Wajibu Wetu in compliance with the government directives. The implementation of the Act is over a 10-year period which gives sufficient time for CCI's to adapt and make the required changes.

In 2023 one of our children Naomi Catherine who has been at the home since she was 2 years old was successfully integrated with foster parents Mr. & Mrs. Anthony & Catherine Muchiri. This was made possible through the Athi River children's department who are actively monitoring the progress of the child in the new foster home.



Wajibu Wetu is also actively in touch with the child and the foster parents and we wish them well. This is also in line with the new recommendations as per the children's Act 2022.



## Outreach program

The Outreach program caters for the needs of the children who are vulnerable and less privileged but who have a 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.

The outreach program is an important part of the social services activities of the organization. It is among the programs that we are trying to develop in line with the new children's Act 2022. The Act proposes reforms in charitable institutions which prefer alternative based care/support for children in a family set-up.

## Exit program

The exit program is interlinked within the outreach program. This involves identifying a responsible guardian who is able to take care of the child. The children are then re-integrated back to the community and offered assistance under the care of the prospective relative, guardian, foster parent or adoptive parent.


The exit program 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.

It is through the spirit of the exit program that the Wajibu Wetu alumnae group was formed, the ex-residential/outreach mission children who have gone through tertiary training and are now working, formed the group to give back to the Wajibu Wetu family through financing some of the activities like school uniform purchasing, food donations organizing mentorship activities like sports, outings, environmental activities, and anniversary celebrations. The group aims to do more as they grow better in the economy. We greatly appreciate their generous gesture of support.



## 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 2024. 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 2023	FEES FOR YEAR 2024
 <b>DENNIS ODHIAMBO</b> Dennis is now 14 years old. He goes to school at Daystar Mulandi Primary School and will be joining grade 5 in January 2024. He has shown great improvement since joining the new school and he can now read and write and also express himself fluently.	Grade 4 school fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b>  Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b>	Grade 5 school fees (3 terms)  <b>Kshs. 13,500</b>  <b>TOTAL 2024 KSH 13,500</b>

	<p><b>JOSHUA MUTEMA</b></p> <p>Joshua is turning 14 years old. He is enrolled at Daystar Mulandi Primary School and will be joining grade 8 in January 2024. He is a very creative boy and excels in social studies and the arts.</p>	<p>Grade 7 school fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Grade 8 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 13,500</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024 KSH 13,500</b></p>
	<p><b>WILLIAM MANICE</b></p> <p>William is now 16 years old. He has completed his KCPE education at Daystar Mulandi Primary School. He managed to score 344 marks and will be joining High school in January 2024. He promises to work even harder in high school to ensure he achieves his dream of becoming a doctor.</p>	<p>Class 8 school fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 1 School Fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 55,000</b></p> <p><b>Inclusive of Uniform, school ID and other school stationery</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL FEE 2024 KSH 55,000</b></p>
	<p><b>SHARON WAMBUI</b></p> <p>Sharon is now 16 years old. She is enrolled at Mua Girls High School. She is a bright student and is currently doing well in her studies. She will be joining form 2 in January 2024. She aspires to be a nurse when she grows up.</p>	<p>Form 1 School fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 2 school Fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 50,000</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL FEE 2024 KSH 50,000</b></p>




	<p><b>LUCY WAMBUI</b></p> <p>Lucy Wambui is now 18 years old. She studies at St. Lucia girls' high school Nunguni. She is a bright student with a lot of potential. She will be joining Form 3 in January 2024</p> <p>She aspires to be a designer when she grows up.</p>	<p>Form 2 school fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 3 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 50,000</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL FEE 2024 KSH 50,000</b></p>
	<p><b>JANE NYAMBURA</b></p> <p>Jane Nyambura will be turning 18 years old in 2024. She is enrolled at St. Theresa Mwala Girls High School, Mwala. Jane will be joining Form 3 in January 2024.</p> <p>She is natural leader and a responsible girl; she aspires to work hard and excel in her studies in the new year.</p>	<p>Form 2 School fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 3 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 20,000</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL FEE 2024 KSH 20,000</b></p>
	<p><b>MARGARET WAMBUI</b></p> <p>Margaret will turn 18 in 2024. She is enrolled at St. Lucia Girl's High School, Nunguni. Margaret will be joining form 3 in January 2024. Margaret promises to work hard in her studies as she aspires to achieve her dreams.</p>	<p>Form 2 School fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 3 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 50,000</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL FEE 2024 KSH 50,000</b></p>

	<p><b>MARGARET MUHITO</b></p> <p>Margaret is 17 years old. She is enrolled at St. Theresa Girls High school, Mwala. Margaret is a leader in the scout's union at her school and is disciplined and hardworking. She will be joining Form 3 in January 2024. She aspires to be a nurse when she grows up.</p>	<p>Form 2 School fees (3 terms) - <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 3 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Ksh. 50,000</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL FEE 2024 KSH 50,000</b></p>
	<p><b>JACINTA NDUNGE.</b></p> <p>Jacinta will be turning 15 years old in 2024. She is enrolled at Kinanie primary school and will be joining grade 8 in January 2024. Jacinta is enrolled in the outreach program, and receives school uniform, books, school supplies and food assistance from Wajibu Wetu. When she joins high school Wajibu Wetu will be supporting her with school fees as she comes from a needy family.</p>	<p>Uniform 2023- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Uniform-2024</p> <p><b>Kshs. 4,200</b></p> <p><b>Total 2024 Kshs 4,200</b></p>
	<p><b>BONIFACE MWENDWA</b></p> <p>Boniface is now 11 years old. He is enrolled at Kinanie Primary School. He will be joining grade 4 in January 2024. Boniface is a disciplined boy and has great potential. He is currently in the outreach program and receives assistance with School uniforms, books, school supplies and as well as food aid.</p>	<p>Uniform 2023 <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Uniform-2024</p> <p><b>Kshs. 4,200</b></p> <p><b>Total 2024 Kshs 4,200</b></p>



	<p><b>JOHN MUTUKU</b></p> <p>John is now 10 years' old. He is enrolled at Kinanie Primary School. He will be joining grade 4 in January 2024. He is a cheerful boy who is very sociable. He is currently in the outreach program and receives assistance with School uniforms, books, school supplies and as well as food aid.</p>	<p>Uniform 2023 <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Uniform-2024</p> <p><b>Kshs. 4,200</b></p> <p><b>Total 2024 Kshs 4,200</b></p>
	<p><b>RITA KARIMI</b></p> <p>Rita will be 18 in 2024. She is enrolled at Kinanie secondary school. She will be joining form 4 in January 2024. She is a hardworking girl and aspires to achieve her dreams. She is currently in the outreach program and is being assisted with school fees.</p>	<p>Form 3 School fees (3 terms)-<b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform 2023 <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 4 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 13,500</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024 Kshs. 13,500</b></p>
	<p><b>JUDITH MUTILA.</b></p> <p>She is turning 19 years old in 2024. She studies at Katoteni high school. She had to repeat form 3 in 2023 and will be joining Form 4 in January 2024. Judith dreams of becoming a lawyer when she grows up. She is currently being supported in the outreach program.</p>	<p>Form 3 School Fees (3 terms)-<b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>Form 4 school fees (3 terms)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 45, 000</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024 Kshs. 45,000</b></p>



	<p><b>AMOS MAKAU</b></p> <p>Amos will be turning 20 years in 2024. He joined Kenya college of Interior Design in 2023. He is pursuing a course in Interior Design and has just completed his first semester in December 2023. He is eager about learning and forging a</p>	<p>College Fee 2023- <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Hostel accommodation, food, pocket money, transport - <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>College fees 2024 (2 semesters)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 63,000</b> <b>3 semesters = 1 academic year)</b></p> <p><b>Please note: The amount is Inclusive of Hostel Accommodation Fees and Food Costs</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024</b> <b>Kshs. 63,000</b></p>
	<p><b>BRIDGET KIMEU</b></p> <p>Bridget will turn 18 years old in 2024. She sat for her KCSE exams at Mbooni high school in 2023. She is eagerly awaiting her results as she</p>	<p>Form 4 School fee (3 terms) <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Uniform <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>College fees 2024</p> <p><b>Kshs. 142,820</b> <b>2 semesters = 1 academic year)</b></p> <p><b>Please note: Amount is Inclusive of Hostel Accommodation Fees and Food Costs</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024</b> <b>Kshs. 142,820</b></p>
	<p><b>GEHARD NJENGA</b></p> <p>Gehard will be turning 21 years old in 2024. He is pursuing a Diploma as a Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse at AIC Kijabe College of Health Sciences. Gehard</p>	<p>University Fees 2023 (2 semesters) <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Hostel accommodation, food, pocket money, transport - <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>College Fees 2024 (2 semesters)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 259,000</b> <b>(2 semesters = 1 academic year)</b></p> <p><b>Please note: Amount is Inclusive of Accommodation, Food, Text Books, Uniform and school supplies</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024</b></p>

<p>is passionate about Health studies he changed his course from animal production to community health nursing which has been his passion from an early age.</p>		<p><b>Kshs. 259,000</b></p>
<div data-bbox="204 353 440 833" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>YOHANNES JEREMY</b></p> <p>Yohannes will be turning 23 years old in 2024. He completed his 1<sup>st</sup> 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 passionate about his studies and very hopeful for the future.</p>	<p>College Fee 2023- <b>CLEARED</b></p> <p>Hostel accommodation, food, pocket money, transport - <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>College fees 2024 (2 semesters)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 142,820</b> <b>2 semesters = 1 academic year)</b></p> <p><b>Please note: The amount is Inclusive of Hostel Accommodation Fees and Food Costs</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024</b> <b>Kshs. 142,820</b></p>
<div data-bbox="204 1012 520 1424" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>DAVID MUSAU</b></p> <p>David is 19 years and is part of the outreach program. He is pursuing a Diploma in Airline Cabin Crew from the East Africa Institute of Certified Studies. Wajibu Wetu will be offering partial assistance with his school fees to enable him to complete his Diploma course. He is an Industrious young man with a lot of potential. He is part of the outreach program</p>	<p>College Fee 2023- <b>CLEARED</b></p>	<p>College fees 2024 (1 semester)</p> <p><b>Kshs. 138,000</b> <b>1 Semester + External Examination Fee</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL 2024</b> <b>Kshs. 138,000</b></p>





4. **George Kidei** – George Kidei is an alumni of Wajibu Wetu, he is an industrious and hardworking young man. He joined Tigoni Technical College under church sponsorship to study a course in Bakery and Pastry. Wajibu Wetu will assist with school fees partially (10%) in 2024 to enable him to complete his course.
5. **Thomas Lazarus** – Thomas Lazarus the youngest at Wajibu Wetu will be joining Kindergarten in January 2024 we wish him well in his new journey to gain knowledge through education. He is very excited about this new Phase.
6. **Naomi Catherine** – Naomi Catherine one of our young children in the home managed to get foster parents through the Athi River Children's department, the couple Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Muchiri are formally fostering her in their home and catering for her needs including education with the close supervision of the Government children's department. The couple have a dream of adopting her. We wish her well.
7. **David Musau** – David Musau was shortlisted as needy case in the community. He completed his High School Education in 2022 and was enrolled in East Africa Institute of Certified studies for a course in Airline Cabin crew in 2023. Wajibu Wetu will be offering partial assistance with his school fees and examination fees for 1 year to enable him to complete his Diploma course.

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.



*Some of the Wajibu Wetu Children undergoing education from kindergarten level to university/college level*

## **HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

Wajibu Wetu works hard to ensure that all our children receive quality nutrition through the foods and drinks that they consume, we strive to provide a balanced diet comprised of organic meals mostly sourced from our shamba, the farm manages to provide sustenance for the organization due to the availability of borehole water which sustains the organization during the dry seasons.

In 2023 through the generous support of Imani foundation Wajibu Wetu was able to install a drip irrigation system on the remaining half of the Shamba suitable for agriculture. This important milestone will enable the organization to produce reasonable food for sustenance and surplus for income generating activities.

The children receive three square meals a day with the younger ones having small additional meals like porridge, milk or tea with snacks in between meals to ensure that they receive the proper dietary recommendations for their health and growth.

We are grateful as an organization that our children have remained healthy over the years and we have only had a few minor cases that needed medical attention. We rely mostly on Government health facilities in the event of illness among the children and Staff. Cases that require a specialist are often handled at private health facilities which require payments in cash/Insurance which sometimes is a challenge to the organization due to the budget deficit. The children need a health Insurance cover like NHIF which would greatly reduce the costs associated with healthcare.

### **Health Talks/guidance and counselling**

The organization is keen on ensuring the wholistic upbringing of the children and it conducts regular health discussions with the adolescent children on matters hygiene, mental health awareness, relationships and how to manage challenges, peer pressure in the society and in schools also.

The children held an interactive one-day mentoring and guidance session during their August holiday. This was made possible by Mrs. Rita Ndegwa one of the new Trustee members of the organization. She has promised to organize more of these sessions in future to mentor and offer guidance and skills to the children.

### **Ongoing collaboration between Imani foundation and Wajibu Wetu**

The Imani Foundation has been networking with Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust for many years. First and foremost, in sharing experiences, insights and securing lots of advice from their Director Harrie Oostrom who is also our program advisor and also recently Mr. Martin and Mr. Francis who are also members of the board of Imani. Their valuable advice and work have forged a great partnership between Wajibu Wetu and Imani Foundation. We greatly appreciate their input towards Wajibu Wetu.

Imani Foundation has been a donor to our Trust in the past for holiday trips and recently since 2014 it has been funding the Wajibu Wetu Trust running costs/other identified projects e.g. Water tower, greenhouse repairs and maintenance, solar power for borehole, Drip irrigation system installation, water tanks amongst others.

In the year 2022 Wajibu Wetu and Imani Foundation entered into another level of partnership with the aim of working together for the best interests of the children by receiving children from Imani foundation who are in their exit program to further mould them and nurture them at Wajibu Wetu.



Wajibu Wetu has so far welcomed 2 children, who have adapted very well and have since joined high school. We are expecting more children from Imani gradually as the partnership advances.

In 2023 Wajibu Wetu further partnered with Imani Foundation in the completion of 4 major projects meant to improve the lives of the children and meant to propel the organization towards its goal of being self-sufficient. We will continue to strengthen our partnership with The Imani Foundation through our mutual shared vision and goals.

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



***Harrie and Francis: Directors Imani Foundation, Jane, Mathew and Alex: Management team Wajibu Wetu***

### **HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC GROWTH ACTIVITIES**

Wajibu Wetu practices various household strengthening activities that seek to ensure there is food security for the organization 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 currently are but not limited to; sale of surplus farm produce, water supply, vending and rental income.

The activities that Wajibu Wetu engages in are;

1. **Farming** – The main activity for Wajibu Wetu is mixed farming which involves the farming of crops and rearing of livestock. The most prominent crops on the farm are vegetables, cereals, root tubers, fruit trees and animal fodder. The crops e.g., spinach, kales, tomatoes,



capsicum, cassava, maize, beans, bananas and others are mainly used in the home for sustenance.

The farm is currently under drip irrigation with a borehole as the main water source for the farm and the general domestic use. The borehole was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Anampio and their family. It has become a lifeline for the organization both for the domestic and home use and as well as the farm.



***Maize Crops***



***Vegetables in the greenhouse***



***1<sup>st</sup> Banana Fruit Harvest in Wajibu***



***Pawpaw fruits***





***Tomatoes***



***Pumpkins***



***Maturing Fruit Trees in the shamba***



***Newly planted Hass Avocado seedlings***

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 used for irrigation purposes in the farm. The surplus supply of water is sold to the surrounding community through a water vending station. The water is sold at a subsidized fee of Kshs 5 per 20 litre Jerrican to also offer assistance to the surrounding community, the area in which we are situated is in an arid/semi-arid location (ASAL) whereby access to water is scarce and Moreso clean drinking water. The Presence of the water in the organization has provided not only sustenance for

the organization, farm and community it has also gone a stretch further to become an income generating activity for the organization.



***Water Tower for use in water sales and Irrigation***



***Newly bought tanks by Imani Foundation for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Farm Irrigation***

3. **Livestock Farming** – Wajibu Wetu engages in 3 types of livestock farming mainly; Dairy cattle, poultry farming (chicken, geese, guinea fowl and turkey), Goat rearing. The three types of livestock provide a supplement in the diet of the children by offering meat, milk and eggs which are essential for healthy development of the children. However, due to the drought experienced in 2021/2022 and extended into 2023 we had to dispose of the dairy cattle which had suffered a lot. We have put in place mitigating measures e.g. Purchase of silage bags to ensure we prepare and store enough feeds for the dry season and also increasing the farm land under irrigation to ensure we have more production which directly translates into more fodder for the livestock. The organization is planning on re-introducing dairy farming in 2024 in a gradual way to ensure its sustainable.
4. **Rental Income**- The Imani foundation through Harrie Oostrom in 2020 supported in building 4 hostel rooms with the aim of generating rental income for the organization. This has greatly helped in providing an extra source of income for the organization. The rental income in 2023 was not steady as some of the tenants had to vacate due to the economic challenges faced in the country. There is currently one tenant and the other room has been advertised with the hope of getting another tenant as people resume work and school in January 2024.

The Table below represents a summary of the monthly income generated by the household economic strengthening activities in 2023.

**TABLE FOR MONTHLY INCOME 2023**

	<b>FARM, WATER &amp; HOSTELS INCOME</b>				
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>VEGETABLES/FRUITS INCOME</b>	<b>CEREALS</b>	<b>DAIRY INCOME</b>	<b>WATER INCOME</b>	<b>HOSTELS INCOME</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	-		-	19,850	2,700
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	6,000	18,500	-	19,635	2,700
<b>MARCH</b>	16,390		-	15,490	2,700
<b>APRIL</b>	1,660		-	-	2,700
<b>MAY</b>	5,900		-	-	2,700
<b>JUNE</b>	6,000		-	-	2,700
<b>JULY</b>	6,500		-	9,370	-
<b>AUGUST</b>	17,490	18,900	-	6,220	-
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	9,430		-	10,520	-
<b>OCTOBER</b>	7,865		-	8,455	2,700
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	10,000		-	7,800	2,700
<b>DECEMBER</b>	7,000			8,500	2,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,235</b>	<b>37,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,840</b>	<b>24,300</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME 2023</b>			<b>261,775</b>	

**TABLE FOR MONTHLY CONSUMPTION YEAR 2023**

	<b>WAJIBU FARM ITEMS MONTHLY CONSUMPTION</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>GREENS/FRUITS</b>	<b>DAIRY</b>	<b>WATER</b>	<b>CEREALS</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	7,000	-	30,000	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	7,000	-	30,000	18,500
<b>MARCH</b>	11,550	-	30,000	
<b>APRIL</b>	7,950	-	30,000	
<b>MAY</b>	10,000	-	30,000	
<b>JUNE</b>	10,000	-	30,000	
<b>JULY</b>	13,100	-	30,000	
<b>AUGUST</b>	8,000	-	30,000	18,900
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	10,000	-	30,000	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	10,000	-	30,000	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	10,000	-	30,000	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	10,000	-	30,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360,000</b>	
		<b>TOTAL FARM CONSUMPTION 2023</b>	<b>474,600</b>	



## **ACHIEVEMENTS/COMPLETED PROJECTS IN 2023**

### **1. Purchase of Office Laptop and Printer**

In 2022 Wajibu Wetu made an appeal to the Imani Foundation through its Director Mr. Harrie Oostrom for the purchase of essential office equipment, namely a Laptop and Printer. The two important items are very essential in the day to day running of operations, digitization of office records including children case files, accounts and book keeping operations, reporting and as well as supporting the children in their computer studies and printing/copying of school work. This has led to a reduction in cyber services costs and time as all these tasks are handled with ease at the organization.

### **2. Administrative Assistant**

In 2023 the Director, Mr. George Kithioma who is the founder and the manager of Wajibu Wetu since 2005 fell ill and had to undergo spinal surgery in India. Wajibu Wetu made an appeal to the Imani Foundation for an administrative assistant to offer assistance with the day-to-day operations of the organization. The Imani Foundation approved of the request and provided funding for the position. Mathew Kinuthia was appointed in April 2023 as the administrative assistant. He had previously been volunteering at the organization since October 2022.

### **3. Wajibu Wetu Tree Planting Exercise**

In 2023 Wajibu Wetu, through the coordination and organization of its Trustee members embarked on a tree planting exercise in April 2023. This exercise was introduced by the Trustees as a way of creating awareness of the organization and to also increase the tree cover on the land. We managed to plant approximately 300 fruit trees, and 200 fodder trees as well other types of trees. The fruit trees will take a period of 3 years before they start bearing fruits, this will also be another avenue for the organization to create income from the sales of the fruits. The Fruit trees planted include Hass Avocadoes, Mango, Oranges, Pixie Oranges, Passion Fruit, Guava.



***Members of Wajibu Wetu Trust with their families, Wajibu Wetu Family and Alumnae during the***

#### ***tree planting activity 22/04/2023***



The organization further received an additional donation of 1,000 seedlings from Equity Bank Kenya through the efforts of Veronica Wairimu (Wajibu Wetu Alumnae). The seedlings were a mixture of fruit trees and normal trees that will be planted on the land to boost production and to also replace some of the seedlings that were lost during the dry season.

#### **4. Replacement of Mattresses and Beddings**

Wajibu Wetu made an appeal in 2023 for the purchase of mattresses and beddings for the children. This proved to be a dire need in the organization as the current bedding materials were over 10 years old and had been severely worn down. It was essential to make an appeal for this as good sleep is vital to the development and growth of all children. We made an appeal to the Imani Foundation for the purchase of 24 mattresses, 24 woolen blankets and 24 bedsheets.

The Imani foundation funded the purchase of 16 mattresses, 16 woolen blankets and 16 bedsheets. This has greatly impacted in a positive way the lives of the children and their health and development.





***Mattresses Blankets & Bedsheets for the replacement of beddings made possible through Imani Foundation***

### **5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Installation of Water Tanks and Drip line/Rain Hose irrigation system**

One of the main goals of Wajibu Wetu is to become self-sufficient, over the years several measures have been undertaken through the generosity of our donors and partners. We appreciate their help over the years in helping us to achieve our vision and mission. One such method of achieving this dream is through agriculture. Wajibu Wetu sits on approximately 5 acres of arable land. We utilize approximately 1 acre for buildings and other structures and we try to utilize the rest on agricultural practices that provide food sustenance for the organization and income through the sale of surplus produce.

In 2019 Wajibu Wetu was able to sink a borehole through the help of Mr. & Mrs. Anampiu and Family and the Imani Foundation, Wajibu Wetu alumnae helped to equip one half of the land with a drip line irrigation system that has enabled the organization to farm throughout the year without depending on the rainy season. This has been a game changer as it has reduced the running costs in terms of food purchases and has also been a source of income. The other 1.5-2 acres that was not under irrigation was fully dependent on the rainy season and farming could only be carried out when the rains were available. This was a huge contrast to the other half of the shamba that was full of life while the other one lay bare for larger part of the year whereas there was water available. **Illustrated below**



***1<sup>st</sup> Half of the shamba with Irrigation***



***2<sup>nd</sup> Half without Irrigation***

We made an appeal to the Imani Foundation through a proposal for the purchase of additional water tanks, drip line kits to equip the second half of the land with an irrigation system. The Imani Foundation through enabled us to purchase the water storage tanks and the drip line irrigation kits including an additional rain hose kit. The effect of the irrigation system on the remaining part of the land was felt almost immediately, this is because shortly after installation the short rains season subsided. The new system came to the rescue of the young crops that had not matured and we were able to irrigate the whole land under farming and we are happy to report that no crops were lost due to lack of sufficient water. Previously if the rains failed midway, we lost all the crops on the un-irrigated land and counted our losses.

The completion of this project means an assurance of food security for the organization, an increase in income through the sale of surplus agricultural produce, increased overall agricultural activities in livestock farming, fruit farming, vegetable farming. This project brings us one step closer to achieving our dream of being self-sufficient.

### **Installation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Irrigation System**



***Water tanks to facilitate irrigation of  
2<sup>nd</sup> half of Farm***



***Laying of Main supply Pipes***



***Drip line system installations***



### **After Installation**



***Maize & Beans crops growing under newly installed Irrigation System during the short rains seasons 2023/2024***



***1<sup>st</sup> Bumper Harvest from the newly Installed Irrigation System***

### **6. Construction of outside Kitchen and Store**

Another major achievement realized in 2023 was the dream of having an outside kitchen and store at Wajibu Wetu. The need for a permanent structure was realized due to health and safety concerns of the children and the staff members in regards to the cooking and preparation of food and as well as storage of food and other household Items. We have been using over the years a 3-burner charcoal stove in the kitchen of the main house which has smoke residue due to the burning of charcoal and an outside makeshift kitchen which is an Iron sheet structure with 3 stones that serve as the fireplace. This has been a challenge due to the temporary nature of the structure, hygienic conditions, harsh weather conditions



that make it impossible to use especially during the rainy season and also security concerns at night due to the lack of adequate lighting and proximity to the main house.

There was also a need for a proper storage facility for the food items and other household items that have been currently stored in one of the rooms in George and Janes house. This was not sufficient especially for the farm produce that requires a well-ventilated area so that it can have a longer shelf life.



***The Outside Kitchen initiated after relocation from Limuru in 2016***

We made an appeal through a proposal to the Imani Foundation for the construction of a permanent structure for the Kitchen and Store in 2023 and they agreed to invest in the construction of an outside Kitchen and Store that is near the main house. The structure will have an access verandah that will be protected with a wall and grills to ensure the safety of the staff when they are preparing meals for the children early in the morning and at night, hygienic conditions, lower risk of respiratory health diseases in the children, savings through reduced use of firewood. The store will ensure an increased storage space that is well ventilated which will ensure longer shelf life of foodstuff and farm produce, hygienic storage conditions and adequate space.

The proposal will be honored in January 2024 through the Imani Foundation. We are very grateful for their generous support.

## **7. Energy Saving Jiko**

We identified the need for a larger Jiko/Stove for use in the organization that will enable the organization to save largely on fuel costs which are mainly charcoal and firewood. The organization currently uses a 3-burner charcoal stove and a 3 stone firewood place to prepare the main meals for the children.



### ***Current Stove and the Outside fireplace used to cook meals***

The Stove has been in use since Wajibu Wetu moved to Athi-River in 2016 and has been of great service. It has become worn out over the years and is also not able to fully sustain the capacity of meal preparations for the children. As they grow older the amount of food consumed increases and hence the need for a larger cooking area to ensure effective meal preparation which also saves on fuel costs.

Due to this important need we made an appeal to the Imani Foundation through a proposal for the construction of an energy saving Jiko that will be constructed in the new Kitchen, that will be able to accommodate the capacity for cooking of meals. The Imani Foundation agreed to fund the project and it will be honored in January 2024.



### ***Proposed Energy saving Stove/Jiko***

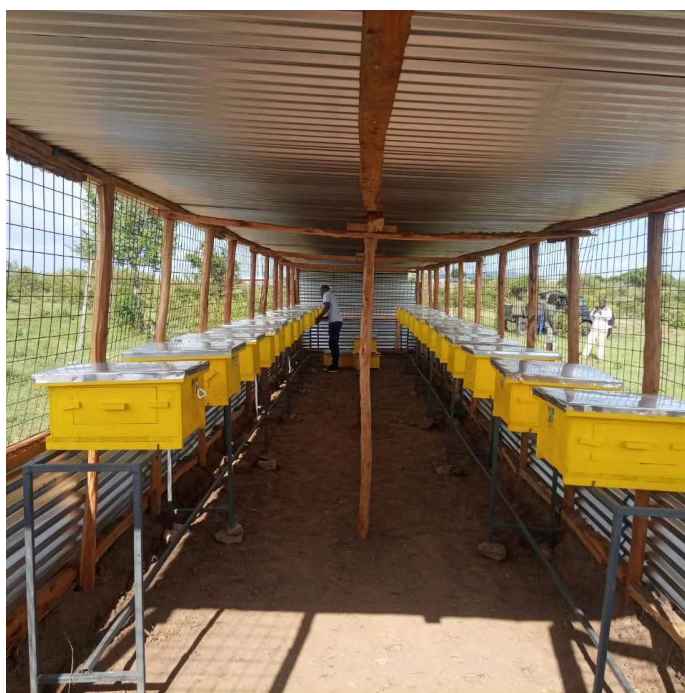
We sincerely appreciate the Imani Foundation through Mr. Harrie Oostrom for their generous support in achieving the Mission and Vision of Wajibu Wetu. The direct Impact on the children's lives and the vulnerable in the community is felt in a strong way and will surely change their lives in positive way.

## **CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH IN 2024**

1. **Bee Keeping-** Bee Keeping is a key area for growth in 2024 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.



2. **Pig Farming-** An area of production that Wajibu Wetu is looking into in 2024 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 and additional source of income.

3. **Commercial Water Purifier** There is potential to offer purified water for sale to the community by installation of a commercial water filter, value addition by packaging and labeling the water and also home water supply to the neighbours. This would come at a cost of Kshs 250,000 for the purchase and installation of the commercial filtration machine.

This would go to great lengths to generate much needed income for the project and help the organization achieve its goal of self-sustenance and support of the community by offering clean drinking water and by extension creating jobs for the local community.

4. **Green house farming-** Wajibu Wetu has one green house that it uses to grow fast maturing and sensitive crops. There is enough space in the shamba for additional green houses and sufficient water supply from the borehole. The green houses have the potential to bring in more income to the organization as they are able to grow multiple high yield and faster maturing crops that can be sold to food vendors and suppliers e.g. market traders, individuals and supermarkets.
5. **Staff capacity building-** We are experiencing a gap in capacity building for our staff members due to a deficit in our budget. There is also room for review of the current staff salaries that have remained constant for the past years. This review would be in consideration of the increased cost of living especially since Covid-19. On premises staff quarters and other staff capacity building activities like seminars, trainings and staff motivation activities are also needed.
6. **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.

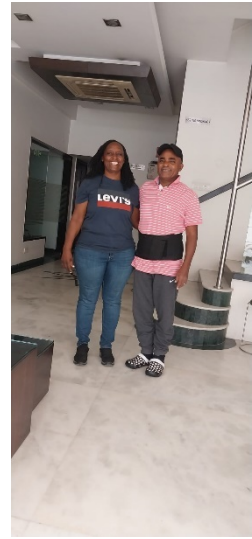
Most of the parents in the local area are farm workers and unskilled laborers. This would be made possible with the purchase daycare materials and employment of an ECD teacher.

#### **VOTE OF THANKS: GEORGE KITHIOMA KILONZO MEDICAL AID**

In 2022 George Kithioma our founder and director Wajibu Wetu fell ill and required urgent spinal surgery in India. We appealed to Harrie Oostrom and the board of Trustees, family members and friends for financial support to enable him to be treated. We are truly grateful as the Wajibu Wetu family for your immense support towards our cause and we pray for abundant blessings upon all of you and your families. We are happy to report that George is



doing well and he slowly assimilating back to normal life even as he continues with the healing and recovery period.



### **Wajibu Wetu moments 2023**

Various photos highlighting 2023 moments



***Playtime & Snack time***



***Ready for Secondary school***



***Tree Planting***





***Children in the Outreach Program***



***Learning cooking skills during the holidays***



***Learning farming skills during the holidays***



***Pauline Njoki Wajibu Alumnae during her Graduation***



***Wajibu Family receiving George & Jane at the Airport after George's Surgery in India***



***Family time; sharing a meal during Christmas***

## **WAJIBU WETU ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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**In Cash:** Wajibu Wetu Paybill no. **741844**, Account name (your name)

***Thank you for believing in our vision and for supporting us generously. May God bless you and your families abundantly.***