



Kickstart Kilifi

Transforming lives

1st Quarter, Newsletter 2018

Kickstart is an innovative learning organization founded by Henry Mkare to improve the quality of education in Kenya thus reducing school drop outs. We are a startup organization based in Kilifi. Our goal is to deliver programs that will address the learning gaps in schools.

Our interventions are academic support (offering remedial classes, introduction of reading clubs in schools and mentorship) and skills training in entrepreneurship, basic ICT, digital skills, and life skills (Communication). All programs are designed to ensure that learning levels in schools and communities increase, education reaches all children who are in school or unable to use school facilities, and out of school youth gets skills that will open up doors for more opportunities.

Dream speech

The founder of Kickstart Kilifi, Henry Mkare shared his ideas for social change on the 12th December 2017 during the kanthari talks.

You can watch his dream speech:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1y8CIZx3Jk>



Henry Giving out his speech

Meeting students

Kickstart Kilifi participated in a meeting organized by Bamba Ward University Students Association (BWUSA) on the 27th December 2018, to discuss the educational challenges facing Bamba ward.

“It was an important discussion where I learnt new concepts like Alternative education which I’ve never heard before” Gona Kazungu a fourth year Bachelor of Education Student at Pwani University.



Henry sharing out his opinions a discussion with University students

Registration

Kickstart Kilifi was officially registered as a Community Based Organization (CBO) with the Kilifi County Office of Social Services on the 26th February 2018.

Its registration number is: SS/KFI/N/LR/CBO/BAH-D/39/2018.

Motivational talks

On January 31st 2018, the founder of Kickstart Kilifi received an invitation from the School management of St John’s girls (Giriama) and Hon. Saumu Sidi the initiator of Kilifi Mentor-ship Network. He was invited to share his tough educational journey as a way of motivating the candidates.



Henry Mkare, talking to grade 12 students at St. John's.

On 10th February, 2018, Kickstart Kilifi visited Bahari Girls High School-Kilifi. "Live a celebrated life not a tolerated life" was the subject that Henry Mkare, founder Kickstart Kilifi, and spoke about.

During the vote of thanks one of the student asked the school management to consider more talks and initiate a mentorship network with Kickstart Kilifi. To uplift the morale of students who are on the verge of giving up with school.



Henry at Bahari Girls

Bank Account

After getting its registration certificate the organization went ahead to acquire a bank account. On the 3rd March 2018 the organization opened its bank account.

The following are the account details:

Name of Bank; Kenya Commercial Bank, (KCB)

Branch: Kilifi

Bank code: 01

Branch Code: 174

Address of the bank; P.O Box 528 Kilifi

Account holder's name: Kickstart Kilifi

Account Number: 1225389577

Address of account holder: P.O Box 1225, Kilifi.
SWIFT/BIC/IBAN Number: KCBLKENX

Curriculum

Kickstart Kilifi finished developing its Communication skills curriculum on the 5th March 2018. This curriculum was developed with the help of Sabriye Tenberken, Co-founder of kanthari, a 2005 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, a developer of the Tibetan Braille and writer of the Book "My path leads to Tibet"

Kickstart Kilifi in the media

An article about Kickstart Kilifi appeared in the Purplevee blog in Kenya. You can read it at:

<https://purpleveeblog.wordpress.com/2018/03/01/ho-pe-beyond-poverty/>

Our story was also nominated three times for the BBC Outlook inspiration stories with the winners set to be announced on the second week of May, 2018.

Meeting our Beneficiaries

We celebrated our Easter with out-of-school youths in Ganze. We had an interactive and inspirational Day at Ganze, where we meet grade 12 leavers, school drop outs and other out-of-school youths. we listen to their challenges and walk them through various available opportunities for them and aided them in applying for some of them.



One of the participant sharing his views

Katana one of the participants said 'I like to apply for the "Tujajiri program" by Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) but the application is online and I don't know how to use a computer?'

To help Katana and her friends we agreed to source for support to have a community owned ICT training center that will be offering basic computer skills and digital skills to our youths, thus opening doors for more opportunities.

Learning Digital skills

After sharing our story of the visit to the out-of-school youths on social media, the story caught the eyes of other organization's among them *emobilis Mobile Technology Institute*. Who offered to give our Director a free training on digital skills, to equip him with digital skills so that he can pass them to his fellow youths in the rural parts of Kilifi County where Kickstart Kilifi works and them could not reach.



Ruth Kaveke, a Certified Google Trainer and also the Executive Director of Pwani Technowgalz facilitating the training.

Next Activities

In the next quarter we want to start our skills training programs on Information Technology, Communication skills, Entrepreneurship and Mentorship.

Dear Friends,we say THANK YOU for your ongoing support to Kickstart Kilifi and for helping us by sharing this newsletter. With very best regards,

The entire Kickstart Kilifi Team

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A copy of the digital skills training certiificate awarded to Henry Mkare

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