



SAM Elimu Foundation

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This quarter the SAM Elimu team formed accountability groups to focus on improved monitoring of the students. These groups increase the communication with the high school and tertiary students to mitigate challenges by developing solutions in a timely manner. The goal of the conversations, which include academics, relationships, life skills, and extra curricular activities, is to prepare the students for the job market upon graduation.

Scholarships

Current Students

We visited 12 students at their respective schools and are mentoring 27 students through our enhanced curriculum.

SAM Elimu proudly celebrated the graduation of four students from university.



Peter, Eric, and Seletian meet with various students at the students' schools.

Academic Clinics

After our successful conference with the high school students in April, it was apparent that we needed to organize academic clinics to enhance their studies. We held a successful one-day science clinic that focused on math, chemistry, and physics and are happy to report that the children showed notable improvement in their academics and attitudes following the clinic. We look forward to holding a language arts clinic during the students' mid-term breaks.



High school students working on math, chemistry, and physics at the science clinic.

Enrichment

Tertiary Annual Conference

We conducted a four-day conference with the tertiary students in August. The topics covered included career management, TVET (technical, vocational, education, and training) skills, volunteerism, internships, global citizenship, financial management, communication, job search, mental health, substance abuse, and inter-personal relationships. The conference concluded with a commitment to academic excellence as well as choosing to live true to the SAM Elimu values.

Impact

SAM Elimu is supporting **144 children** directly.

The LEWA Education program is working with **51 children** funded by SAM Elimu.

SAM Elimu by the Numbers

Level	Students
Primary	12
High School	31
Tertiary	101
Total	144
Alumni	137
LEWA	51
TOTAL	332





Students at the annual tertiary conference.



Tertiary Virtual Engagements

We oversaw 10 Winning Wednesday meetings and discussed topics highlighted at the annual tertiary conference. The topics examined were personal values, substance abuse and addiction, money management, personal health, and self-employment. Our alumni and student Fatuma Dida led the substance abuse and addiction discussion, while our Finance Director, Eric Murithi, presented an applicable budgeting template.

We also had 12 successful virtual meetings with the tertiary students including one with Dr. Linneman on inflation. Prior to each virtual meeting, the specialization groups convene and discuss the resources provided through YouTube videos. This allows students to understand, prepare questions, and actively engage in the meetings.

Administrative

Alumni Engagement

We are proud to have Epiphany Muriuki, an alumnus and SAM Elimu Board member, mentor and coach the information technology specialization group. Our current computer and IT studies students are lucky to have access to professionals in their field preparing them for the job market.

We look forward to engaging with more alumni as we build networks, provide exposure, and coach our students as they graduate and enter the workforce.

Database Upgrade

We have improved and streamlined the SAM Elimu database by cleaning data and developing reporting systems. We continue to build and improve the database to match our growing institutional needs.

Alumni Spotlight

Interview with Douglas Kinyua



Tell us about yourself. I am an economist by profession. I'm keen and committed to community development programs and mentorship for the young generation. I graduated from Masinde Muliro University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in economics. I boosted my employability by taking a CPA course through KASNEB.

What is your journey with SAM Elimu? I received my academic support because I was financially constrained. SAM Elimu came through in 2015 and paved a better way for me to explore the world. My education journey was improved by the mentorship programs organized by SAM Elimu.

What is your life after university? After graduating in December 2019, I joined the Lewa Education Program as a volunteer in the bursar's office. I later joined Villigro Africa, a healthcare investment company, as a finance and account assistant. I received a lot of inspiration from the SAM Elimu team who taught me how to look for jobs by being aggressive and persistent in today's job market. The entire period enriched me with accounting skills, financial controls, accounting systems, analytics, and budgeting, which are the main skills that I use in my daily office duties.

In September 2020 I started at the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics where I served as a mapping and research assistant for Meru, Tharaka-Nithi, and Isiolo counties. The position was eliminated after seven months because COVID-19 restricted the necessary travel for the job. For survival I started a butchery along the Meru-Nanyuki Highway. The business did well, but this was not my chosen career. I am proud to say that I secured a permanent appointment in Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development as a Housing Officer working on the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement project.

SAM Elimu has equipped me with employment and networking skills. My goal is to work for the World Bank.

What is your advice for our students? My advice to my brothers and sisters in school is that change starts with you. Cultivate a self-culture of seeing things new every day and heightening your discipline. Discipline will take you where motivation alone wouldn't.

For the graduates, jobs opportunities do not come looking for you. Get out of beautiful certificates and prove to the world your wonder. Employers need skills and qualifications. Network with people who are at the organizations where you want to work. These contacts know what skills the company requires.