

SAM Elimu Foundation

2025

Term 2 Report



IMPACT

SAM Elimu is supporting
204 children directly.

The LEWA Education
program is working with 10
children funded by SAM
Elimu.

SAM Elimu by the Numbers

Level	Students
Primary	10
High School	70
Tertiary	124
Total	204
Alumni	207
LEWA	10
TOTAL	421

Back to School

As Term 2 began, we were thrilled to welcome our students back to school with the financial support they needed to continue their education, 10 in primary, 70 in secondary, 124 in tertiary, and 10 through the Lewa Education Program under SAM Elimu. Running from May through the end of July, the term was filled with energy, new beginnings, and a renewed sense of purpose. To make the return to school even smoother, we introduced initiatives designed to support and encourage our beneficiaries every step of the way.

Part of this fresh start included welcoming four new students into the program—three from tertiary institutions and one from high school. They join us as part of our ongoing commitment to uplifting dedicated learners, stepping in where scholarships had previously been discontinued. During their induction, we introduced them to SAM Elimu's values and policies, set clear expectations, and encouraged them to make the most of this opportunity.



We also hosted a parents' meeting for our high school scholars, giving families new to the SAM Elimu community the chance to deepen their understanding of our policies and actively engage in their children's academic and personal growth. Just as importantly, the session created a

safe space for parents to share the challenges they face at home and in school. These open conversations allow us to work together more effectively, ensuring that both students and families feel supported throughout the journey.



Term 2 Highlights

School Visits

During the term, we visited 50 students in their schools as part of our continued mentorship program. These visits are an important way for us to track academic progress and personal development while also identifying and addressing the challenges students encounter in school.

In addition, we continue to run accountability groups that keep us connected with all our students and ensure they receive consistent support. These groups provide a platform for peer-to-peer learning, where students can share experiences, encourage one another, and build resilience together. Through these engagements, we strengthen the bond between SAM Elimu and the students, ensuring that they not only excel academically but also grow in character and confidence.



Winning Wednesdays

Our Winning Wednesday meetings featured a powerful lineup of sessions addressing some of the most pressing issues affecting young people today. Students gained valuable insights into topics such as rejection, post-traumatic stress, and mental health awareness. These impactful sessions, led by Dr. Caroline Ngweni, Claus Lelit (a SAM Elimu beneficiary), Fatuma Dida (an alumnus) and Timothy Njihia, equipped students with practical tools to build emotional resilience, self-awareness, and foster healing.

Monthly Zoom Conversations

We held a series of diverse monthly meetings that explored a wide range of topics. Bill Walton, a real estate investment executive with experience at Blackstone and Trammell Crow, shared valuable insights on leadership and investment. Vernand Morency, a former professional football player with the Houston Texans and Green Bay Packers, spoke about the lessons he learned while transitioning from a career in sports to one in finance. David Valger, founder of DVO Real Estate, offered reflections drawn from Russian history, including insights into Vladimir Putin's rise to power.

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Benefactor Visits

Dr. Linneman and Friends

This term, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Peter Linneman to Kenya, accompanied by his friends Celina and Peter Richters, and their three children. True to tradition, Dr. Linneman dedicated his time to engaging with both current students and alumni, continuing his annual catch-up and deepening his connection with the SAM Elimu family.



The visit spanned Nairobi, Nanyuki, and the Mara region, where the Linneman group played a central role in encouraging our students. Their presence was felt not only in conversations about academics but also in the broader lessons of resilience, ambition, and living with purpose. A highlight for our high school scholars was an unforgettable game drive, followed by time spent in open, heartfelt conversations with Dr. Linneman and his friends. These moments left the students feeling seen, valued, and inspired.



What makes Dr. Linneman's visits so special is not just his commitment, but also the unique guests he brings along, each with a wealth of diverse experiences. Their words of wisdom—shaped by journeys through different phases of life—offer our students encouragement and perspective as they navigate their own paths. Every encounter leaves the beneficiaries energized, hopeful, and more confident in their ability to dream bigger and achieve more.



Student Spotlight

BRIAN GITONGA



I have been with SAM Elimu since 2024 and I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree at Moi University. This opportunity has transformed my life in a truly meaningful way as I am able to focus fully on my studies without the constant worry of financial challenges. I am deeply grateful for the rare chance I have been given.

ZAKINA MUTHONI



I am a second-year student pursuing a Diploma in Culinary Arts at Top Chefs Culinary Institute. This opportunity has transformed my life by granting me access to quality education, mentorship, and a strong support system that continues to shape my journey. The SAM Elimu team consistently checks in on me, both through school visits and regular follow-up calls. Their encouragement and genuine care remind me that I am never alone and that I have a community committed to seeing me succeed.

BARE MOHAMMED



SAM Elimu has supported me for one year and half years, and I am currently pursuing clinical medicine and surgery at the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC). Before joining the program, I was on the verge of giving up on my education due to financial struggles. Beyond financial support, the program has given me hope, confidence, and personal growth through weekly classes. I have learned about personal branding and confidence—skills that are helping me build my identity as a future healthcare professional and equipping me with the courage to handle medical issues effectively.

DALMAS MOKUA



SAM Elimu support started in April 2024 in first year as I was pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication combined with Political Science. The program has been a turning point not only in my academic career, but also in my personal growth, especially in prudence and reflective thinking. This is largely due to the mentorship programs it offers. It has also lifted a major financial barrier in my education, allowing me to focus on my studies with confidence and a clear mind.

SABINA MALAWI



SAM Elimu has supported me for nine years, and I am currently pursuing a Diploma in Land Survey and Applied Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems. I carry many lessons with me from SAM Elimu, but the one that stands out is the advice that the world will never wait for you. This taught me to always rise up, dust off, and keep my shoulders high even during hard times.

BETTY NKATHA



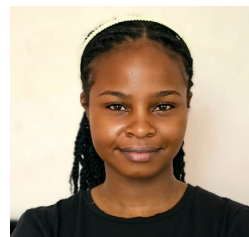
My journey to Moi University, where I am now a fourth-year Counseling Psychology student, is one of resilience and the transformative power of education. Witnessing the struggles of my peers inspired me to pursue Counseling Psychology with the dream of helping others heal and build resilience. Financial challenges almost ended by studies, but SAM Elimu stepped in with a scholarship, mentorship, and a supportive community that has shaped who I am today.

CLIFFORD MURIUKI



I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Daystar University and am currently on my final clinical attachment at Nairobi West Hospital. This marks the end of a challenging yet rewarding journey, and I am proud to be graduating this November, which would not have been possible without the support of the SAM Elimu scholarship.

MOREEN MWENDA



I joined SAM Elimu in 2013, and the program shaped me academically, socially, and professionally. Today, I work as a research associate in health systems strengthening with a growing interest in climate change and health. Alumni guidance and mentorship led me to my first internship, and I continue to grow by embracing new challenges and learning opportunities.