SAM Elimu Foundation

2026
Term 2 Report



IMPACT

SAM Elimu is supporting **175 children** directly.

The LEWA Education program is working with **8 children** funded by SAM Elimu.

SAM Elimu by the Numbers

Level	Students
Primary	10
High School	51
Tertiary	114
Total	**175**
Alumni	235
LEWA	8
TOTAL	**418**

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Term 2 Highlights

We successfully provided support to help our beneficiaries continue their education: 10 in primary school, 51 in secondary school, 114 in tertiary institutions, and 8 through the Lewa Education Program under SAM Elimu. Throughout the term, we also offered activities and experiences beyond the classroom to help students prepare for their academic and professional futures. In August, we welcomed Dr. Peter Linneman and friends for their annual visit.

Scholarship



The second term is the busiest of the school year for Kenya's primary and secondary students, with a variety of activities including symposiums, athletics, music, and sports. During the term, we visited 48 secondary school students at their respective schools, as well as all 10 of our primary school students. These visits gave us a wonderful opportunity to catch up with the students and their teachers, discuss academic progress, and check in on their overall well-being.

We also met with the parents of our Form 3 students to better understand their academic progress and well-being, both at school and at home. We later shared feedback with the students and identified ways to address their challenges, which we will revisit at our high school conference in November.



Enrichment

Student Development & Career Preparation

Throughout the second term, SAM Elimu provided students with a wide range of workshops, mentorship opportunities, and educational activities designed to strengthen their academic performance, develop practical life and professional skills, and prepare them for future success both in and beyond the classroom.

First-Year Tertiary Transition

First-year students received guidance on adjusting to college life, managing finances, using Microsoft Office, and meeting SAM Elimu's reporting requirements. Second-year students provided mentorship and ongoing support.

Productivity & Time Management

Doug Linneman led sessions on self-discipline, time management, and developing productive habits, emphasizing consistency, prioritizing responsibilities, and avoiding distractions.

Career & Professional Development

Students participated in workshops on CV writing, interview preparation, LinkedIn, and e-portfolios, building skills for internships and future employment.

Academic Progress & Reporting

Students received guidance on preparing semester reports, documenting academic progress and personal development, and incorporating feedback.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Dr. Peter Linneman led discussions on career paths, leadership, World War II and D-Day, and current events in the Middle East, encouraging students to think critically and embrace opportunities.

Financial Literacy

Students received practical guidance on filing Kenya Revenue Authority tax returns and understanding their tax responsibilities.



Enrichment

Benefactor Visits

We held very successful meetings with our donors, current students, and alumni in Nairobi, Nanyuki, and the Mara. In Nairobi and Nanyuki, we met with students and alumni for productive discussions and presentations on career specializations, the skills needed in today's job market, and the growing role of AI. These meetings provided a great opportunity to exchange ideas and help students better prepare for their futures.



Our high school students had the opportunity to join our donors for a game drive at Ol Pejeta Conservancy.



The children from the Mara area were hosted at the lovely Kandili Camp. The visit ended on a joyful note, with plenty of dancing and celebration. Students and alumni were encouraged to make good choices in life, stay focused on their goals, and uphold the values that are important to both their own families and the SAM Elimu family.



Our visit to the New Hope Orphanage was once again a wonderful experience, and we enjoyed spending time with the children. SAM Elimu donated textbooks, blankets, bedsheets, and a pair of shoes for every child.

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Student Spotlight

ABDIA ABDUBA



I am a teacher trainee pursuing a diploma in primary teacher education. From secondary school at Loise Nanyuki Girls High School to my current studies at Egoji Teachers College, SAM Elimu has been more than a source of financial support. Their encouragement and belief in me helped me realize that my background does not define my future and gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams. At SAM Elimu, my dreams truly matter and their belief in me gave me confidence when I doubted myself. I carry that same encouragement in my heart and hope to pass it on to my students. I want to create a classroom where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to believe in their potential. The kindness, mentorship, and love I received through SAM Elimu changed my life, and my greatest desire is to honor that gift by helping others discover their own hope, confidence, and purpose.

GODFREY MURITHI



I am a third-year medical student, and I look back with deep gratitude for the people who believed in me when I could not see the way forward. Growing up in a humble background, I faced many challenges, including the loss of my mother just after completing secondary school and the uncertainty of whether I would ever pursue my dream of becoming a doctor. Their investment in my future has inspired me to become a compassionate doctor who sees beyond a diagnosis and understands the human story behind every patient.

VERONICAH LORCHURAGI



My journey with SAM Elimu began in 2021 when I joined the program as a Form One student. At a time when my dreams felt distant, SAM Elimu became a source of hope, encouragement, and opportunity. Through their support, I was able to focus on my education and gain the confidence to believe in my potential and pursue a brighter future. Today, I am proud to be in my second year of college pursuing a Diploma in Kenya Registered Community Health Nursing (KRCHN), a milestone that reflects the foundation they helped me to build.

MILLICENT KANANA



I am deeply grateful for the life-changing impact that SAM Elimu had on my journey through four years of high school, where I excelled. This opened the doors to join the University of Embu to pursue a Bachelor of Education Arts in Business and Geography. This opportunity has given me hope and confidence in building a brighter future, as I am the first in my family to join university. Beyond the financial support, SAM Elimu has shaped me into a more confident, independent, and capable person. I have developed leadership, communication, and life skills that will continue to guide me in the future. To me, SAM Elimu is a family that has walked alongside me, believed in me, and invested in my success. I am sincerely thankful to everyone who has contributed to my journey, and I hope that my achievements will continue to reflect the lasting impact of your support. Here's to many more years, memories, lessons, growth, and blessings together.

ERIC KAROI LEKAKENY



I joined SAM Elimu in 2013, just before starting my undergraduate studies at Karatina University. The financial backing provided the peace of mind necessary to focus on my academic and personal growth. This stability enabled me to graduate with a degree in Actuarial Science, pass two international professional exams, and dedicate my free time during my fourth year to teaching my fellow students computer data analysis skills. The program continued to anchor my advancement by supporting my master's degree in data Analytics at KCA University, which included a valuable exchange semester in Norway. When I returned in 2020, I was able to apply this knowledge directly to a major national project, helping to build the large-scale data architectures used for land registration in Kenya. Today, I serve as an Economist at the State Department for Economic Planning within the National Treasury, where I help guide national statistics and social policies that impact citizens nationwide.