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# TERM 2 REPORT



*Changing backgrounds one child at a time*

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



We are delighted to share with you an update on our progress and financial outlook for the second term of 2024. All our students are back in school for their third and final term and are well settled thanks to your generous contribution. The Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams will take place from October 22nd to November 22nd, with two of our scholars, Ibrahim and Monica, participating.

**Education Scholarships:** In line with our commitment to supporting education through scholarships, we completed the payment of 2024 school fees in August. Our focus has shifted to planning for the 2025 academic year. This involves ensuring that we have the financial resources to meet all needs of our scholars. Our goal is to secure a significant portion of the required funds by the end of the first quarter of 2025, allowing us to also allocate resources to other areas within the foundation.

**Extracurricular activities:** We are establishing an internship program during the school holidays. The aim is to expand career opportunities for students offering practical experience in a wide range of fields beyond traditional careers. Over the past term, we have partnered with eight organizations, receiving commitments from five, including two law firms, a medical research institution, a fintech company, and an e-mobility company.

The program is set to launch in November 2024, during the school holidays, and we are actively coordinating with partner organizations and students' families to ensure a smooth rollout of the pilot phase.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Education Advocacy:** During the second term, we intensified our education advocacy efforts, focusing on the issue of excessive school fees, particularly in national schools. We conducted brainstorming sessions to develop actionable solutions and crafted a comprehensive strategy for the coming months. In June, we sent formal letters to schools requesting clarification on the recent fee increases. Unfortunately, none of the schools have replied so far. **We are now preparing to escalate our efforts by pursuing legal action.**

We are currently working to secure the financial resources needed for litigation and are seeking partnerships and legal counsel to support this initiative. Our next steps include gathering detailed information on school fees, sending a formal request to the CAJ Ombudsperson for access to information.


Additionally, we will continue to build strategic partnerships with advocacy groups and develop a social media campaign to raise public awareness and pressure for change. These actions aim to advance education advocacy, promote accountability, and ensure fair educational opportunities for all students.

Your support has enabled us to supporting our scholars' educational journeys and advocating for equitable education opportunities. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in the future of our scholars.



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# EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS



All students are now back in school for their third and final term of the academic year 2024, with the necessary support that they require during this term. The term will run from the 26th of August through to the 24th of October, with no mid-term break. The Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exam will commence on 22nd of October through to the 22nd of November 2024. Our two pioneer scholars, Ibrahim and Monica will be sitting for this year's KCSE exams.

In our ongoing commitment to supporting students through our education scholarships pillar, we are making progress in planning for the upcoming 2025 academic year. This entails ensuring that we have the necessary financial resources to support our scholars by keeping them in school, i.e making sure their school fees is paid, and that they have the necessities required while in school, e.g shopping, pocket money, and transport.

As part of our efforts, we completed the payment of 2024 school fees this August, which coincides with the students' return for their third and final term of the year. With school fees needs for 2024 complete, our focus has now shifted to budgeting for the 2025 academic year. We have initiated the budgeting process to meet the tuition needs of our scholars for 2025. Our goal is to secure a substantial portion of the required funds by the end of the first quarter of 2025. This approach will not only ensure that we meet the financial needs for our scholars but also provide us with the flexibility to allocate resources to other critical areas of our organization that have not yet received as much attention.

# EDUCATION ADVOCACY



In the second term, we intensified our efforts in education advocacy, focusing on addressing excessive school fees. We observed that schools are charging fees above the stipulated guidelines, claiming they offer better opportunities or terming it as teachers' motivation. These excessive fees are imposed after students have enrolled, with little regard for those from impoverished backgrounds. Over the past term, following a series of brainstorming sessions, we formulated a strategy that we shall implement in the coming months.

Our first step was to write formal letters to schools, requesting clarification for the recent fee increases. These letters were sent in June. A sample of these letters is included in the annex.

We requested responses within 14 days, but none of the schools have replied to date.

As a result, we are now preparing to escalate the matter by initiating legal action. We are currently working on securing the necessary financial resources for the litigation process and are actively seeking partnerships and legal counsel to support this initiative.

To continue advancing our education advocacy efforts, we have outlined the following next steps:

- **Collect information related to fees:** Gather all relevant information and documentation regarding school fees, including official fee structures, government guidelines, any applicable scholarships.



# EDUCATION ADVOCACY

- **Send request to CAJ Ombudsperson:** We will submit a formal request to the CAJ Ombudsperson, seeking an order that grants access to information from five schools.
- **Secure Financial Resources:** We shall identify and allocate the necessary funds to support the potential legal proceedings. This will involve budget adjustments, fundraising efforts, and seeking external financial assistance from partners and donors.
- **Build Strategic Partnerships:** We shall continue reaching out to potential advocacy partners, including civil society organizations, and legal aid groups, who can support this advocacy strategy.
- **Social Media Awareness Campaigns:** We plan to develop a media strategy to raise public awareness about the issue of excessive school fees and build pressure for change. This will include publishing opinion pieces and utilising social media to gain wider support for the cause.

By pursuing these steps, we aim to advance our advocacy efforts, seek accountability, and ensure fair education opportunities for all students.



# EXTRACURRICULARS



As part of our ongoing efforts to expand career opportunities for students, we have been working on establishing an internship program that will provide valuable practical experience during their school holidays. This initiative is designed to expose students to a broad spectrum of careers beyond the conventional fields of medicine, engineering, law, and architecture, helping them explore diverse professional paths.

Over the past term, we have focused on building partnerships with various organizations to support this program. To date, we have engaged with eight organizations and have received positive commitments from five of them. These include two law firms, a medical research institution, a fintech company, and an e-mobility company. These organizations will offer students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in diverse fields.

The internship program is slated for its initial rollout in November 2024, coinciding with the school holidays. In preparation for this, we are maintaining active communication with our partner organizations as well as the students' parents/guardians to ensure the program's successful implementation and the smooth execution of the pilot phase.



# EXTRACURRICULARS



To ensure the successful implementation of the internship program, we have identified several key next steps which we will pursue in the next term:

- 1. Finalize Partnerships:** We will continue engaging with the three confirmed partner organizations to solidify internship details including roles, responsibilities, timelines, and supervision. Additionally, we intend to follow up with the remaining unconfirmed organizations to explore potential participation.
- 2. Logistics Planning:** We shall coordinate logistics for the pilot program. As these internships will be conducted in Nairobi, we need to secure hosts to accommodate students who live outside Nairobi. Other logistics to be planned include internship schedules, transportation, and lunch expenses.
- 3. Student Preparation and Orientation:** We will organize an orientation session for students, covering expectations, workplace etiquette, and career exploration guidance. This will also include purchase of formal wear for the students as required for the professional space.
- 4. Parent/Guardian Engagement:** We plan to communicate with parents and guardians to provide details on the program's benefits and structure, and address any concerns.
- 5. Monitoring and Feedback:** We are also setting up a monitoring system to track students' progress during the internships and gather feedback from both students and host organizations to assess the effectiveness of the pilot program. After the initial program rollout in November 2024, we shall conduct a thorough evaluation of the pilot phase to identify strengths, areas for improvement, and scalability options for future internships.

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# LET'S WORK TOGETHER

By joining forces with us, you can make a real difference in the lives of these students, enabling them to reach their full potential. Together, we can provide access to education, nurture talent, and build a brighter future.

Let's come together to inspire, educate, and transform the next generation. Partner with us today to create a lasting impact.

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