

A MEETING PLACE FOR LEARNERS.



At Elimu Resource Centre we are building a learning commuity for learners at all stages of life but most especially vulnerable children, youth and women.

The centre is a meeting place where beneficiaries from all Elimu projects gather to learn from each other and to pursue their own self-directed learning. The idea for the centre was inspired in 2015 by the mentorship program which is part of our Stay in School sponsorship project. The program began as holiday tutoring and progressed from teacher-directed to more student-centered activities including peer-to-peer teaching. In 2016, we launched the original Elimu Resource Centre and have grown to require the space at our current four-story facility.



IMPACT ON YOUTH

Improving digital literacy Students now easily access dozens of e-textbooks on our Kindle readers. They are proficient with interactive math tutorials and science videos. These contemporary resources raise students up to international digital skill standards, particularly where access to information technology is rare at school and at home.

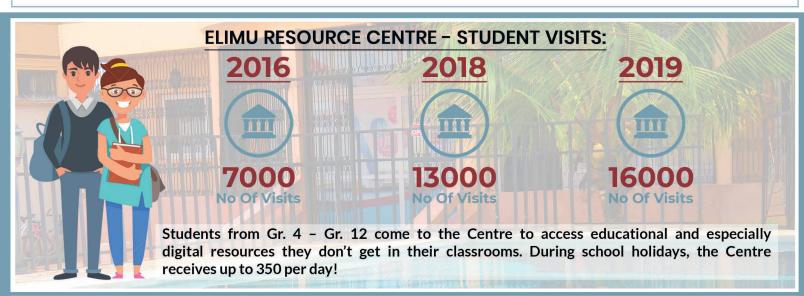
Transferring 'soft' skills. Student programming at Elimu Resource Centre adds life skills to children's learning. For example, our peer study groups help students build leadership. Working at their own pace, students use our digital tools to improve self-direction, self-esteem and confidence.

Guiding students' longer term pathway. We also focus on providing information and guidance for their life decisions following graduation from high school. Our career talks and youth internship programs help youth to gain new skills and explore their options.

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ELIMU TODAY – TOUCHING MORE LIVES

ELIMU HAS GROWN FROM ONE FOUNDER HELPING A COUPLE DOZEN CHILDREN WITH SCHOOLING TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTERED IN CANADA, THE USA AND KENYA, SERVING HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH EDUCATION, DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING.





Elimu sponsors children to academic and vocational education through our Stay in School Sponsorship Project which keeps kids in school who are at risk of dropping out, and through Elimu Sewing Project which gives girls sewing skills and helps them start their own businesses.



This program takes our digital education resources out to vulnerable communities including students at public schools, girls in a rescue home, youth at a junior remand centre and inmates at a local prison.

NEW e-LEARNING FOR YOUTH



In 2020 we're set to launch the new e-Learning program for Youth. High school graduates will use Elimu computers and internet to pursue online courses at their own pace.

They will gain new job hunting skills so they are more marketable. They can also search for college and university courses, information about student loans, and they can register online.

The program is designed to give high school graduates easy access to important information as they determine their next steps. In the process, they are building their digital skills.

KEEPING KENYAN KIDS IN SCHOOL





Elimu works on Malindi's front-lines to help children embrace a love of learning and develop skills to take charge of their lives. Kids in Malindi's coastal environment who don't get to complete their schooling are more likely to continue living the cycle of poverty, or falling into a lifetime of drug and alcohol abuse and are at risk of joining an active prostitution industry.

Our first school sponsorship went to three small boys under the care of their single Mum. Poor health caused this Mum to leave their small farm plot where she could sustain her little family by growing the food they needed. She moved into town, hoping to find work. She has never found regular, work but does odd jobs, braids hair and sells vegetables in her neighbourhood to make ends meet. Elimu has kept her boys in school since 2013. In 2020, the oldest, Brian, will continue to Grade 10; Kelvin starts high school and Benjamin proceeds to Grade 6.

These are the positive results for just these three boys, and shows the impact of Elimu's Stay in School Sponsorship Project.

CHRISTMAS-GIVING OPPORTUNITIES WITH ELIMU

Check out Elimu's online Gift Catalogue where you can find a truly meaningful gift for friends and family on your list. Give the gift of learning this year.

Brian, Kelvin and Benjamin, as well as Fridah, Christine and Emma, and many others, need your support to continue their learning in 2020. Choosing to give a charitable gift this holiday season will make their dreams come true. School fees range from \$300 per year for regular high school to \$1,000 for boarding school.

You can provide them with school supplies for just \$5. Give a new school uniform for \$25. Cover part of a school semester with \$50 or \$100 towards their fees.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES \$5

Give a student a set of pens, pencils, a ruler and math set for just \$5

SCHOOL UNIFORM \$25

Give a new school uniform to a student in Kenya for just \$25.

SCHOOL FEES \$50 - \$100

Give the gift of learning with \$50 towards the school fees for a child; or \$100 for one semester

Click here to go to our Gift Catalogue and choose your gift range.

Prefer to make a donation at this time? To make a donation of any amount on our website - click here.





ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR VULNERABLE GIRLS

Graduates from Elimu Sewing Project receive a new foot pedal sewing machine upon graduation. They walk out of college and start earning an income immediately.

Janet's Story

Without her own sewing business, Janet may have been married off, without any say in the matter. Typically, this child-marriage tradition would have occurred well before her 18th birthday. Fortunately, her life changed drastically when she gained sewing skills and started her own business in 2015. She has since become an independent income earner and has seen many benefits. When her parent's died, her earnings allowed her to keep her youngest siblings in school. She was recently married – to a man of her choice. She is still sewing and contributing to her family's upkeep. She is clearly a role model to young girls in her village community.



ELIMU SEWING GRADS HELP ENVIRO-FASHION DESIGNER WITH PARIS DEBUT

Shannon Ashford, designer and founder of Tomfoolery.la travelled from California to Malindi in August to work with a small group of Elimu sewing graduates. The first step was training them on cutting and assembling the unique 'drop-seat' jumpsuits that are her signature design. The comfy jersey fabric is made with fibers from recycled plastic bottles, a truly creative way to help clean up our planet! All of the sewing was done on foot pedal, (non-electric) sewing machines. The Kenyan inspired jumpsuits were presented at Tomfoolery's Paris Fashion Week debut in September.

The initiative did more than create bold new fashion designs - it created

exciting first-ever experiences and inspiring linkages and friendships across the globe! It's a win – win! If all goes well, Elimu sewing graduates will be producing garments for Shannon as she grows her fashion business in Los Angeles. In the process, her Kenyan-based artisans get to build their own sewing businesses.

Enjoy this video clip of the Kenyan sewing grads watching live as their handy-work hits the runway at Paris Fashion Week.



NYUMBANI KWETU HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Elimu founder's first project has truly developed from its early days of simply paying school fees for two boys for kindergarten to a traditional-size family of 15 children and Nina's Kenyan family.

The positive impact of this project is breaking the cycle of the past. These children are the first of their family to complete high school or continue to further studies! Five have completed, or are pursuing, college programs.

Two 2019 high school graduates will take on internships at Elimu Resource Centre in 2020.





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