



Elimu Resource Centre

ELIMU CHARITY BBQ IS BACK!

JOIN US IN OTTAWA, CANADA IN PERSON



August 2022
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AUGUST
11 AM TO 3 PM

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
685 WALKLEY ROAD,
OTTAWA ON K1V 6R8.

**DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL, ACCESSIBLE FROM
THE PARKING LOT. (FREE PARKING)**

FOUNDER'S PRESENTATION AT 1 PM

Join Nina Chung, Founder of Elimu at 1 PM when she will share stories and images from her recent trip to Kenya during May - July.

Learn more about ...

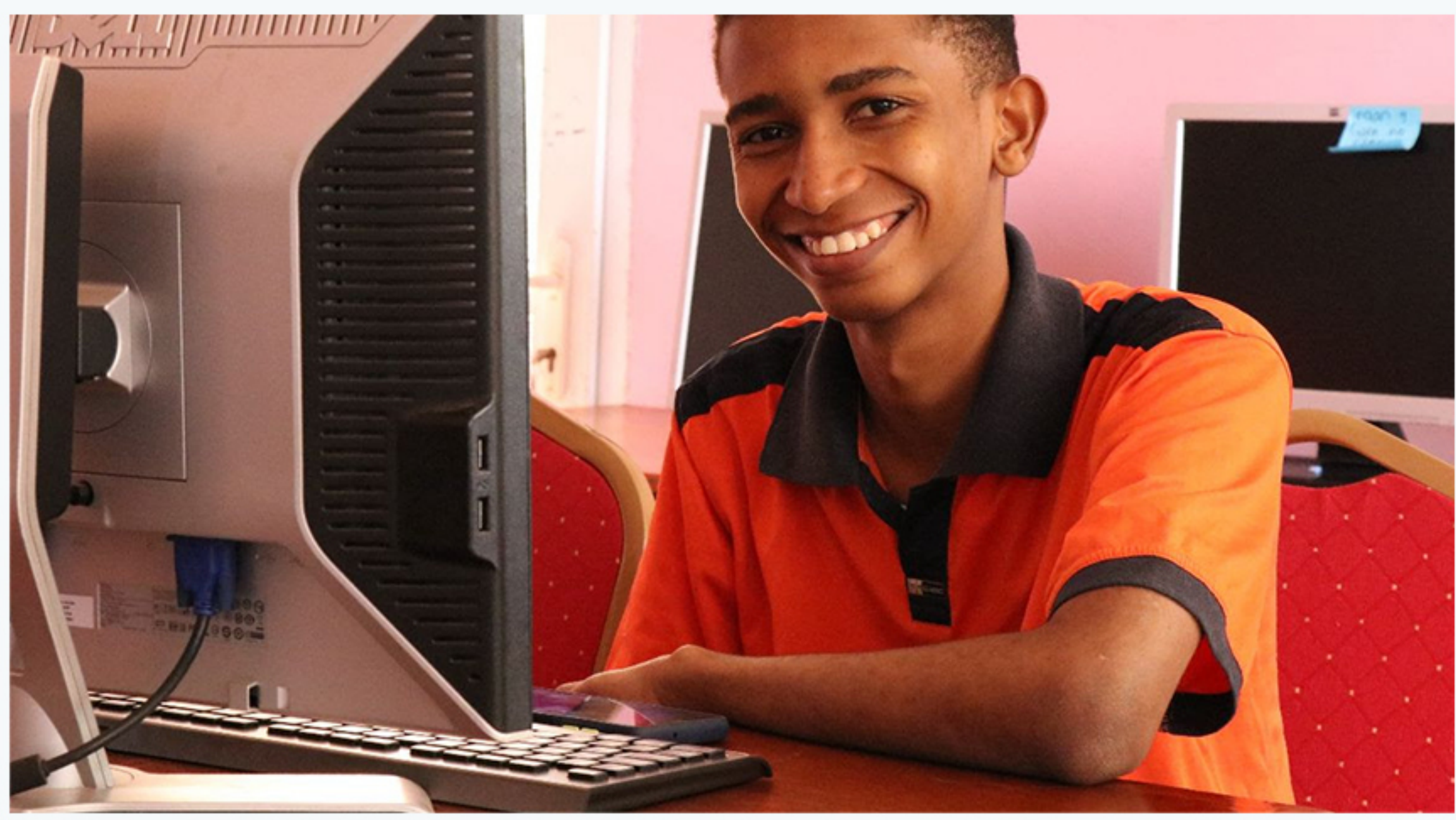
- The handover of new sewing machines to our sewing graduates;
- How we engage with high school graduates through mentorship;
- Our youth volunteers who are also graduates of our Stay in School Project;
- How digital technology is increasing access to educational resources for remote, under-served, impoverished communities - and Elimu's role in improving access!

In 2019 (pre-COVID), we raised \$5,000. Will you help us reach our goal of \$8,000 this year?

The funds will go towards the school fees for the last semester and will help us keep our kids in school.

CAN'T JOIN US - BUT WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

How about making a donation via our website at www.Elimu.ca



BOOSTING FUTURE INCOME POTENTIAL WITH TECH

“With a Cisco NetAcad certificate, a young person stands out in the job market!”

Elimu opened the first Cisco Networking Academy in Kilifi County in 2019 to give young people new skills to boost their future work and income potential.

This year, we rolled out new professional level courses! “With our professional courses, you are knowledgeable enough to grow a career in IT even without a college degree. Cisco certificates show your employer that you are hands-on and will bring more value to the company,” says Anthony, Elimu’s Cisco Instructor. Many of our graduates have gotten IT-related jobs; while others have gone on to further studies in computer science at the college level.

JOYFULLY RECEIVING STUDENTS AGAIN

The Elimu team is thrilled to have students coming to Elimu Resource Centre again! We dropped from over 15,000 student visits in 2019 to just 2,500 throughout 2021. But this March alone, we received over 2,000 visits from learners across all levels of primary and secondary education.

On days when the Centre is filled to capacity, our office assistant, Ian, makes room on the balconies, bringing in more tables and chairs; at other times, staff even make room for students in our office spaces.

The Centre is a youth-friendly sanctuary where they can study without interruption, are able to access digital study materials and consult with our volunteer teachers in areas they feel stuck. It is our joy to be there for them again!



OPENING DOORS TO INDEPENDENCE



In June, seven young women walked out of Heri Sewing College beaming with excitement. As new graduates, with their new non-electric foot pedal sewing machine, each of them goes on to establish a business back in their home villages. For these young women, life looked bleak a couple years back, with many of them having dropped out of school early and having lived in abject poverty. As she steps out of the gate carrying her new sewing machine in a Tuktuk taxi headed home, the Elimu Girl is fully aware that the doors to independence have been opened to her. She is now dreaming big. She is at last in a position to support her family as she has desired for so long. She knows too that in a great way, the responsibility of educating her younger siblings will rest on her. She knows she is a role model and is committed to bring change to her own life and that of her family.

ELIMU SEWING GRADUATE – PENDO – HER CLIENTS ARE WAITING FOR HER!



When Pendo received her brand new sewing machine upon graduation this year, she was simply beside herself with joy and anticipation! “I am so happy today, when I think about my life,” she exclaimed, “because I now have the skills to support myself as an independent woman.” She proudly pointed out that the dress she was wearing (in the photo) she has sewn by herself. She already had clients waiting for her to sew for them – and she just couldn’t wait to get started!

ELIMU’S YOUTH INFO FORUM – BACK IN 2022!



Elimu’s information forum helps guide recent high school graduates and other youth out of school in their big life decisions. On hold since 2020, it was a great day in April this year as we held the 3rd Youth Info Forum. Bringing together over 400 youth to explore the theme of “21st Century Skills and Opportunities for Youth” with various exciting speakers and activities. The youth were enlightened on career choices, how to apply for college and university, pursuing opportunities in the blue economy and entrepreneurship. Girls were encouraged to consider Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related careers.

It was also a day for youth to showcase their own innovations and share their entrepreneurial ideas. It was inspiring to see young people in various industries including art, music, dance, fashion and design, exchange ideas and show support to each other.

Speaking on his experience as a young entrepreneur, Lennox Ogada, an artist based in Malindi encouraged the youth to push their dreams and pursue their lives purpose. Our sewing alumni displayed their skills and sold their own hand-crafted hair bands and pouches to participants.

SPONSORED STUDENT – GIDEON: “I WANT TO BE AN INDEPENDENT PERSON!”



In a recent interview with Gideon, an Elimu sponsored student, currently in Grade 12, we heard why continuing with his education has made the future so much brighter for him. Dependent on his grandparents who live on an inadequate pension and therefore are not able to care for his educational needs, Gideon was regularly sent home from school when money for fees ran out. He found himself constantly falling behind with no resources to continue his learning at home. Since Elimu stepped in, he has never missed a day of school. He smiles as he proudly announces

that after the sponsorship, there was a notable growth in his results. Today, he makes good use of the modern quality learning resources at Elimu Resource Centre which he accesses for free as a sponsored student. He dreams of becoming a doctor one day.

He explains his drive to succeed like this: *“Something that has really been pushing me, is that I want to be an independent person, a responsible person who will provide for his family, who will be there for his children and his wife. That is what I want!”*

RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL FEES

In 2019 (pre-COVID), Elimu’s Charity BBQ raised \$5,000. This year we have set a goal of \$8,000 for the fall semester school fees. Will you join in the effort?

This year’s Charity BBQ funds will go towards school fees for the last semester. It has been an especially challenging two years for Elimu. After 8 months of COVID lockdowns of 2020, the government of Kenya sent kids back to school in January 2021 on a 4-semester system.

The normal school year has 3 semesters but for 2021 and 2022, we have had four semesters and that means four semesters of school fees to pay. This has had a big impact on education budgets - making education even more expensive than before.

We look forward to getting back to normal in 2023. In the meantime, your support of our BBQ fundraiser will help us keep our kids in school.

IF YOU CAN’T JOIN US IN PERSON, YOU CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE!

You can make a donation via our website at:

www.Elimu.ca

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ELIMU AT P.O. BOX 38144, OTTAWA, ON K2C 3Y7**

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