



## Career Guidance Unlocks Youth Potential in Kilifi County

Elimu, in partnership with the County Government of Kilifi and Comundo, is transforming Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) into dynamic Centers of Vocational Expertise (CoVEx), ensuring that graduates are not only skilled, but job-ready and prepared to transition into dignified work or entrepreneurship. A key part of this progress is the establishment of strong Career Guidance systems that connect training directly to industry needs and employment pathways.

At Muyeye VTC, Elimu is strengthening the Plumbing Department, recently highlighted during a vibrant Career Day where learners, parents, instructors, and industry experts engaged in powerful conversations about skills, opportunities, and workforce readiness. At Roka VTC, support is advancing the Fashion & Design Department, showcased through students' impressive demonstrations in dressmaking, carpentry, electrical engineering, and masonry. Elimu remains committed to equipping youth with market-relevant skills and structured transition support, positioning Muyeye and Roka VTCs as hubs of excellence shaping brighter futures for young people in Kilifi County.





## Elimu Familia Stawi Celebrates Cohort 3

Staff, caregivers, and children had an amazing time at the Elimu Resource Centre as we celebrated the successful completion of Elimu Familia Stawi Cohort 3 across Karima, Mijikenda, and Upewoni Schools. The event brought together caregivers, children, school leaders, facilitators, and partners to honor 14 weeks of life-changing learning, resilience, and growth.



Through the program, caregivers and children gained practical skills in positive parenting, communication, nutrition, hygiene, emotional well-being, and financial literacy, tools that foster safer, healthier, and more nurturing home environments. Caregivers shared inspiring stories of strengthened parent-child relationships, increased confidence, and improved management of household resources. The celebration was graced by Elimu Founder, Nina Chung, and Mireille Lingg from MaKly Parent & Child Centre, Switzerland, whose partnership has been instrumental in the program's success. Congratulations to all Cohort 3 graduates for demonstrating the power of learning, unity, and progress!

## Celebrating Impact, Growth, and Partnership



We were honored to welcome the incoming and outgoing Presidents of The Charis Foundation (TCF) from Canada, Brad Klinck and Peter Roebbelen, for a three-day visit celebrating 10 years of partnership. Since TCF's initial grant in 2016, Elimu has grown from a small town space serving 100 students daily to a four-storey Resource Centre hosting up to 300 learners. The visit highlighted Elimu's work in digital learning, vocational training, and community transformation, including the Cisco Networking Academy, Digitech Lab projects, and the newly completed plumbing workshop at Muyeye Vocational Training Centre under the CoVex project.



During the visit, Brad and Peter also participated in the Digital Reading Program celebrations at the men's and women's prisons, supported exam preparations at Malindi Education Centre, and joined a lively Elimu Familia Stawi session, where children learned about nutrition and caregivers received personalized consultations. Over three days, they witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of this partnership uplifting families, empowering learners, and expanding opportunities for youth across Kilifi County. We are deeply grateful to The Charis Foundation for their unwavering support in building brighter futures for our community.



## Walking the Journey Together: Home Visits

As part of our commitment to supporting learners, Elimu conducts home visits for sponsored students, spending meaningful time with both students and their parents. In October, these visits provided a closer look at the transformative impact of the Stay in School project, revealing not only academic progress but also improvements in family well-being, confidence, and overall resilience.



During the visits, parents expressed heartfelt gratitude, noting that the sponsorship has been life-changing. Funds that would have gone toward school fees are now used to support other siblings, household needs, and daily essentials. Students shared a renewed focus on their studies, free from the worry of being sent home due to unpaid fees. These visits reinforced Elimu's belief that education extends beyond the classroom, and by walking alongside our students and their families, we nurture hope, resilience, and opportunity, transforming lives and strengthening communities together.

# AI Awareness Day 2025 at Elimu Resource Centre: Shaping Future-Ready Digital Talent

Elimu Resource Centre recently hosted AI Awareness Day, bringing together Digitech alumni, current learners, industry leaders, and partners for a day of collaboration, learning, and knowledge exchange.

The event celebrated alumni returning to the space where their professional journeys began, now stepping in as mentors, innovators, and contributors to Kilifi's growing digital economy.

Through alumni spotlights, project showcases, structured discussions, and a sector-focused panel on AI, participants explored how artificial intelligence intersects with skills development, employability, and economic growth.

A key outcome of the forum was a shared commitment to co-create an industry-aligned AI curriculum and explore pathways for workforce training, mentorship, and job creation. Roundtable conversations generated insights into gaps, opportunities, and collaboration models that will guide Digitech Lab's next phase: transitioning from awareness to practical application and broader industry adoption. AI Awareness Day concluded with strong momentum, setting the stage for an inclusive, future-ready digital ecosystem in Kilifi.



## Will you consider including Elimu in your holiday giving this year?

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## Christmas Greetings & Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year

As the Elimu Team, we look forward to the Christmas Season ahead, the holidays, time with family, good meals shared in celebration, and we send our warmest greetings and wishes for peace, joy and celebration to you and your family.

