

Pupils Benefit From School Facilities From Safaricom Foundation Worth Over Ksh 2.9 Million.

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Hundreds of students from Embu and Meru Counties have benefited from facilities valued over Ksh 2.9 million, funded by Safaricom Foundation through various initiatives.

Murangu Primary School received an ECD classroom, a block of latrines and a 10,000 litre water tank for rain harvesting through the Know and Grow Initiative, a partnership between Safaricom Foundation, Tinga Tinga Tales Foundation and the Coca Cola Company.

Gachuru Mixed Day Secondary School received a computer Laboratory valued at Ksh 1 million and Siakago Boys High School received a classroom costing over Ksh 1 million courtesy of the Pamoja Initiative.

“Safaricom Foundation has since inception dedicated millions of resources to empowering schools in marginalised areas. Our work is driven by the Sustainable Development Goals, a set of goals that aim at reducing poverty in the world. They are objectives that we aim to achieve as we strive to place Kenya in the world map as a nation that has attained the said goals for its people. In line with our Twaweza spirit, we believe in coming together to make great things happen and making a child’s life easier is a great start,” said George Gathua – Finance Manager, MPesa Foundation.

George Gathua said that Safaricom Foundation’s key focus is to build communities and transform lives through increasing equitable and innovative learning opportunities especially to those living in marginalised regions.

The Know and Grow initiative is a partnership where Safaricom Foundation, Tinga Tinga Tales Foundation and Coca-Cola bring together funding, technical and project management expertise to transform disadvantaged schools.

This project comes in two phases whereby in the first phase, 37 schools had a number of their amenities renovated or constructed from scratch. With this second phase, selected schools will benefit from the construction of pit latrines and the installation of a 10, 000 litre water tank.

These schools are selected with the help of the National Poverty Index report (2009), where beneficiary Primary Schools in areas with limited education opportunities are identified.

The Pamoja Initiative is a Safaricom Project that encourages employees to take an active role in community projects. Each project is spearheaded by an employee who contributes an amount of money which is then topped up by the foundation.