

Press Release

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Safaricom Foundation Donates Infrastructure Worth KES 21 Million to Turkana Schools

The school support is in line with Safaricom Foundation's strategy which focuses on education, health and economic empowerment

Nairobi, 27th February 2021.... Over 1,000 learners in Turkana County have benefitted from classrooms, books, desks and chairs donated by Safaricom Foundation.

Among the schools are Katiko Primary School which got 5 new classrooms and Jeriman Lokitaung which received 2 classrooms. Nariding Nursery School and Katongun Mission Station each had one classroom constructed and furnished.

Lolobo, Lokutumo and Loreamatet Primary Schools each had one classroom constructed and furnished under the Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP), a literacy and numeracy programme being implemented by Safaricom Foundation and Zizi Afrique Foundation. Nakiria Primary School also had a library constructed under the ALP Programme.

“Safaricom Foundation intervened in these schools to support pupils access a conducive environment for learning as most were learning under trees and makeshift structures. We are also looking to improve the literacy levels of children in this county through the Accelerated Learning Programme we are implementing with Zizi Afrique Foundation. We believe that education is one of the ways to transform lives, “said Joe Ogutu, Chairman, Safaricom Foundation.



Learners in Katilu Mixed Primary School also received desks and chairs, while visually impaired students in Katilu Integrated Primary School benefitted from furnishing works. Kilokony Eboyor, a local community organization was equipped with more than 500 books for learners they support.

The total investment in the school projects was KES 21 million.

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About Safaricom Foundation:

Building Communities, Transforming Lives.

Safaricom Foundation partners with Kenyan communities, organizations and institutions to improve and transform lives.

With a footprint in all of Kenya's 47 counties, and a strong history of partnerships dating back to our inception in 2003, the Safaricom Foundation has worked with Speed, Simplicity and Trust to implement over 1,000 community projects, impacting over 3 million people, through our thematic areas of Health, Education, Environmental Conservation, Economic Empowerment, Water, Disaster Relief, and Arts & Culture.

Our current strategy builds on our strong history of results and partnerships, and will contribute towards Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. We will leverage the power of innovation and technology to drive our projects forward; and will also offer a blend of grants, equity and ultra-low cost loans to our partners.

The participation of Safaricom staff in our projects will extend our personalized approach towards partnerships; and our project monitoring and our dissemination forms will provide platforms for technical assistance, learning and capacity building.