



Affecto Foundation  
**Annual**  
**Report**  
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# AFFECTO STARS CREED

I am Affecto,  
I am a star,  
I shine all days,  
For myself,  
For my family,  
For my community,  
For my country,  
I shine all days,  
Throughout the world.

I am Affecto,  
I carry with me,  
Not burdens of the past,  
But hopes and aspirations,  
Of tomorrow and always,  
I dream and dream,  
I dare to dream,  
Because I am an Affecto Star,  
The conqueror of the world.

Oh God our creator,  
Bless me and other Affecto Stars,  
To shine brighter,  
To bring glory home,  
To inspire others,  
To impact the society,  
To illuminate the world,  
To be whom I am meant to be,  
**An Affecto Star!**

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# Meet Our Founder

**Ndungu Nyoro** | Founder, Affecto Foundation

Ndungu Nyoro is an award-winning philanthropist, Founder and Executive Director of Affecto Foundation, commonly known as **Watoto Wasome Program**. The desire to have academically gifted students from underprivileged backgrounds access quality education in Kenya led him to register the foundation as a Charitable Non-Governmental Organization in 2018.

Through the **#100 Bob Challenge (0.7 USD)** run on Facebook, Ndungu has been able to sponsor 134 students through secondary education with an yearly budget of up to 15 million Kenya Shillings (approximately 99,000 USD). He has done this through the support of his followers on Facebook page who currently stand at 270 thousand.

Ndungu believes the virtue of altruism is alive in every individual and can be employed for social good. Of the 134 students who are beneficiaries of Watoto Wasome program, 30 are currently pursuing professional courses in institutions of higher learning across Kenya and 104 are in secondary schools.


Through social media, and especially Facebook, Ndungu has created a community of people who believe in philanthropy. He conducts fundraising activities whenever a needy case arises and at the beginning of school calendar. He uses the same social media platforms to advocate for education as a fundamental human right and to highlight challenges faced by the education sector in Kenya. The advocacy also involves calling on the government to address specific issues affecting students, schools, and parents in Kenya.

In 2022, President of the Republic of Kenya at the time, H.E Uhuru Kenyatta awarded Ndungu Nyoro with the Head of State Commendation, HSC for his contribution to a better society through education. He is also an awardee of Top 40 Under 40 in Kenya in 2021; Finalist Person of the Year 2021 by the Star Newspaper Kenya and was featured in The People's Daily Newspaper in April 2022. Furthermore, he was featured in the Parent's Magazine April 2022 edition.

Ndungu Nyoro is married and is a father to two lovely daughters. He is a Community Scholarship Selection Board (CSSB) member of The Wings To Fly scholarship program. This is an initiative of the Equity Group and Mastercard Foundation (MCF), that was established to support secondary education for top performing children from financially challenged backgrounds.

Ndungu has also been a consultant on local philanthropy at YETU INITIATIVE. YETU works with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to advance the principles of self-reliance and locally sustained development. The initiative is sponsored by Aga Khan Foundation and USAID. The visible transformation of the Watoto Wasome beneficiaries becomes the fuel that drives Ndungu to continue overcoming various obstacles to ensure that young people from disadvantaged backgrounds access education. Ndungu passionately agrees with Nelson Mandela's saying that 'Education is the greatest equalizer'.

He enjoys playing darts and spending time with his loved ones. Ndungu Nyoro has a career medical background and worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 13 years.



*His favorite quote is from Mother Teresa, "I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."*



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## Awards & Recognitions

- **2022 – Head of State Commendation** awarded by H.E Uhuru Kenyatta
- **2022 – Featured** in *The People's Daily Newspaper*
- **2022 – Featured** in *Parent's Magazine* - April edition
- **2021 – Top 40 over 40 Award**
- **2021 – Finalist Person of the Year** in the *Star Newspaper*
- **2021 – Human Rights Defender (Education Category)** - Protection International
- **2017 – Humanitarian of the Year** (DEAR Awards - USA)
- **2017 – Personality of the Year** (OLX/SOMA)
- **2017 – Humanitarian of the Year** (OLX/SOMA)
- **2017 – Humanitarian of the Year** (Mashujaa Awards)

## Affecto Foundation is aligned to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



**Figure 1:** Affecto Foundation aligned Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)





1.0

*Executive  
Summary*



Affecto Foundation is a Non-Profit Organization registered in Kenya on January 16th, 2018 to run charitable causes. The organization was founded by Ndungu Nyoro driven by his great passion to see academically gifted students from underprivileged backgrounds access quality education. Affecto Foundation believes in the power of philanthropy for social good.

Affecto Foundation mobilizes resources from the public, individuals, and corporate institutions of goodwill to sponsor bright learners from economically challenged and disadvantaged backgrounds to transition from primary education and remain in school until completion.

Affecto Foundation's vision is to create a future where opportunities are equal for all regardless of social class. The mission is to promote access to education, promote access to quality healthcare, and promote community development for the less privileged and provide a platform to exercise humanity. **Affecto Foundation's thematic area of focus is Sustainable Development Goal number 4 (SDG4): Quality Education.** This Annual Impact Report highlights the achievements of Affecto and provides evidence of its impact in 2022.

According to The Kenya Economic Survey Report (Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, 2022), it is estimated that 1.2 million learners sat for the 2021 KCPE examinations; however, only 75.8 % transitioned to form one. Poverty remains one of the greatest challenges faced by families trying to enroll their children in form one.

Watoto Wasome is the Affecto Foundation flagship program that supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds to access secondary education through provision of scholarships, and scholastic support such as books, uniforms, and transport to and from school.

The support is coupled with mentorship throughout the academic journey and economic strengthening of guardians of the Watoto Wasome scholars. The students are deliberately exposed to opportunities such as those presented by the Presidential Award program Kenya and participation in conferences and events.

In 2022, Affecto Foundation registered excellent outcomes. Under the Flagship Watoto Wasome program, Affecto Foundation provided 104 students (58% male and 42% female) with scholarships to access secondary education; of these, 80% consistently posted academic grades of C+ and above.

Additionally, of the 23 that completed Form four and sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examinations, 91% qualified to join universities and 9% Technical, Industrial and Vocational Education Training (TIVET) colleges. In the same year, 46 new students were onboarded and started their secondary school journey.

A total of 134 students were mentored in various areas of interest in the year; 46 new and 88 ongoing Watoto Wasome beneficiaries.



*Affecto Foundation is a Non-Profit Organization registered in Kenya on January 16th, 2018 to run charitable causes. The organization was founded by Ndungu Nyoro driven by his great passion to see academically gifted students from underprivileged backgrounds access quality education.*



Specifically, 24 students who were about to complete their secondary school education were mentored in preparation for the transition to university and college education.

The topics dealt with included: public speaking, interviewing skills, job application, job shadowing, surviving campus life, sex and relationships, sexual reproductive health, and financial literacy & entrepreneurship. Professionals from different fields were involved to cover the topics.

On entrepreneurship, Affecto Foundation supported three families with seed capital to start income-generating activities to increase their household incomes. Affecto foundation also provided two Watoto Wasome program alumni with seed funds to start self-development initiatives and businesses.

In addition, the Affecto Stars alumni formed a Chama (association) that has since mobilized Ksh 12,850 in readiness to start their business.

In 2022, 12 high-value individuals and 9 corporates funded Affecto Foundation activities to the tune of Ksh 12,847,464. A large online community participates in online social media fundraising campaigns, contributing to meeting the Affecto Scholars' scholarships. Affecto Foundation's future plans include setting up an Endowment Fund of Ksh 20 million (USD 200,000) and establishing a school dubbed 'Affecto Leadership and Innovation Centre'.

Affecto Foundation plans to purchase 40 acres of land budgeted at a cost of 30 million (USD 300,000) and construct school facilities (classrooms, boarding facilities to cater for 400 students) at a cost of 200 million Kenya Shillings (USD 2 million)

Affecto Foundation work contributes to the achievement of nine out of the 17 SDGs. Among them, the critical SDGs include SDG 1- No Poverty, 4- Quality Education, 5- Gender Equality, and 3 - Good Health and Well-Being.



***Watoto Wasome is the Affecto Foundation flagship program that supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds to access secondary education through provision of scholarships, and scholastic support such as books, uniforms, and transport to and from school.***





# 2.0 *Overview of Strategic Objectives and Activities*





Affecto Foundation is a Non-Profit Organization registered in Kenya on January 16th, 2018 to run charitable causes. Affecto Foundations' thematic area of focus is Sustainable Development Goal number 4 (SDG4): Quality Education.

We believe in strengthening the involvement of society at large in meeting the needs of those from marginalized and disadvantaged backgrounds; particularly young people to access quality education.

We mobilize resources from the public, individuals, and corporate institutions of goodwill to sponsor bright learners from economically challenged and disadvantaged backgrounds to transition from primary education and remain in school until completion. We believe that philanthropy is at the heart of each individual and can be tapped for society's good.

Therefore, we unashamedly tap into this sense of philanthropy through social media fundraising campaigns, corporate social responsibility, shared value initiatives, and fundraising events; all geared towards raising scholarship funds

for our Watoto Wasome program. We believe education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

**Vision**



To create a future where opportunities are equal for all regardless of social stratification.

**Mission**



To promote access to quality healthcare, education and community development to the less privileged and providing a platform to exercise humanity.

# Strategic Objectives.

In 2022, we undertook various activities geared towards the achievement of the strategic objectives outlined below.



**To provide opportunities for academically able children from under-privileged families and disadvantaged communities to access secondary school education through academic scholarships.**

## 2.1 Watoto Wasome Activities

Under this objective, Affecto Foundation provided 104 students (58% male and 42% female) with scholarships to access secondary education; of these 23 sat for the KCSE examinations and all qualified to join institutions of higher education (91% University and 9% TVET) and 46 were newly on-boarded. This is linked to SDG 4 - Quality Education. Two Watoto Wasome beneficiaries were provided with professional counselling therapy enabling them to excel in their academic performance.

At Affecto Foundation, we believe mentorship is necessary to equip and transfer skills and influence the scholars' world view enabling them to take deliberate actions to realize their full potential. According to research by mentoring.org (Mentor, 2023), it postulates that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive

effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and development, and social and economic opportunities.

Therefore in 2022, Affecto Foundation provided mentorship to the Affecto Scholars (Watoto Wasome beneficiaries) during the three workshops held in 2022. These included the induction to Affecto Family held at Alliance Girls Secondary School reaching 46 cohort 6 students who had been selected to join the Watoto Wasome program in the year.

The workshops covered such topics as time management, self-branding, leadership, sex and relationships, and mental health.

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Secondly, 88 Affecto Scholars attended the April 2022 mentorship session held at KAG EAST University Buru Buru.

**The scholars were mentored on the following areas:**

- Life skills for successful school completion and responsible citizenship such as leadership and debating skills, drug awareness, community service, civic & governance engagement, time management, online safety, child protection and human rights, sex and relationships, negotiation skills, self-awareness and esteem, sexual and reproductive health, and financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

- Academic study practices and attitude.
- Career guidance and counselling and the study pathways.
- Mental health.

Further, 24 students who had just completed their secondary school education were mentored to prepare them to transition to university and other institutions of higher learning during a session held 9th August 2022 at Affecto Office. They were mentored on public speaking, interview skills, job application, job shadowing, surviving campus life, sex and relationships, sexual reproductive health, and financial literacy & entrepreneurship.

**The following speakers engaged with our students during the mentorships:**

SPEAKER	ORGANISATION	POSITION
Dr. Linda Kimenchu	Learning Gaps	Founder & Director
Mr. Justine Omwoyo	Affecto (USA)	Diaspora Representative
Mr. Benson Muthendi	Youth Fund	Acting CEO
Ms. Ekra Ndungu	KENAPCO	Secretary General
Hon. David Osiany	Ministry of Industrialization, Trade & Enterprise Development	CAS
Mr. Robert Burale	RB Company	Life Coach
Dr. Ezekiel Mutua	Music Copyright Society of Kenya	CEO
Dr. Mercy Igoki	Aga Khan University	Registrar
Ms. Wangari Kaburi	The President's Award Kenya	Regional Officer
Dr. Maxwell Okoth	RFH	Board Chairman
Eng. Kimani Njogu, HSC	Affecto	Board Secretary
Ms. Eva Muchina	Sumac Micro Finance Bank	Business Development Manager
Jane Mwangi, OGW	Kenya Association of International Schools(KAIS)	Head of Secretariat
Dr. Chege Waweru	bioMerieux	Director, Kenya and Area Business Manager
Ken Ogendo	Fargo Courier	Sales and Marketing Specialist

**Table 1:** Speakers who engaged with our students during mentorships



*Affecto Foundation supported two Watoto Wasome program alumni with seed fund to start self-development initiatives and businesses to earn income and meet their needs.*

## **2.2 Economic Strengthening at Family Level Activities**

Further, Affecto Foundation supported families of three sponsored students with Seed capital to start income generating activities to increase their household income. The aim of the initiative was to ensure the families are able to take care of other children to continue attending school. This is linked to SDG 1- No Poverty.

Affecto Foundation supported two Watoto Wasome program alumni with seed fund to start self-development initiatives and businesses to earn income and meet their needs. Additionally, the alumni formed a 'Chama' association aimed at mobilizing savings among the alumni for funding their investments. Affecto Foundation supported the association by providing registration fee and information and support to the members.

The 'Chama' has mobilized Ksh. 12,850 in their savings account. This activity is linked to SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities – Economic growth. Additionally, Affecto Foundation provided shopping during the festive season to a family in Kiamumbi, Kiambu County. The grandmother who takes care of five grandchildren was glad to have been thought of and surprised with shopping. SDG 2 - Zero Hunger.

## **2.3 Affecto Foundation Operational Support Activities**

Affecto Foundation has no permanent employees. In 2022, the foundation relied on volunteer Watoto Wasome Alumni who are attending university studies to provide part time services; they are given a stipend. In 2022, seven alumni volunteered at Affecto Foundation. This activity is linked to SDG 8 - Decent Work & Economic

Growth. In addition, five professional volunteers provided services to support the foundation's operations and programs.

## **2.4 President's Award Kenya Activities**

Affecto Foundation is a licensed member of the President's Award Kenya. The Foundation has enrolled all Watoto Wasome Scholars into the Award Program. This has proven to be very resourceful in raising resilient young adults; who can overcome difficult situations.



This scheme also engages our learners in productive activities during their free time. Affecto Foundation facilitated 113 Scholars and alumni to participate in the president's Award activities. The President's Award Kenya, is a self-development program for young people countrywide that equips them with positive life skills to make a difference for themselves, their communities,

their country, and the world. The Award is a member of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Association, which oversees the Award Program for young people in over one hundred and twenty countries. **The award program is then divided into; Bronze, Silver, and Gold Level and achievement of each is based on achievement of certain skills and milestones.**

### Bronze Level

- **Physical Recreation:** for 3 months
- **Skills:** for 3 months
- **Service:** for 3 months
- **Adventurous Journey:** for 2 days + 1 night

### Silver Level

- **Physical Recreation:** for 6 months
- **Skills:** for 6 months
- **Service:** for 6 months
- **Adventurous Journey:** for 3 days + 2 nights

### Gold Level

- **Physical Recreation:** for 12 months
- **Skills:** for 12 months
- **Service:** for 12 months
- **Adventurous Journey:** for 4 days + 3 nights
- **Residential Project:** for 5 days + 4 nights

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# 3.0 *Problem Statement*



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To promote education as a fundamental human right, Affecto Foundation continued with engaging the online community on matters related to education and its management in the country.

The foundation was able to highlight challenges the education sector is facing and is calling on the government to address specific issues affecting students at specific institutions of learning.

According to The Kenya Economic Survey Report (Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, 2022), it is estimated that 1.2 million learners sat for the 2021 KCPE examinations. However, only 75.8 % transitioned to form one. This exposed 25.2% of the pupils to risks such as teenage pregnancy, early marriages, child labour, petty crimes, and bad lifestyle habits.

Over the years, Kenya's education sector has improved leading to increased enrollment in primary education at the primary level reaching universal levels while secondary school enrolment increased by over 50% in the seven years before the pandemic.

These achievements have resulted directly in increased spending and enrolment at all levels, as well as consistent improvements in learning outcomes before the pandemic. The main challenges facing the education sector are: increasing enrollment in post-primary education, improving learning outcomes, and reducing deep inequalities. Enrollment at the primary level is almost universal but falls sharply when transitioning to secondary education.

Fourteen percent of the students who complete grade 8 of primary education do not enroll in form 1 of secondary and about 40 percent of students who begin grade 1 do not complete form 4 (grade 12).

Sharp drops observed in promotion rates between grades 7 and 8 and between forms 3 and 4 coincide with the national examinations, which determine progress from primary to secondary and from secondary to upper education levels (MoE, 2018). However, poverty remains a challenge that affect pupils' transition from primary to secondary school.

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The cost of secondary school education in Kenya is largely met by the parents in the form of tuition and boarding fees among other costs. Therefore, net enrollment rates are significantly higher in pre-primary, primary, and secondary education, for children from households in the top 20% of the income distribution, when compared to the bottom 20% (The World Bank, 2022). In addition, education outcomes are much lower in rural areas and for lower-income populations.

Further, inadequate access to early childhood development education (ECDE) for children from disadvantaged households contributes to poor education and other outcomes later in life. There is immense evidence of the contribution of quality early childhood development education (ECDE) to brain development, future academic success, health outcomes, and overall national economic growth. World Bank asserts that early childhood experiences have a profound impact on brain development – affecting learning, health, behaviour, and ultimately, lifetime opportunities.

Yet, in low-income countries, just one-in-five children have access to pre-school. Therefore, lack of access to high-quality Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) programs can negatively impact learning outcomes, and ultimately reduce opportunities for meaningful employment in adulthood. Despite the inadequate access to quality ECDE and resources, some students still perform well academically at the end of primary-level schooling.

Affecto supports such students from disadvantaged backgrounds to transition to secondary education through scholarships coupled with mentorship and deliberate exposure programs to grow and strengthen their life skills, confidence, academic engagement and leadership. The mentorship and exposure interventions address the deficiencies created during earlier years to ensure the wholesome growth and engagement of adolescents and adults.





# 4.0 *Our Theory of Change*



The following visual is Affecto Foundation Theory of change

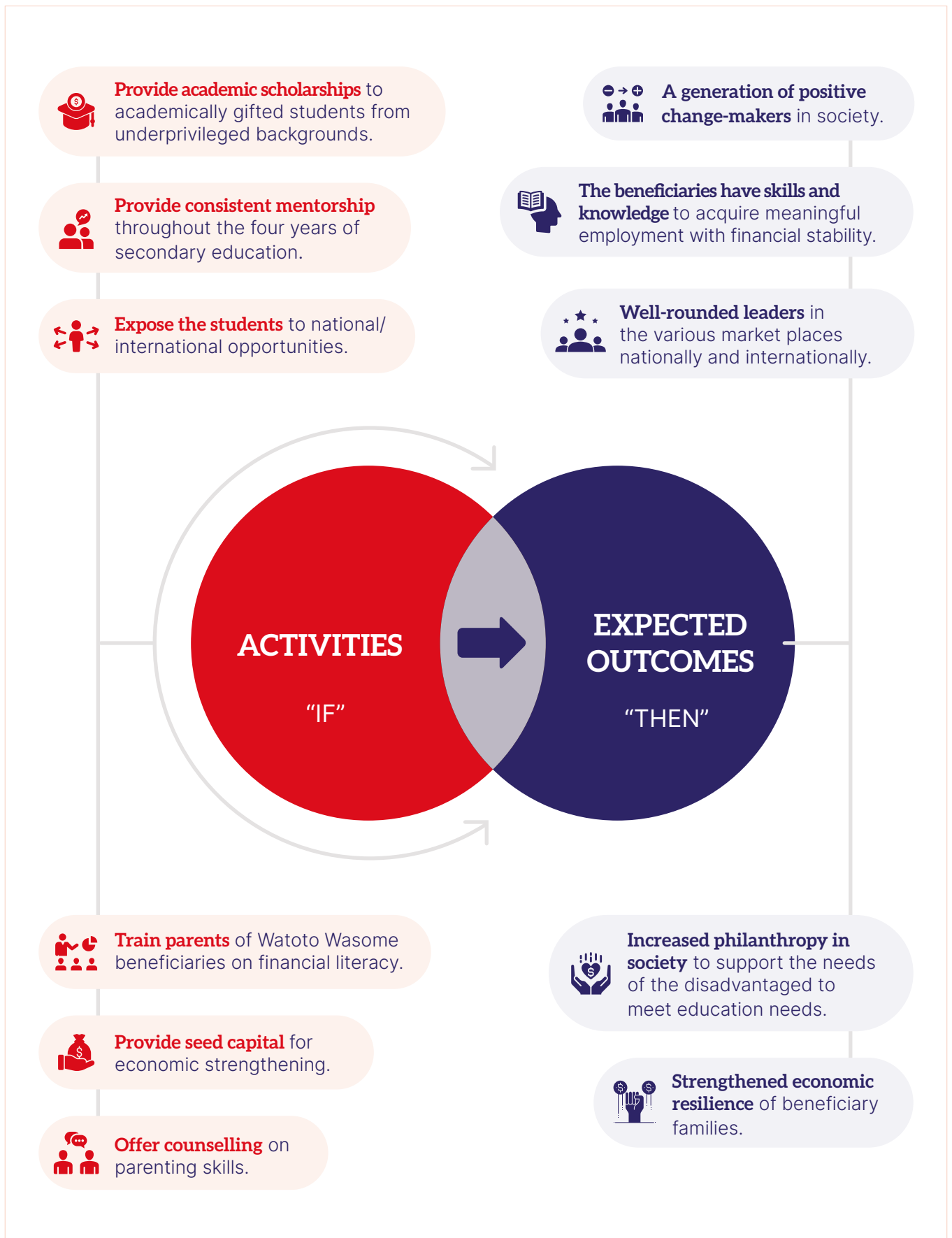


Figure 2: Affecto Foundation Theory of Change



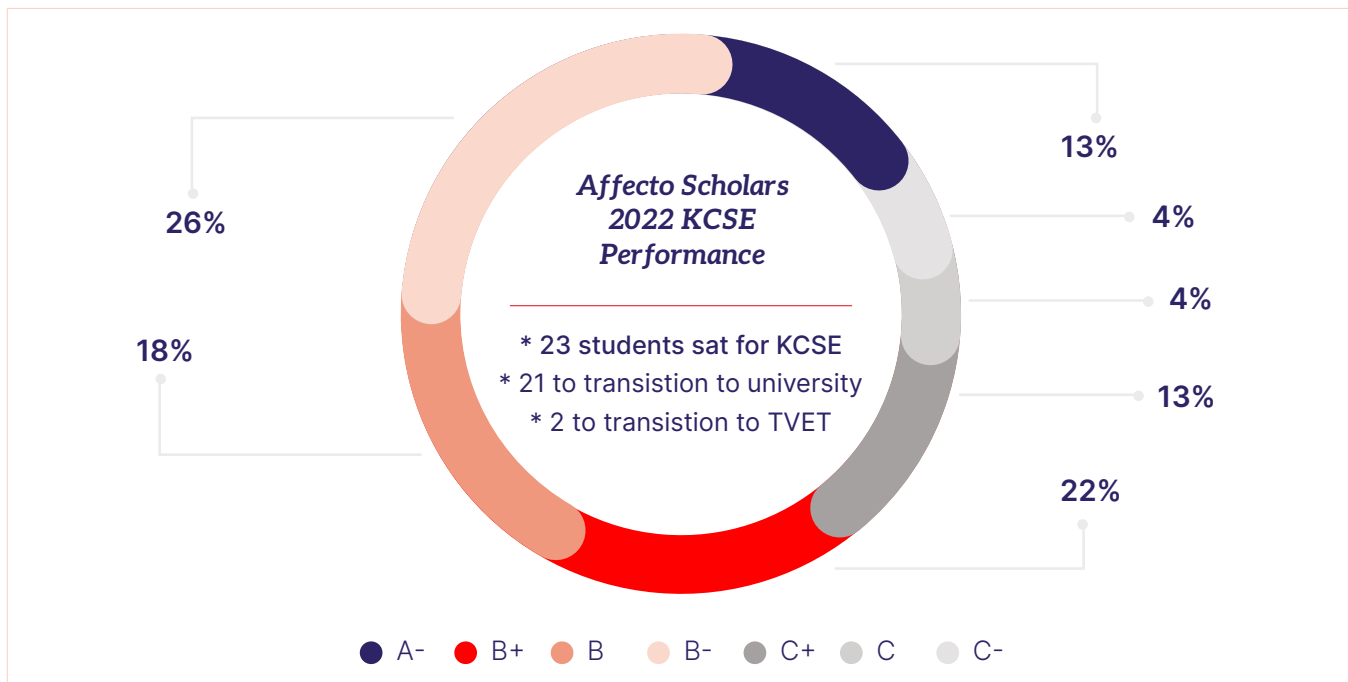
# 5.0 *Outcomes and Impact*





### 5.1 Academic Performance

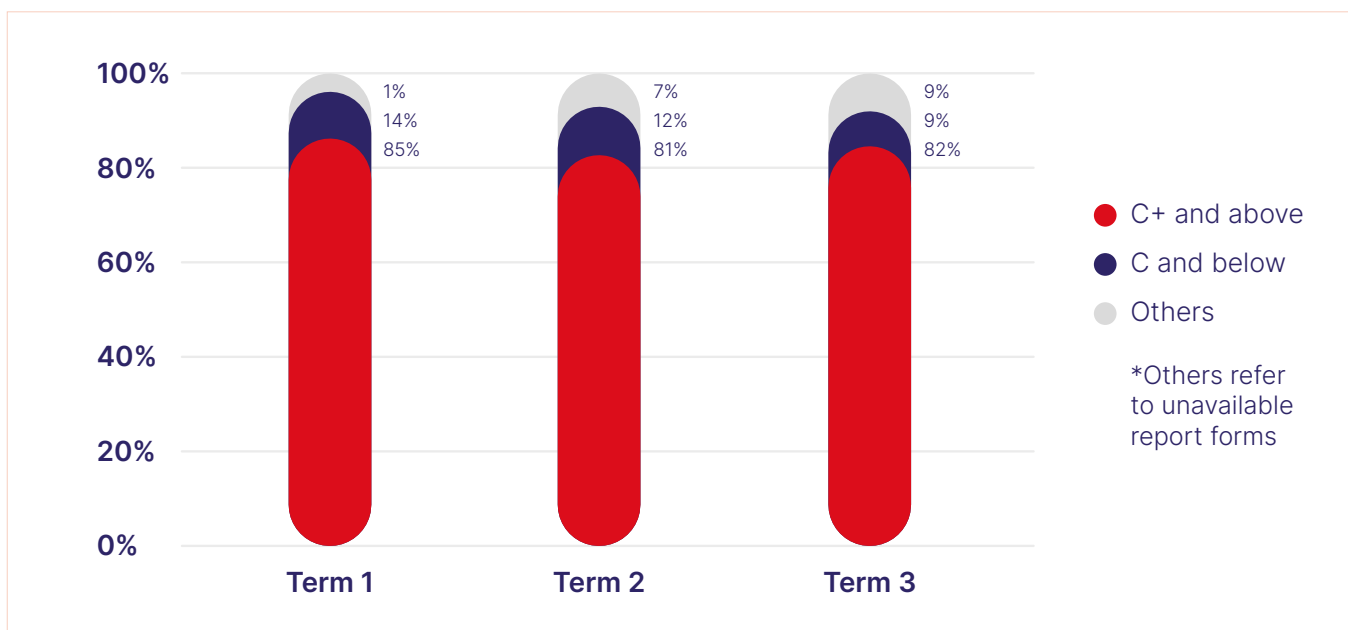
Affecto Foundation supported a cohort of 23 students in form 4, who sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education in 2022. Majority (91%) scored grade C+ and above and will be transitioning to universities while the rest (9%) will be joining TVETs.



**Figure 3:** Affecto Scholars 2022 KCSE Performance

In 2022, Affecto Foundation Sponsored 104 students in secondary school. Below is their academic performance per term. Over 80% of students consistently post grades C+ and above. The below 15% achieving less than grade C+ are being constantly supported during holidays to improve their academic performance. Of the 104 students sponsored under the Watoto Wasome program, majority (80%) consistently achieved C+ and above in their end of term examinations. Less than 15% achieved below C+ grade.

### Affecto Stars 2022 Academic Performance



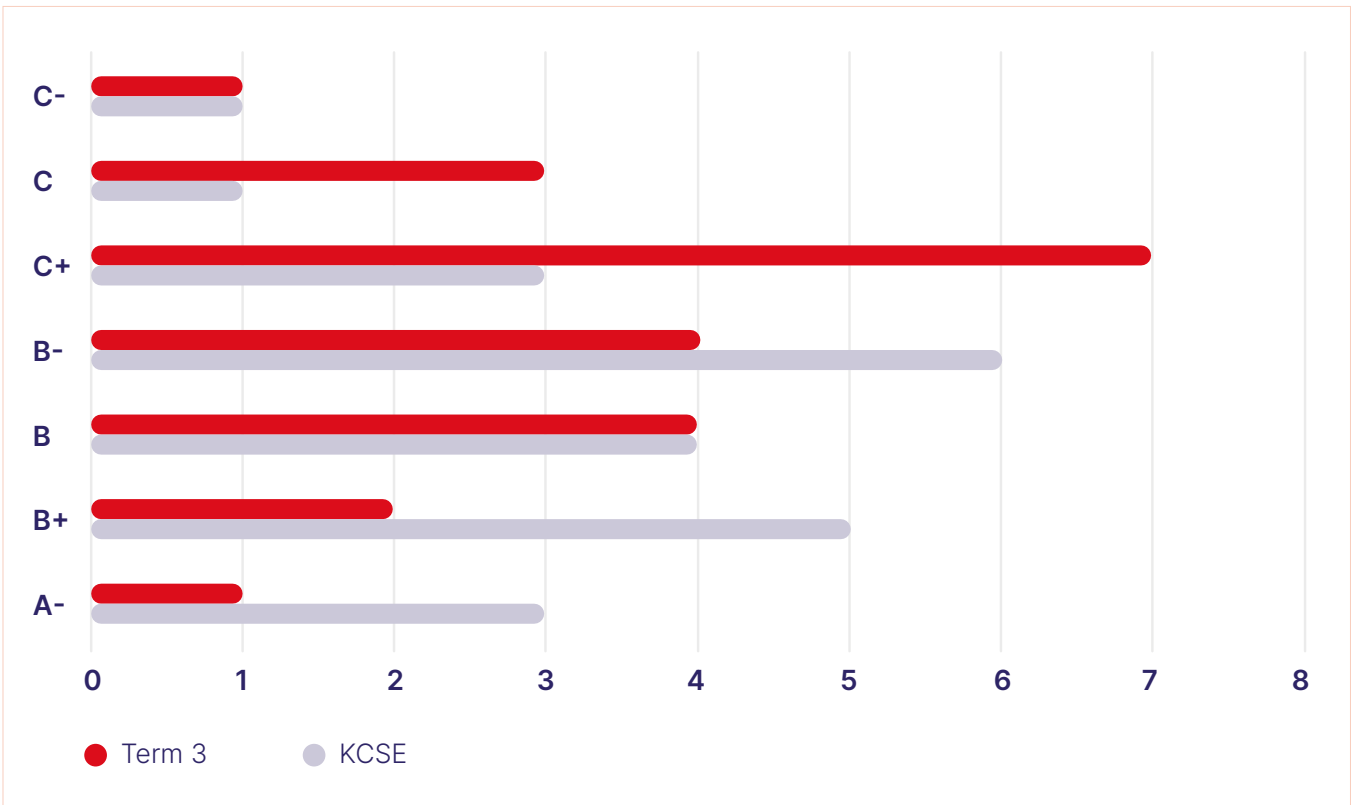
**Figure 4:** Affecto Scholars 2022 Academic Performance by Term



## 5.2 Mentorship

We attribute academic performance not only to providing scholarships but also mentorship. Below is a proxy to showcase the outcomes of mentorship on academic performance for the Affecto Scholars who sat for their KCSE in 2022.

### Comparison of 2022 Form 4 Academic Performance at End of Term 2 and KCSE



**Figure 5:** Comparison of Performance of 2022 at End of Term 2 and KCSE for 24 Scholars who sat for KCSE in 2022

### 5.3 Skills Development

- **Leadership development.** Affecto Foundation interviewed 22 out of the 53 alumni. Out of the 22 Affecto Alumni, 16(72%) were engaged as leaders in school, church and community. The 16 alumni mentioned that mentorships attended at Affecto equipped them with skills to engage as leaders and shaping their attitudes towards leadership in a positive manner. Of the 16 alumni 8 indicated they have ambitions to seek national leadership positions.
- **Exposure to national and world youth fora and ecosystem.** Two Affecto Alumni were exposed to international conferences in the year 2022. Evans Mutharimi represented Affecto in Tanzania International Model United Nations in Morogoro, Tanzania while Alice Gathe represented Affecto in The Global Youth Summit in Bangkok, Thailand. (See pages 34-44)
- **President's Award program.** In 2022, 113 Affecto Foundation Scholars and Alumni participated in The President's Award Kenya Activities. Of the 134 scholars and alumni, 104 achieved the bronze level and 30 achieved the silver level. Affecto Foundation facilitated their undertaking to be able to achieve all the set activities and skills. The Gold level activities will be started in year 2023 for those who have completed the silver level.

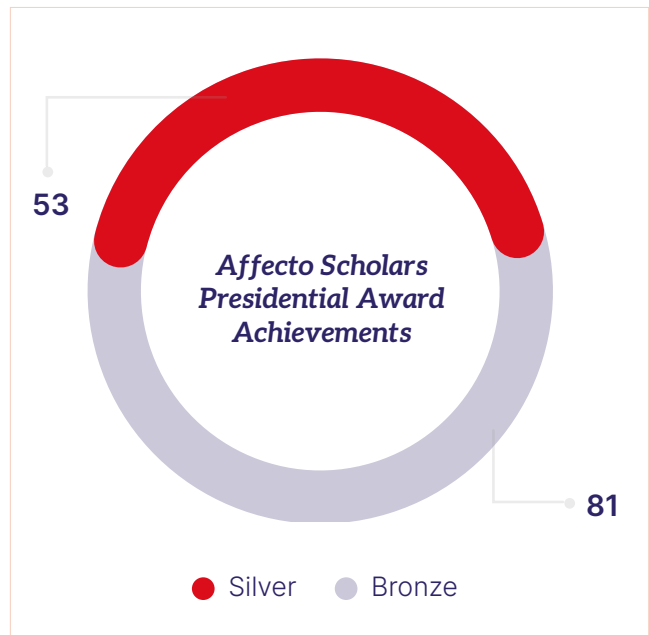
### 5.4 Affecto Foundation Alumni Saving Mobilization

In 2022, 18 members of Affecto Foundation Alumni started a savings and loaning group named Circumstantial Brothers and Sisters (CBS).

The group envisions creating an enabling environment for entrepreneurial mind through education, savings and exposure to the world of business by having investment projects aimed at improving the financial stability and sustainability of the members and non-members.

The members contribute ksh. 200 per month. Currently, they have saved Ksh 12,850. They also get a chance to broaden their knowledge on the most viable investments alongside an opportunity to exercise their careers by applying for jobs.

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**Figure 6:** Presidential Award Affecto Scholars Achievements in 2022

### 5.5 Household Economic Strengthening for Parent/Guardians

Affecto Foundation supported 3 families to start income generating activities in 2022. We identified families that needed support to increase their incomes at household level. We interviewed the parents and identified the area of business they're interested in. Afterwards, we analyzed their ideas and after verification, we granted them seed capital. The guardians share weekly progress reports with Affecto Foundation.

The families were given critical skills in entrepreneurship and financial literacy. The families earn an average of ksh. 600 per day. They report they are able to meet the basic needs of their family including the cost of transport for their school going children.

A graphic with a dark blue background. On the left, there are two large, overlapping red curved shapes. To the right of these shapes, the text "Affecto Foundation supported 3 families to start income generating activities in 2022." is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in five lines: "Affecto Foundation", "supported 3 families", "to start income", "generating activities", and "in 2022."

## 5.6 Resource Mobilization for Affecto Foundation

Affecto Foundation is funded by like-minded well-wishers who include individual donors, corporates and organizations. In 2022, 12 high value individuals and 9 corporates funded Affecto Foundation activities. A large online community participates in online social media fundraising campaigns which contributes to meeting the scholarships for the Affecto Scholars.

The social media online campaigns bring together Kenyans of all walks of life who contribute any amount they have. Some have contributed as low as Ksh 10 indicating that Kenyans have the right attitude and willingness to meet the needs of others who are disadvantaged.

In 2022, donations to Affecto Foundation totalled to Ksh 12,847,464; of which 90% were unrestricted funds.

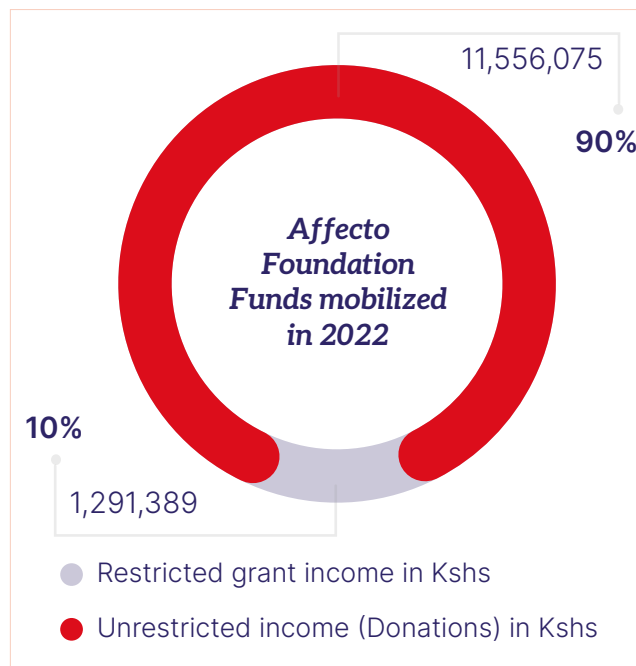


Figure 7: Funds mobilized in 2022



# Affecto in Numbers

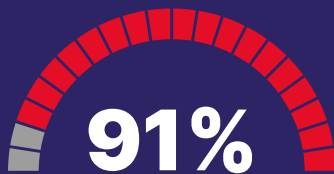


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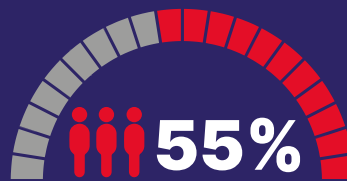
Number of 2022  
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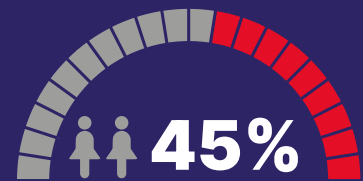
Number of  
SDGs Affecto  
is committed  
to achieve



91%  
of our students earned  
direct university entry



55%  
Percentages of **Male** & **Female** students  
who are going through the programme



# 46

Number of students  
onboarded in 2022 to  
Watoto Wasome program



# 104

Total number of Watoto  
Wasome program  
beneficiaries in 2022

# 113

Number of Affecto students  
enrolled in **The President's  
Award Program**



KSHS. **1.2M**  
KSHS. **11.5M**  
• **Total Restricted &  
Unrestricted Grant Income**

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Number of  
Partnerships



# 6.0 *Summary of Key Learnings*



- Performance of students in KCPE does not define their performance in KCSE. Intervening by providing support in the 4 years of learning is critical to change the students' academic performance trajectory. Well fashioned and delivered mentorship coupled with need-based psycho social support and counselling does change the students' attitude and equip them with skills for better academic performance.
- Individuals in community love to identify with genuine philanthropy endeavors and will participate even when they are not very highly resourced individuals as long as they are meeting the needs of those disadvantaged in the society. There is transparency and integrity in running such endeavors and they are able to see what their resources are achieving. Individuals with little economic strength find satisfaction in contributing to the education of the less privileged Ksh 100 or less. Social programs can tap into community philanthropy to meet social needs.
- Life-skills are critical in building the confidence of Affecto Stars. This has led to improved academic performance and interpersonal relationships. This further translates to better relations among themselves and others and being able to engage in meaningful discussions with others.



- Mentorship is the game changer in secondary school students to equip them with critical life skills that change their life trajectory to successful personal development and meaningful engagement in society. The popularity of mentorship among the Affecto Stars led to it becoming demand driven enabling the scholars to articulate their mentorship needs. The Affecto Alumni provides need-based mentorship to scholars.
- Support to families of sponsored students has had great impact in giving the scholars the mental relief necessary for academic engagement at school. The scholars home environment affects their performance at school. Therefore, coupling sponsorship and family support compounds the benefit reaped from such endeavors.

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# User name

Acquisition of trust



# 7.0 Stakeholder Feedback





**Username Investment Limited** is a leading real estate and development company in Kenya. We desire to provide the current and upcoming generations with a place to call home. We focus on providing strategic, value-added and affordable land with prices as low as Ksh 249,000 with flexible payments and ready for immediate development. We have been in operation for over 10 years, completed over 56 projects, issued over 16,000 title deeds and served over 20,000 clients.

Username Investments has been recognized across the industry and won over 20 accolades across board, including: Corporate Social Responsibility/Philanthropy by KPMG and Business Daily, Top Real Estate Land Seller at Starbrands East Africa, Best Land and Investment Company, Most Impactful Real Estate Company of the Year, Real Estate SME of the Year, Best Customer Care on Social Media, Best Land and Investment Company and many more.

Our desire as a company is to impact the lives of young people not only through home ownership but also through education and mentorship. After observing Affecto Foundation, Watoto Wasome Program, we felt they were passionate about empowering the dreams of young people, just like Username. This is where our relationship with them commenced and it has been over four years now.

We came in as a partner to support needy and bright students access quality education through Affecto Foundation. Our desire is to see each of the beneficiaries achieve their career goals and unique potential, which will transform the World.

We believe that our sponsorship also goes a long way in complimenting the government's effort to attain a 100% transition rate from primary to secondary level.

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Username's support towards Watoto Wasome program is an initiative that helps us create a levelled playing ground and give every young person a chance. Every student in Kenya deserves an opportunity to get quality education, regardless of their financial background.

By supporting Watoto Wasome, we are empowering the dreams of thousands of students who will transform their families, communities, the country and the world at large. Our support towards Affecto was recognized by KPMG and Business Daily and we were awarded as the best in Corporate Social Responsibility/Philanthropy in Kenya.

Username Investments appreciates Ndungu Nyoro, Founder, Affecto Foundation and the entire Team for spearheading the Watoto Wasome Program. As a company, we will continue to partner with Affecto because "Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world", Nelson Mandela.

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**- Username Investment Limited**

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# 8.0 *Qualitative Insights and Testimonials*



# TIMUN CONFERENCE REPORT: EMPOWERING EDUCATION AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT.

By Mutharimi Evans Richard | Affecto Foundation Alumni

## INTRODUCTION

I am delighted to present the report on our participation in the Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) Conference held from 23rd to 27th May 2023. With great pleasure and gratitude, I recount the remarkable experience we had as representatives of Affecto Foundation during this prestigious event, which took place in Morogoro at Morena Hotel.

This report aims to provide an account of our involvement, express my appreciation for the opportunity, and highlight the valuable insights gained in pursuit of Sustainable Development Goal number 4 (SDG4). Through our engagement in the TIMUN Conference, we had the privilege of not only promoting education but also fostering international networking and cultural exchange.

## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) Conference was a transformative and enriching experience for the representatives (Ms. Kanyiri Betty and Me) of Affecto Foundation. As a member of the first cohort of beneficiaries and now part of the alumni team, I had the distinct honour of not only participating in this esteemed conference but also embodying the success and impact of Affecto Foundation's initiatives. The Conference provided a unique platform for youth from around the world to simulate the



United Nations General Assembly, enabling me to immerse myself in the complexities of global diplomacy.

As delegates representing various member states, we had the opportunity to engage in intense debates, negotiate resolutions and address pressing global issues.

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This immersive experience allowed me to develop and practice vital skills such as critical thinking, public speaking and problem-solving – skills that were nurtured and fostered by Affecto Foundation throughout my educational journey.

The conference also served as a platform for extensive networking and cultural exchange. Engaging with youth from diverse backgrounds and countries broadened our horizons, challenged our perspectives and deepened our understanding of global issues.

Through meaningful interactions and collaborative sessions, we established connections with like-minded individuals, fostering friendships and potential future partnerships. These exchanges further emphasized the importance of Affecto Foundation's exchange program, as it not only empowers students academically but also nurtures their ability to thrive in an interconnected world.

Moreover, the TIMUN Conference provided an invaluable opportunity for us to explore different models of education and youth engagement programs implemented by other countries. It reinforced the notion that there are no limitations to our dreams and aspirations.

By witnessing firsthand the innovative approaches and success stories from around the world, we were inspired to continue daring to be bold and strive for excellence in our pursuit of higher education and personal development.

## OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTATIONS

Our participation in the Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) Conference was driven by the following objectives and expectations:

- **Showcase the Success of Affecto Foundation's Initiatives:** As a member of the first cohort of beneficiaries and the alumni team, my primary objective was to exemplify the positive impact of Affecto Foundation's educational scholarships and support. We aimed to demonstrate how access to quality education can transform the lives of underserved learners and empower them to achieve their full potential.
- **Promote Sustainable Development Goal number 4 (SDG4):** Affecto Foundation's core focus is on SDG4, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for



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all. By participating in the TIMUN Conference, we sought to raise awareness about the importance of education, advocate for educational opportunities for marginalized communities, and highlight the role of Affecto Foundation in contributing to this global goal.

- **Enhance Our Diplomatic and Negotiation Skills:** Our expectations included developing and honing our diplomatic skills, including negotiation, public speaking and critical thinking. We aimed to improve our ability to articulate ideas, engage in constructive dialogue and find mutually beneficial solutions to global challenges through the simulated United Nations General Assembly sessions.
- **Expand International Networks and Collaborations:** We looked forward to networking with youth from diverse backgrounds and countries. Our expectations included fostering meaningful connections, exchanging ideas and experiences, and exploring potential collaborations with like-minded individuals and organizations committed to sustainable development and education.

- **Gain Insights into Global Education Models:** Through the TIMUN Conference, we aimed to gain insights into the education systems and models implemented by other countries. Our objective was to learn about innovative approaches, best practices and successful strategies that can be adapted and applied in the context of Affecto Foundation's educational initiatives.

By setting these objectives and expectations, we aimed to maximize the value of our participation in the TIMUN Conference, aligning our experiences and lessons with Affecto Foundation's mission and long-term goals.

## PREPARATIONS

Our preparations for the conference were meticulous and comprehensive. We left no stone unturned in ensuring that we were well-equipped and ready to actively participate in this esteemed event.

Firstly, we began by applying for temporary permits, ensuring that all the necessary travel documentation was in order. Understanding the importance of meeting entry requirements, we obtained the required yellow fever jab and acquired the yellow fever card, which was mandatory for entry into Tanzania from Kenya.

To facilitate our journey, we made early arrangements by booking our buses to Tanzania, securing our seats for the 21st of May, 2022. With our tickets in hand, we were prepared for a smooth and timely arrival at the conference venue, Morogoro. Recognizing the significance of professional attire, we invested in suitable official attires. This ensured that we met the conference's dress code requirements and presented ourselves professionally throughout the duration

of the event. In line with the conference's theme, **"Youth Engagement and Innovation to Promote Sustainable Development,"** we engaged in extensive learning and research. We familiarized ourselves with the theme, delving deep into its nuances and exploring various aspects of youth engagement and innovation in the context of sustainable development.

Moreover, I had the honour of being selected as the chairperson of Caucus one, which focused on the thematic area of **"Youth Engagement in Combating Climate Change and Ensuring Food Security."** As part of my preparations, I conducted thorough research on this critical topic. I explored innovative approaches, successful case studies and effective strategies for youth involvement in addressing climate change and food security challenges.

By investing time and effort into our preparations, we ensured that we arrived at the conference well-prepared, equipped with knowledge and ready to actively contribute to the discussions and simulations. Our comprehensive preparations reflected our commitment to making a meaningful impact and representing Affecto Foundation with excellence and expertise.

Overall, our preparations encompassed all necessary logistical arrangements, compliance with entry requirements, acquiring knowledge on the conference theme and conducting in-depth research on our respective Caucus's thematic area.

We were fully prepared to engage in fruitful discussions, share insights and actively contribute to the TIMUN Conference's objectives of promoting youth engagement and innovation for sustainable development.



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## CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

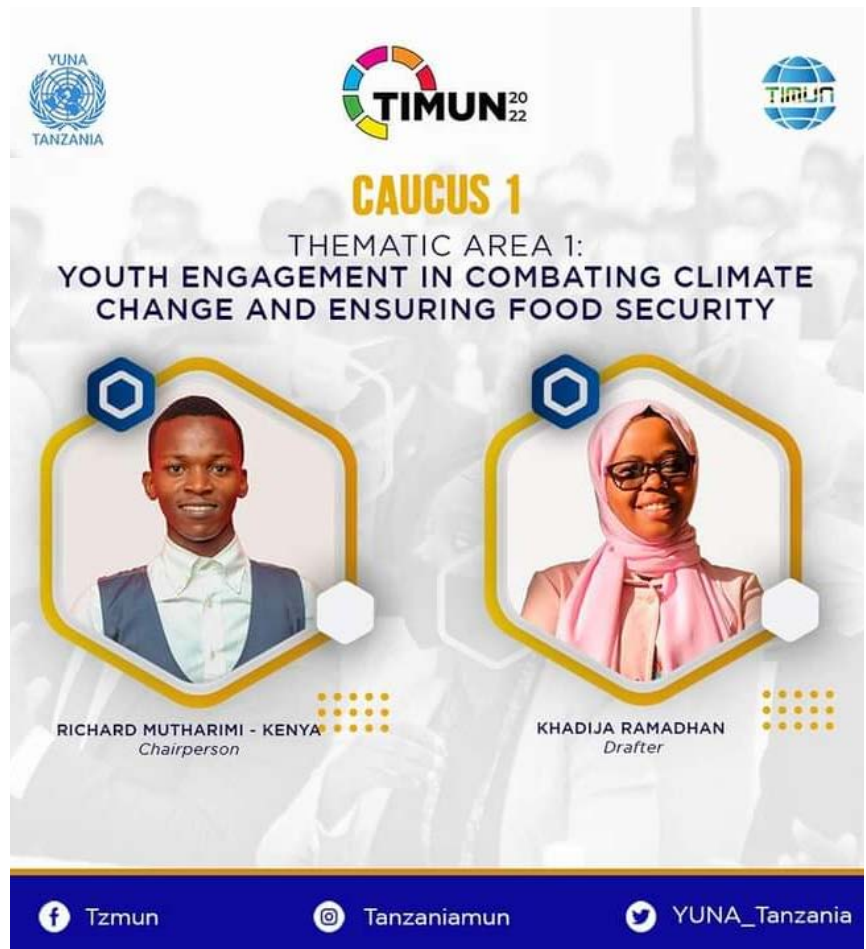
Our participation in the conference was an unforgettable journey filled with enlightening sessions, inspiring addresses and impactful discussions. From the opening to the closing ceremony, we were immersed in a dynamic and enriching atmosphere that fostered global collaboration and understanding.

The conference began with a remarkable opening ceremony, where we had the honour of listening to high-ranking officials who shared their insights and perspectives on the importance of youth engagement and innovation in promoting sustainable development. Their speeches set the stage for the thought-provoking discussions and activities that followed throughout the event.

Panel discussions played a pivotal role in addressing the thematic areas of the four caucuses. Experts and distinguished speakers shared their knowledge, experiences and best practices, providing valuable insights into various aspects of sustainable development.

These engaging panel discussions offered a platform for in-depth exploration of critical topics, including youth engagement in combating climate change and ensuring food security, among others. The diverse perspectives shared by the panelists broadened our understanding and inspired us to take proactive roles in shaping a sustainable future.

The Cultural Night was a standout event that showcased the rich diversity of cultures represented at the conference. Through vibrant performances, traditional music, dance and artistic expressions, we celebrated our shared humanity and appreciated the richness of different cultures. The Cultural Night fostered a sense of unity, cultural exchange and appreciation among participants, reinforcing the importance of embracing diversity in our collective pursuit of sustainable development. The General Assemblies and Caucus Sessions formed the backbone of our conference experience.



These sessions provided a platform for intensive deliberations and discussions on our respective thematic areas. As the chairperson of Caucus one, I had the privilege of overseeing and facilitating these crucial discussions. The exchanges of ideas, negotiation of resolutions and collaborative problem-solving among delegates were inspiring and demonstrated our commitment to finding innovative solutions to global challenges.

These sessions allowed us to apply our research, engage in diplomacy and develop our leadership skills as we worked towards addressing the issues related to youth engagement in combating climate change and ensuring food security.

Throughout the conference, we were deeply engaged, actively participating in workshops, networking events and informal discussions. We seized every opportunity to interact with fellow delegates from different countries, building bridges and forging connections that transcended borders. These interactions broadened our perspectives, challenged our preconceptions and fostered a sense of global citizenship.

## NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIONS

The conference provided us with ample opportunities to network and collaborate with individuals from diverse backgrounds and countries. This aspect of the conference was instrumental in fostering global connections, building friendships and forging partnerships aligned with Sustainable Development Goal number 17 (SDG 17) - Partnerships for the Goals.

Throughout the conference, we actively engaged in socializing and connecting with delegates from various countries. This interaction allowed us to appreciate different cultures, share experiences and exchange ideas. Notably, I formed strong bonds with individuals from Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Cameroon and South Sudan, which laid the foundation for meaningful collaborations.

The networking sessions provided a platform to explore common interests, identify shared goals and seek opportunities for collaboration. By leveraging the power of dialogue and building on our diverse perspectives, we discovered areas of mutual interest and potential joint initiatives.



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These collaborations transcended national boundaries and emphasized the importance of working together to achieve sustainable development objectives.

In line with SDG 17, the collaborations formed at the conference aimed to strengthen partnerships for the goals. By connecting with delegates from different countries, we recognized the significance of cross-border collaborations in addressing complex global challenges. We discussed potential joint projects, knowledge sharing platforms and advocacy efforts that could be undertaken collectively to advance sustainable development in our respective regions.

Moreover, the networking opportunities extended beyond the conference sessions themselves. Informal gatherings, meals and social events provided additional occasions for meaningful connections and deeper discussions. These interactions fostered an atmosphere of trust, respect and camaraderie, laying the groundwork for enduring partnerships beyond the conference.

The collaborations formed during TIMUN have the potential to contribute significantly to SDG 17. Through these partnerships, we can leverage diverse resources, expertise and experiences to drive sustainable development efforts in our communities. By sharing best practices, innovative ideas and lessons learnt, we can collectively work towards achieving the SDGs and creating positive change on a global scale.

## LESSONS AND INSIGHTS

- Our participation in the conference provided us with invaluable lessons and insights, empowering us to contribute more effectively to the sustainable development goals and furthering the mission of Affecto Foundation.
- The conference reinforced the power of education as a catalyst for change. As a beneficiary and member of the alumni team of Affecto Foundation, I witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of education on individuals and communities.
- Through the TIMUN Conference, we had the opportunity to engage with like-minded individuals from around the world who shared our passion for education and sustainable development. The lessons and insights gained during the conference reaffirmed our belief in the importance of providing educational opportunities to under-served learners.
- One of the key lessons from the conference was the significance of youth engagement in driving sustainable development. The panel discussions, caucus sessions and general assemblies emphasized the role of young people as active agents of change. We learnt about successful youth-led initiatives, innovative projects and impactful strategies implemented in different countries. This knowledge deepened our understanding of the importance of empowering young individuals to be at the forefront of sustainable development efforts.
- Furthermore, the TIMUN Conference provided us with valuable insights into global perspectives on the thematic areas we focused on, such as youth engagement in combating climate change and ensuring food security. Through interactions with delegates from diverse countries, we gained exposure to various approaches, policies and best practices employed worldwide. These insights broadened our horizons and equipped us with a global perspective, enabling us to think critically and creatively when addressing the challenges in our own communities.
- Additionally, the conference served as a platform to learn and enhance our diplomatic skills. As the chairperson of Caucus one, I had the responsibility of overseeing discussions and negotiations within the caucus. This experience enabled me to develop leadership,

communication and mediation skills. I learnt the importance of active listening, fostering inclusive dialogue and finding common ground among diverse perspectives. These diplomatic skills will undoubtedly contribute to my personal growth and future endeavors in the field of sustainable development.

- The TIMUN Conference highlighted the importance of collaboration and networking. The opportunity to interact with delegates from different countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Cameroon and South Sudan, opened doors for potential collaborations and partnerships. We learnt that by coming together, pooling resources and leveraging each other's strengths, we can achieve more significant impact in addressing global challenges.



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## CONTRIBUTION TO AFFECTO FOUNDATION'S GOAL

First and foremost, my representation as a beneficiary and member of the alumni team of Affecto Foundation served as a testament to the effectiveness and success of the foundation's initiatives.

By participating in the TIMUN Conference, we showcased the transformative power of education and demonstrated that with the right support and opportunities, learners from under-served communities can thrive and make a difference in the world. As part of the conference, we actively contributed to discussions and debates on critical issues related to sustainable development, specifically focusing on my

thematic area of youth engagement in combating climate change and ensuring food security. By sharing our research findings, insights and experiences, we enriched the discussions and offered valuable perspectives on how youth can actively participate in addressing these global challenges.

Moreover, our interactions and collaborations with delegates from various countries and backgrounds allowed us to forge partnerships and networks that align with Affecto Foundation's mission. Through these connections, we explored opportunities for future collaborations, knowledge sharing and joint initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable development and education. By expanding our networks, we paved the way for potential partnerships that can amplify the impact of Affecto Foundation's work and extend its reach beyond borders.

Additionally, as the chairperson of Caucus one, I played a leadership role in facilitating discussions, ensuring inclusivity and driving the deliberations on our thematic area. By overseeing the discussions on youth engagement in combating climate change and ensuring food security, I actively contributed to the conference's objectives and helped shape the outcomes of the sessions.

This leadership role not only demonstrated my personal growth but also showcased the impact of Affecto Foundation's support in developing young leaders who are passionate about sustainable development. Furthermore, our participation in the conference allowed us to enhance our knowledge and skills, which we can bring back to Affecto Foundation and share with fellow beneficiaries and alumni. The insights gained, diplomatic skills honed and global perspectives acquired during the conference will enable us to contribute more effectively to the foundation's programs and initiatives. By leveraging our experiences and learnings, we can inspire and motivate others to pursue their dreams and actively engage in making a positive impact in their communities.

## CONCLUSION

The Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) Conference proved to be an enriching and transformative experience for us as representatives of Affecto Foundation. Throughout the conference, we were able to contribute, learn, collaborate and expand our horizons in alignment with Affecto Foundation's



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mission of promoting sustainable development and providing educational opportunities to under-served learners.

The conference provided us with valuable insights into the power of education, youth engagement and global collaboration. We witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of education on individuals and communities, reaffirming our belief in the importance of Affecto Foundation's work. Through engaging in discussions and debates on various thematic areas, such as youth engagement in combating climate change and ensuring food security, we deepened our understanding of global challenges and the role of young people in driving sustainable development.

Our participation in the TIMUN Conference allowed us to forge meaningful connections with delegates from different countries, fostering networks and collaborations aligned with Affecto Foundation's goals. The opportunity to share our experiences, knowledge and research findings enriched the conference discussions and opened doors for potential partnerships. By building these networks, we created pathways for future joint initiatives and knowledge sharing, amplifying the impact of Affecto Foundation's work beyond geographical boundaries. As representatives of Affecto Foundation, we actively contributed to the conference's objectives and showcased the effectiveness of the foundation's support in empowering under-served learners.

Through our involvement in panel discussions, caucus sessions and leadership roles, we demonstrated the potential of young individuals to make a positive difference in addressing global challenges. The skills and insights gained during the conference will enable us to further contribute to Affecto Foundation's programs and initiatives, inspiring and empowering others to pursue their dreams.

Overall, the TIMUN Conference provided us with a platform to engage, learn, collaborate and grow. It reinforced our commitment to Affecto Foundation's mission and showcased the impact of educational opportunities on the lives of under-served learners. The connections made, knowledge acquired and experiences gained during the conference will continue to shape our contributions to sustainable development and education.

As I conclude this report, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Affecto Foundation for the incredible opportunity to represent the foundation at the Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) Conference 2022. This experience has been nothing short of transformative and I am deeply honoured to have been part of this remarkable journey. Through the TIMUN Conference, I have witnessed the power of education, youth engagement and global collaboration in driving sustainable development.


The conference has not only broadened my horizons but has also equipped me with valuable skills, insights and connections that will continue to shape my personal and professional journey. I am immensely proud to be a beneficiary and member of the alumni team of Affecto Foundation **the Home of Watoto Wasome**. This conference

has reinforced the positive impact that the foundation's scholarships and support have on under-served learners, empowering them to pursue their dreams and make a difference in their communities. I am inspired to continue advocating for education and sustainable development, spreading the message that every learner deserves an opportunity to thrive.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the organizing committee, the fellow delegates and all those who contributed to the success of the TIMUN Conference. The exchange of ideas, the panel discussions, the caucus sessions and the networking opportunities have enriched my understanding and broadened my perspectives. I am grateful for the friendships formed, collaborations initiated and the global connections made during this conference.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Affecto Foundation **Team Leader, Founder and Executive Mr. Ndung'u Nyoro** for his unwavering support, guidance and belief in my potential. It is through his dedication and commitment that I have been able to embark on this incredible journey and represent the foundation at TIMUN. I am immensely grateful for the trust placed in me and the opportunities provided.

As I reflect on my experiences at the TIMUN Conference, I am filled with optimism, determination and a renewed sense of purpose. I am committed to leveraging the knowledge, skills and networks gained during this conference to contribute to Affecto Foundation's goals and work towards a brighter future for under-served learners.



*Thank you once again to the team leader and the team at Affecto Foundation, my fellow delegates, and all those who have been part of this incredible experience. Together, let us strive for a world where every learner has the opportunity to thrive and make a lasting impact.*

**- Mutharimi Evans Richard**

# REPORT ON ALICE GATHE'S TRIP TO BANGKOK, THAILAND FOR GLOBAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT'S SUMMIT.



By Alice Gathe | Affecto Foundation Alumna

## INTRODUCTION

Global Youth Parliament is a movement that aims to motivate young minds in societal work, entrepreneurship, democracy and sustainable development for the better world. Annually they invite young people for the “Global Youth Leadership Summit” to enhance a common understanding among the youths.

In June 2022, I was privileged to be the only Kenyan to attend the summit held in Bangkok, Thailand. This was after I received a letter of acceptance and invitation to be a delegate from Kenya. Affecto Foundation, on the other hand, did not hesitate to support me.

## JOURNEY

I was escorted to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by my nuclear family and Affecto family. My flight was at 11:50 p.m. It took four and a half hours to Dubai International Airport where my transit was. This was my first time on a plane. Friends, I did not sleep. My eyes couldn't help

but roam around the structure of this object flying above. The lights below made me feel like I was above the stars. But then at some point I could only see the wing of the plane. How I thank Expeditions Maasai Safaris for checking in at a seat near the wing and porthole. DXB amazed me. I had not even arrived at my destination and there I was, feeling I would make Dubai my destination.

I took photos at the airport, had iced coffee, got lost at some point. I had to keep asking where my gate was. The next flight was nine hours long. I watched movies as I enjoyed the chicken served there. I'd highly recommend the movie King Richard. I also made a friend from Russia; Adelina. Suvarnabhumi International Airport looked like a museum to me. Everything was worth seeing.

I made a friend from Somali; Musa, we had both gotten lost while looking for our gate. I later changed my currency from dollars to baht. I then went ahead to the first hotel: Samyan Serene Hotel at 10 p.m. I liked how warm Bangkok was. The next day, I joined other delegates at Ambassador Hotel.

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## CONFERENCE

At Ambassador hotel, I met the officials of Global Youth Parliament. I helped them in setting up the conference hall. It was an incredible time of networking. During the night, we had a welcome dinner where we watched the traditional dances of the Thai people. I learnt that they believe a dragon symbolizes good luck. I met Mr. Baba Ceasar from The Gambia, who was to be the moderator in the session that I was to speak. He requested for a brief biography and he encouraged me to be calm.

We were given a brief of how the next day would be and we went to bed. There was a hiccup when it came to room allocation, I had been paired with a gentleman from Egypt. I had to go to the reception to ask for a different room. Luckily, I was given another room. I was the only person without a roommate. I practiced my presentation a few times, watched the night view from the window then slept.

On the day of the conference, I carefully listened to each person's presentation as I waited for my turn. I liked how the professionals were composed, how their responses were detailed and the use of data. The screen behind them projected their presentation very clear. Delegates pro-actively participated in the discussions where they

challenged the speakers on their knowledge. I was a bit tense wondering what I'd do if they asked a question I couldn't tackle.

**Session IV**-The last session of the day had three key speakers, a UN volunteer, a Human Rights Advocate and I, an education for all ambassador at Affecto Foundation. The topic was on Peace Leadership to tackle violent extremism. Mr Sabin began, he gave his presentation then I followed. I carefully read through my item. I had practiced it so well, such that I didn't need a reference material.

I was able to tackle every question asked about my presentation, by using my personal story. This is something Mr. Nyoro has always emphasized. **THE POWER OF PERSONAL STORIES.**

Later on, I was nicknamed the Queen of Africa. Everyone wanted to have a photo with me. I interacted with individuals from all areas. We had an entertainment session then the award ceremony began.

I was privileged to be awarded **The Emerging Leader Award 2022**, for my active participation and contribution. This came as a surprise. Knowing that I was the youngest attendee. It was the highlight of my journey.



## CITY TOUR

We visited a temple where we were told the story of Buddha: He meditated for 12 years taking only water under a tree. We then went to a mall, and later on in the evening, we had dinner in a cruise. I noticed that the people of Thai love live performances, their cultural dances are so captivating.

## LESSONS LEARNT

- Be hands On: Being skillful in many areas is very important. Knowledge is power.
- Adaptability/Respect other people's beliefs and boundaries.
- Networking; Through the conference, I got to learn more about youth led movements and organizations. I made friends from South Africa, The Gambia, Nepal, Spain, Russia, USA, Somali and others. It is said that your network is your net-worth. I also collected currencies from different countries.
- Make preparation your armour just like Michelle Obama says. It is the preparation that made me confident of my presentation.
- Believe in yourself.
- I was also challenged to learn a foreign language. My aim is to focus on Chinese.

## FUTURE AMBITIONS

- I would like to represent Affecto in more international conferences, hopefully, attract more donors and supporters of Watoto Wasome program.
- I'd also like to be a great diplomat; I am certain this is the first of the many trips I will make.
- Eventually, build a youth platform/organization to bring the youths on the globe together.
- Enable my family to experience what I experienced.

## CONCLUSION

- June 23rd – 26th 2022, will always be a memorable time for me. It marked my firsts in so many aspects, just to mention some;
- First time flying.
- First time being a key note speaker in a global platform.
- First time travelling alone.



*I am forever grateful to Affecto Foundation and Mr. Ndungu Nyoro for the support and believing in my potential. I trust that my younger siblings at Watoto Wasome will be inspired and motivated by my experiences. Blessings!*

- Alice Gathe



# CBS TESTIMONIAL

By Allan Loloju | Affecto Foundation Alumni

On a personal level as a member of CBS I can say the Chama has come a long way to help me on so many things and mostly on matters finance. CBS has helped me learn the importance of saving and also to adopt the habit of saving. **Earlier before I was not that good at saving and now being a member of CBS I have seen good progress on myself.**

The Chama has also helped me become future oriented and to realize the importance of investment for example in the project(s) we are doing at the moment and others on our list as a Chama. Being a member I'm now able to look at different options and investments as well as realizing a wider view of options in life individually and as a Chama.

According to where I come from, that is a pastoralist community and where pastoralism is the major economic activity, I now can see a lot of viable options and activities that can come out of that. It so amazing feeling the growth as a family and peers.

There is a deep sense of belonging and that keeps on encouraging me and motivating me as I'm able to visualize that growth as a Chama and see where we are heading to. It also helps on building trust on each other among ourselves as peers and members.

Apart from that the Chama is also helping me on improvement of my social skills from the different meetings we attend through interactions. As a Chama we are growing and learning together and I can also visualize a bright future together.

Being a strong and united group this may lead to the birth of a sacco in future and also getting donors as time goes by as well as impacting the society at large on different levels.



## TESTIMONIAL BY A MOTHER OF AN AFFECTO SCHOLAR.

On the slopes of Nyeri county, Affecto Foundation onboarded a student in 2021. The student is a cohort five beneficiary of Watoto Wasome program. He attends school at Nyeri High School. During school holidays the student lives with his grandmother because their mother lives in a single room that cannot accommodate him, the sibling and the mother.

The student at Nyeri High School is a disciplined and resilient young man who portrays great potential. He witnessed domestic violence leading to his parents' separation. In 2022, Affecto realized that he was having a hard time focusing on academics.

The mother hardly provided three meals in a day. For this reason, Affecto Foundation chose to intervene for the benefit of the household and the Affecto Star.

**For this report, we interviewed the mother and below is what she had to say:**

*Before I began the business of selling charcoal and onions, I used to do casual jobs in construction sites and laundry in people's homesteads; there was no guarantee I would get a job on a daily basis.*

*I would at times get them only three times in a week and sometimes none at all. In construction sites, I would get paid ksh. 500 at most. Doing laundry in people's homesteads gave me a maximum of ksh. 250 a day. I could not save, and even when I tried, I would end up spending the amount on the days I didn't find a job.*

*When I began the business in 2022, with the help of Affecto Foundation, gradually I started noting some changes. I could make ksh. 800 on the good days and sometimes when the peak season was over, I made Ksh 500. This encouraged me to save ksh. 100 per day and accumulatively, I saved ksh. 8,000 and bought a goat.*

*With the same trend, I bought 10 iron sheets and construction wood. I am hoping to construct a house for my son so that he can move nearer to his sister and I.*

*I recall struggling to pay ksh 500 for my young girl's school fees. The burden was eased when I began this business. Even now that the fee has increased to ksh. 700, I am able to pay. I have to admit, it has not been easy.*

*However, I am glad we are not struggling to find food. Even now that we're not in the peak season, I am able to support my two children with basics.*

*I love seeing them happy and I hope to do more. All in all, may God bless Affecto for holding my hand.*



# 9.0 *Future Plans and Projections*



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### **The school will be developed in three phases.**

- Phase one entails purchasing 40 acres of land budgeted at a cost of 30 million (USD 300,000).
- Phase two entails construction of school facilities (classrooms, boarding facilities to cater for 400 students at any point in time,

and the business modelling and incubation hub costed at 200 million Kenya Shillings (USD 2 million).

- Phase three entails investing in entrepreneurial initiatives for the school's sustainability. This will include building an auditorium for use by the school and that can be hired by others at a fee. In addition, Affecto will venture in turning the center in to a self-sustaining model by fixing and use of clean energy, establishing a farm to produce food for consumption by the school community and for sale and investing in an Affecto Village. The village is aimed at ensuring the center is surrounded by neighbours who become long term partners of the school.



# The Team

AFFECTO FOUNDATION 2022 TEAM			
DEPARTMENT	NAME	POSITION	LOCATION
<b>Strategy &amp; Decision-making</b>	Ndungu Nyoro, HSC	Chair	Kenya
	Eng. Kimani Njogu, HSC	Board Secretary	Kenya
<b>Advisory Team</b>	Elizabeth Njeru	Australia Representative	Australia
	Justine Omwoyo	USA Representative	USA
	Dr. Mercy Igoki	Mentorship Patron	Kenya
	Charity Muturi Njeru	Resource Mobilization	Kenya
<b>Day-to-day Management</b>	Ndungu Nyoro, HSC	Executive Director	Kenya
	Nelly Lasoi	Head of Operations	Kenya
<b>Relations</b>	Damaris Muange	PR & Communications	Kenya
	Beryl Auma	Customer Relations	Kenya
	Ann Wairimu	Customer Relations	Kenya
<b>Fundraising</b>	Ndungu Nyoro, HSC	Team Leader	Kenya
	Joel Muthumbi	Resource Mobilization	Kenya
	Charity Muturi Njeru	Resource Mobilization	Kenya
<b>Registry</b>	Sharon Gateru	Registrar	Kenya
	Joy Wawira	Assistant Registrar	Kenya
<b>Media &amp; Publicity</b>	Beatrice Kanyiri	Graphic Designer	Kenya
	Eunice Wanjiku	Media	Kenya
<b>Finance</b>	Alice Gathe	Finance Officer	Kenya
	Francis Kiuna	Finance	Kenya
	Peter Maina	Finance	Kenya

**Table 2:** Affecto Foundation 2022 Team




*Affecto Foundation's vision is to create a future where opportunities are equal for all regardless of social class. The mission is to promote access to education, promote access to quality healthcare, and promote community development for the less privileged and provide a platform to exercise humanity.*








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