

Introduction

Bawa Education Centre remains deeply committed to providing quality education and holistic support to children from vulnerable backgrounds. This report highlights the progress, impact and key activities carried out during the term, reflecting the transformative journey of the learners under our care.

Bawa Education Centre began its recruitment process last year, with a focus on reaching children who were unable to access education due to financial challenges within their families. Many of these children come from households where parents work at the landfill, often bringing their children along. This exposes them to significant health risks from smoke and waste, as well as various forms of vulnerability and abuse.

Enrolling these children in school has provided them with a safe and supportive learning environment. It has also enabled parents to work more effectively, knowing their children are in a secure place during the day.

This year, 103 children reported to school, which is a strong and encouraging number for the Centre's initial intake. Currently, the school has four classes, each with a maximum of 26 students. Two teachers are in place to deliver instruction and provide care and supervision for the children throughout the school day.

Programs

Education program

Our education program is focused on providing quality early learning for all enrolled children. The teachers have shown strong dedication in ensuring that each child is treated as an individual, with the support and attention needed to learn at their own pace. This personalized approach has created a more inclusive and effective learning environment.

As this is the first term, we have already observed significant positive changes in the children's development and engagement in school. Feedback from parents has also been very encouraging, with many noting improvements in their children's learning, behavior, and overall well-being. These early outcomes highlight the strong foundation being built through the program.

Samson Angoya (Parent to Giffon) shared with us that "Giffon has changed so much. He now prays, avoids bad company and focuses on his schoolwork. He does his homework with minimal supervision, and his discipline has greatly improved. This is a good job well done." These testimonies reflect more than academic progress they show a holistic



School Feeding Program



Our feeding program remains one of the key components of the school, ensuring that every child receives nutritious meals each day. All learners are provided with at least three meals while at school. Upon arrival, they are served breakfast, and at around 11:00 a.m., they receive porridge. At lunchtime, the children are given a balanced meal, and in the afternoon before going home, each child is provided with a fruit.

This program has significantly contributed to improving the health and well-being of the students, many of whom do not have the privilege of accessing regular meals at home. Meals have been consistently provided throughout the term, playing a crucial role in enhancing concentration, improving attendance, and supporting overall academic performance. For many learners, the feeding program

offers not only nourishment but also a

sense of security, care, and stability within the school environment. The true measure of impact is best told through the voices of parents: Evalyne (Parent to Cyril Jasiri) "Since joining Bawa Education Centre, Jasiri has improved greatly. He now eats well, speaks fluent English, and can confidently stand up for himself. Previously, he struggled with bullying, but now he is stronger and more confident. His doctors have also given positive reports regarding his recovery from malnutrition. I am truly grateful."



Health program

Health initiatives, implemented in collaboration with Jessy Kay Children's Hospital, have played a vital role in ensuring that students remain healthy and ready to learn. Through regular medical screenings and timely interventions, potential health concerns are identified and addressed early. This proactive approach has contributed to improved attendance, better concentration in class, and overall enhanced well-being among the learners.



Extracurricular Activities

Every Friday of the week the school have been conducting activities to support students' social, emotional and creative development. These sessions provide a safe and joyful environment where children can express themselves freely.

Activities include:

- Art lessons, where students engage in drawing, painting and creative craftsmanship
- Performing arts, including music, drama and expressive activities led by trained personnel

These sessions are more than just activities they are moments of joy, healing and self-discovery. They help build confidence, nurture talent, trigger critical thinking and create a strong sense of belonging within the school community.

Collaboration and partnership.

The school has continued to strengthen its partnerships with key institutions and the wider community to improve the quality of education provided. Collaboration with Rafiki School has been particularly impactful, supporting teacher training and capacity building while also contributing to curriculum development and improvement. These efforts have enhanced the quality of instruction and created a more structured and effective learning environment for the students.

Partnership with Jessy Kay Children's Hospital, significantly strengthening the school's health program. Through this collaboration, students receive regular medical check-ups and screenings that promote early detection and preventive care, alongside a structured referral system that ensures timely access to specialized treatment when needed. Clear protocols have also been put in place to manage health emergencies during school hours, enhancing overall safety. This partnership has meaningfully improved the well-being of the learners and continues to ensure that health challenges do not hinder their access to education.

The school has continued to strengthen community partnerships through active engagement with parents and local stakeholders. This term, successful PTA elections were conducted, followed by regular meetings with the PTA board to support school planning and decision-making. Ongoing collaboration with parents and community members has contributed to the successful implementation of key school initiatives. This strong level of involvement remains essential to the school's success and long-term sustainability, fostering a shared sense of responsibility for the children's education and well-being.



Highlights of the Term and Their Impact

- **Health;** Improved health services in partnership with Jessy Kay Children's Hospital have ensured better well-being, reduced absenteeism and increased readiness to learn.
- **Education:** quality teaching, teacher support and structured learning have enhanced student performance, confidence and attendance.
- **Meal and Nutrition:** The feeding program has provided consistent nutritious meals, improving concentration, health and school participation.
- **Extracurricular activities:** activities have positively shaped children's social skills, confidence, discipline and overall well-being, making them more engaged and well-rounded learners.
- **Parent meetings:** Strengthened communication and trust between the school and parents, leading to better cooperation in supporting learners' education and improved follow-up on student progress at home.
- **Monday fellowships:** Helped instill moral values and positive behavior among students, contributing to a more disciplined, respectful, and focused learning environment within the school.
- **Home visits by the social worker:** Improved understanding of learners' home situations, enabling more targeted support for vulnerable children and strengthening the school's response to individual needs. This also improved relationships between the school and families.
- **Friday activities:** Engaged learners in recreational and life skills activities, helping to build teamwork, creativity, and confidence. These sessions also supported stress relief and improved students' overall well-being and school engagement.

These initiatives enhanced collaboration between the school, parents and the wider community, is creating a more supportive and engaged environment that positively influences student well-being, behavior and academic performance.

Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned

During the term, the school faced several challenges, including financial constraints that affected the expansion of some programs, irregular attendance among a few students due to home-related factors, and limited resources for infrastructure development. Despite these challenges, the school responded through stronger parental engagement, improved student monitoring systems, and more effective resource management.

From these experiences, several key lessons were learned. Strong community involvement was seen to significantly improve student outcomes and overall school progress. It also became clear that continuous and consistent support is essential for sustaining positive development among learners. In addition, flexibility, teamwork, and resilience proved to be important in effectively addressing operational challenges and ensuring the smooth running of school activities.

Goals for the Next Term

- Further improve academic performance across all levels
- Expand student support programs to reach more vulnerable children
- Strengthen teacher training and professional development
- Enhance health and nutrition programs for better student well-being

Gratitude and Acknowledgment

We extend our sincere gratitude to our donor for the continued support and commitment to Bawa Education Centre. Your contribution goes beyond financial assistance it represents a true partnership in transforming the lives of vulnerable children.

Because of your support, 103 learners now have access to quality education, care and renewed hope for the future. Each success story, every smile in the classroom and every step of progress made by these children reflects the impact of your generosity.

We deeply value this partnership and remain committed to working together to create lasting and meaningful change in the lives of the children and the wider community.

