

# CUMULATIVE REPORT

## KILIFI PROGRAM 2025



*A caring heart builds a lasting  
Community. African Proverb*

# OVERVIEW

Partners for Care (PFC) Kilifi Program began in April 2013 in Kilifi County with a mission to address critical community needs including, illiteracy, limited access to water, preventable diseases, and lack of mobility support for people with disabilities.

Over the years, the program has grown into a multi-sector community transformation initiative serving vulnerable mainland and island communities, including the Watamu mangrove region and surrounding islands.



## Key Programs

### 1. Adult Education & Computer School Program

Launched in 2013, this program empowers youth and adults with literacy and digital skills, enabling them to pursue employment, entrepreneurship, and further education.

- 9,713 learners have completed adult education classes.
- 8,317 students have gained computer literacy skills, improving employability and income opportunities.

### 2. Mobility Program

This initiative provides mobility carts to people with physical disabilities, particularly those in special schools such as Gede Special Comprehensive School in Watamu.

- Since 2013, **1,712** mobility carts have been distributed in Kilifi.
- Beneficiaries have regained independence and many have started small income-generating activities with the help of **2,000** mini-marts.

**"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi**

### 3. Jigger Treatment Program

Introduced as the third key intervention after identifying severe jigger infestations in remote villages, this program restores health and dignity to affected children and adults.

- **68,489** individuals including **50,768** school children have been treated and restored to health.
- Many children have returned to school after successful treatment and follow-up care.



### 4. WaterSafe backpacks & health Interventions

PFC distributes WaterSafe backpacks and conducts hygiene education to Early Childhood Development and Education schools (ECDE) which serve 4-6 years old schools to improve access to safe drinking water.



- 168 ECDE schools have been given WaterSafe reaching over 75,000 children.
- Waterborne disease risks have significantly reduced in targeted school children.

## 5. Malaria Prevention (Bed Net Distribution)

The bed net program supports distribution of bed nets to remote island communities with long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets. Thousands of families have received malaria prevention support, reducing vulnerability to malaria.



All islands of Watamu have been reached and the villages are free from Malaria and Dengue fever infections

A simple net changes everything.

Partners for Care distributed in Kilifi **112,741** bednets since the program was started including **46,375** nets that were distributed in 2025.

## Summary

Today, Partners for Care Kilifi has reached hundreds of thousands of people across Kilifi County through health interventions, education programs, safe water access, malaria prevention, mobility support and faith-based encouragement that supports holistic transformation.



The program continues to:

Restore dignity through jigger treatment.

Improve livelihoods through education and skills training.

Increase access to safe water.

Strengthen malaria prevention in island communities.

Empower people with disabilities through mobility support.

Partners for Care Kilifi remains committed to sustainable, community-driven transformation that brings lasting change to vulnerable populations.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Judith Salama Ngira

Every night by the Sabaki River in Mongotini village, Salama wrapped her three children in pieces of plastic. Not because it was safe—but because it was all she had. She stayed awake, listening to mosquitoes hum in the dark, praying her children would survive the night

“We believed it came from ancestral curses,” Salama says. “We poured libations and burned neem-tree bark, hoping the spirits would spare our children.”

Then Partners for Care came.

They taught the truth—that malaria comes from mosquito bites—and they gave Salama something she had never known before bed net.

That first night, her children slept freely. No plastic. No suffocation. Just protection.

Today, Salama smiles with relief. Her children are growing healthy, untouched by the sickness that once threatened their lives.

With tears in her eyes, she says,

“Thank you for saving our children. We sleep under bed nets now—always.”



## Jigger treatments

Partners for Care has stood on the front line where childhood pain was silently stealing hope. In schools and villages across marginalized communities, children walked into classrooms carrying more than books—they carried constant pain from jiggers embedded in their feet, sucking their blood and making every step unbearable. Many could not concentrate during lessons, others missed school entirely, and some fell into deep shame and depression after facing stigma and neglect. In government schools where access to basic healthcare is extremely limited, these children suffered quietly, their dreams interrupted by a condition that was both preventable and treatable.

Since 2017, Partners for Care has brought healing where there was none, reaching schools and villages with compassion, treatment, and dignity. Working hand in hand with Community Health Volunteers and strengthened through collaboration with Mount Kenya University in 2020, the program has treated 50,768 children, restoring not just their feet, but their confidence and joy. Each child healed is a life redirected—from pain back to learning, from isolation back to belonging. Through this work, Partners for Care has returned childhood to thousands, proving that when care reaches the front line, hope follows.



## James Marimba

James Marimba joined the Kilifi Computer School with a simple dream—to gain basic computer skills after finishing high school. Coming from a very humble family, many days passed without enough food at home. His mother struggled to provide for the family alone after their father lost his job during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021.

As the eldest son, James chose to act. Through the training at The PFC computer school, he learned computer editing skills that opened a new door. Today, James is employed at a busy roadside cyber in Watamu, offering online services to the community. With a steady income, he now supports his mother and helps raise his younger siblings.

The skills James gained did more than give him a job—they transformed his life and restored hope for his entire family.



## Jannifer Gunga - 16 years old

Jane Gunga came from a very humble family. Her father was jailed for 13 years in Malindi GK Prison after being found guilty of assault. The incident left Jane feeling betrayed and ashamed, and she ran away from home to the streets of Watamu.

Her brother took her in and enrolled her at Mazao, one of our partner schools, where she learned basic sewing and earned a certificate in dressmaking. With determination, Jane convinced her brother to buy her a sewing machine, allowing her to start her own dressmaking business in Malindi town.

Today, Jane is self-employed, earning enough to support herself and her son. As a young woman, she inspires other teenage mothers to pursue skills and education, no matter their circumstances. Three years later, Jane is confidently educating her son and building a future filled with hope.

She says to Partners for Care: “Thank you for giving me skills that changed my life. I can now provide for my son and show other young mothers that life can get better.”



**Every big tree was once a seed. Never despise a humble beginning! - African proverb**

## Events hosting

### Wedding, birthdays and family parties

Since September 2025, Partners for Care has been hosting community events at its compound as part of a sustainability initiative to support the Kilifi programs.

By the end of December 2025, we had hosted a total of **six** events: two weddings, one family gathering, and two birthday celebrations.

This initiative serves as a sustainable income-generating strategy to support and strengthen the services rendered under the Kilifi Program. It has attracted significant engagement from the Watamu community, with participation from a substantial portion of the local population.

We anticipate hosting more events this year, as demand for similar activities continues to grow.



*"Happiness depends upon ourselves" - Aristotle*

# CONCLUSION

Partners for Care has transformed Kilifi by reaching even the most vulnerable and seemingly unreachable communities, turning despair into hope through practical, life-changing interventions. From distributing thousands of bednets to protect children from malaria, treating jiggers, to providing adult literacy, computer and sewing programs, their work empowers families with health, knowledge, and opportunity. Children now sleep safely, families are healthier, and adults gain skills that open doors to better livelihoods. By nurturing hope, dignity, and self-reliance, Partners for Care shows that no community is beyond reach, and that sustained compassion and strategic support can turn life's greatest challenges into lasting transformation. Thank you for your support!



Every support turns Hope into Life-changing impact- African proverb