



We are off to a great start in 2023. The students are back in school for the new school year with new uniforms, shoes, and school supplies. We continue to give out food to needy families and are providing more families with mattresses.

## Back to School

The students are back in school for the new school year which began the third week of January. We have students in preprimary, primary, high school, vocational school and college. After three years of trying to make up lost time due to school closures during COVID lockdowns, the school schedule is finally back on track. The past few years have been very difficult on the students.



## Job Skills

We want every student to not only have the opportunity get an education, but also to develop job skills. We give every student the opportunity to attend either vocational school or college after finishing their basic education. We have vocational students learning skills such as motor vehicle mechanics, fashion and design, tailoring, and hairdressing.



## Uniforms

Every student was provided with new school uniforms. Most students either wore old ones or they were worn and needed to be replaced. Students also need new uniforms as they transition from primary to middle school to high school as every school in Kenya, including government schools, requires its own unique uniform.



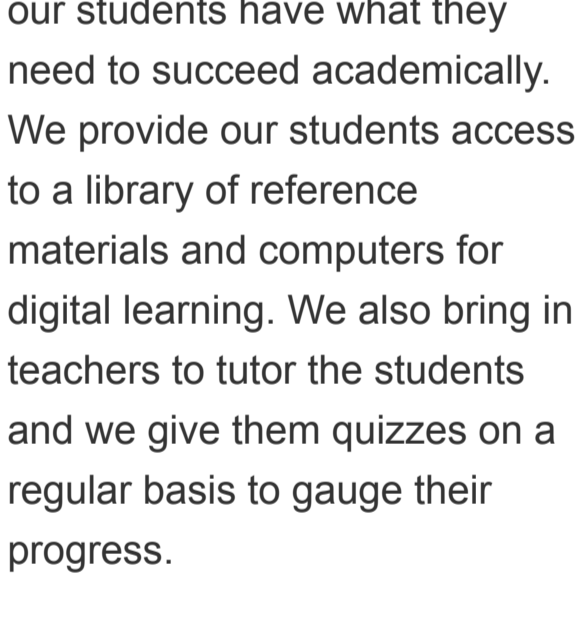
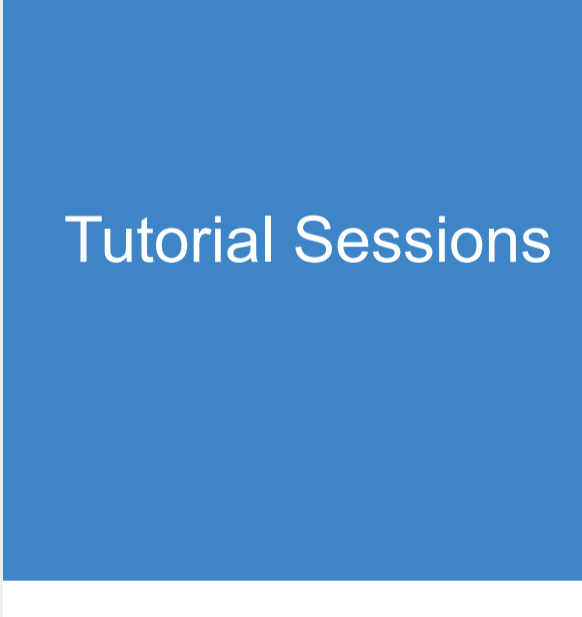
## Shoes

The students were all also provided with new shoes for the new school year. The process of providing students with new shoes is usually problematic as students often provide the wrong shoe size and then the shoes don't fit. We try to measure the feet ourselves whenever possible.



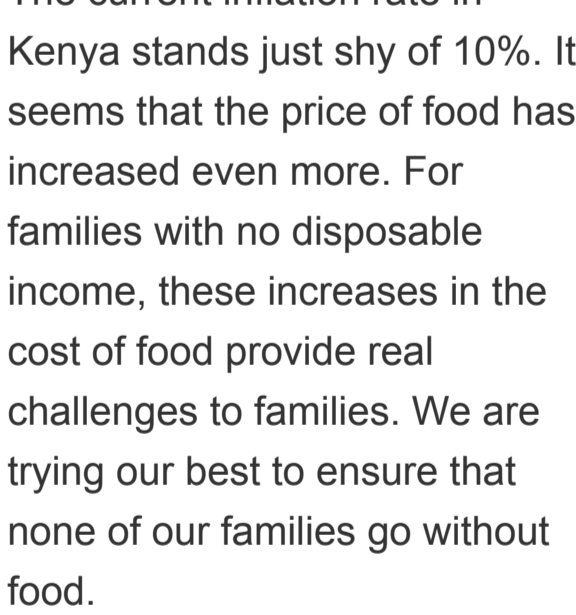
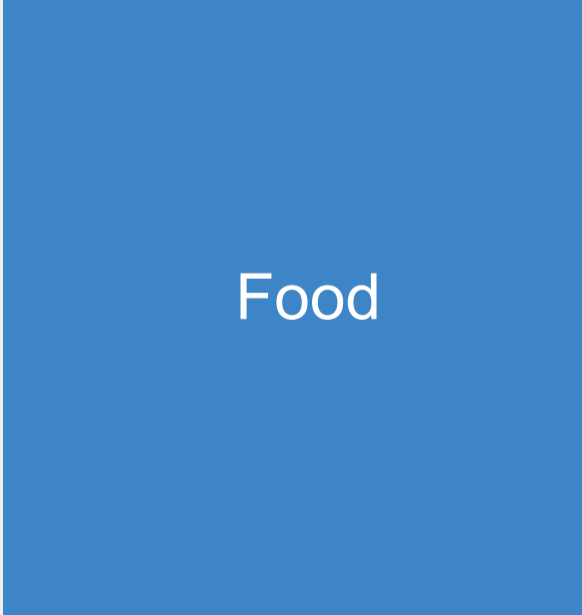
## School Supplies

Each school and grade has a very detailed list of required school supplies. This includes everything from specific notebooks to paper to writing instruments. Some grade levels require calculators, mathematical sets, and dictionaries.



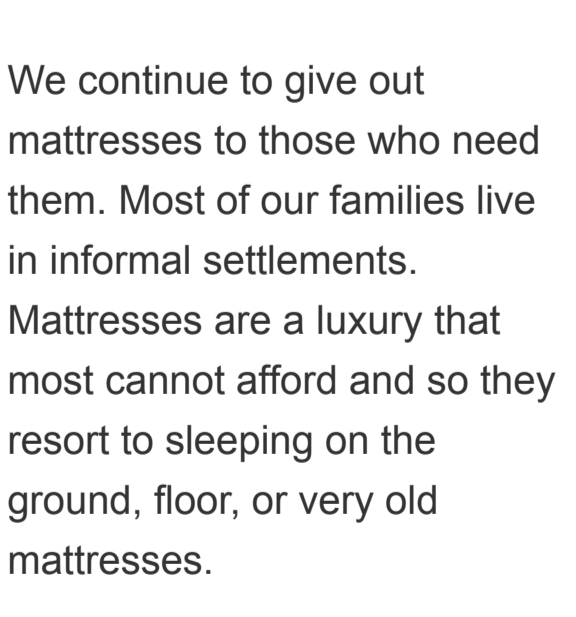
## Tutorial Sessions

We want to make sure that all our students have what they need to succeed academically. We provide our students access to a library of reference materials and computers for digital learning. We also bring in teachers to tutor the students and we give them quizzes on a regular basis to gauge their progress.



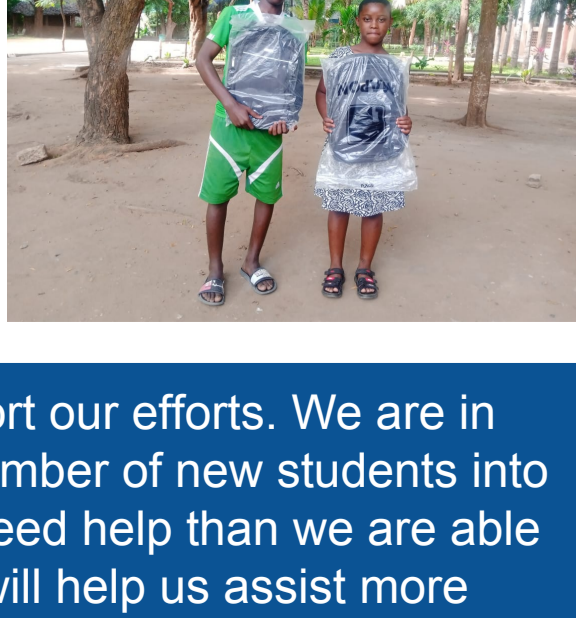
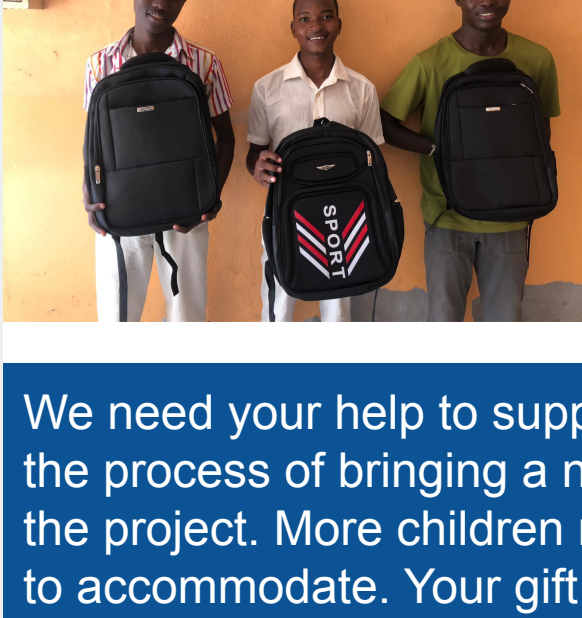
## Food

The current inflation rate in Kenya stands just shy of 10%. It seems that the price of food has increased even more. For families with no disposable income, these increases in the cost of food provide real challenges to families. We are trying our best to ensure that none of our families go without food.



## Mattresses

We continue to give out mattresses to those who need them. Most of our families live in informal settlements. Mattresses are a luxury that most cannot afford and so they resort to sleeping on the ground, floor, or very old mattresses.



## Backpacks

We continue to give out backpacks to students. This includes new students who were recently accepted into the program. The backpacks help to prevent books and school supplies from being lost or stolen.



We need your help to support our efforts. We are in the process of bringing a number of new students into the project. More children need help than we are able to accommodate. Your gift will help us assist more students.

Please join us as we change the lives of children.

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