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1. 11 Pupils from Kakuma Refugee Camp scored 400 marks and above in KCPE 2018.



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JUK MABIOR KUAI! TOPS KCPE 2018 IN KAKUMA!

For the third consecutive year, pupils at Angelina Jolie Girls' Boarding School are performing exceptionally well in the Kenyan Primary school exit exams Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE). Their marks are proving that with empowered teachers, even children from the refugee and marginalized communities can compete with the privileged sections of the Kenyan society.

Juk Mabior Kuai, the top pupil from Angelina Jolie Girls' Boarding School located in Kakuma Refugee Camp, North West Kenya in Turkana County was ecstatic after finding out she scored **418 marks** out of a total of **500**. "My teachers have been understanding and supportive, I am happy I have made them proud by emerging the top pupil not only in Angeline Jolie but Kakuma. Now I want all girls in my community to be encouraged to go to school and succeed like me. I too can affirm that "Refugee" is not a status written on anyone's back."



The 16 year old is a refugee whose country of origin is South Sudan where together with her family fled war and instability. Her parents however remained behind due to a medical condition that could not allow her mother to travel. Juk and her five siblings, 3 brothers and 2 sisters stay with their aunt in Hong Kong: Kakuma – 1. Their aunt, Agok Anyieth, took them in and has been raising them as her own. Before Joining Angelina Jolie in 2015, Juk was enrolled at Shambe Primary School during her junior classes.

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The camp set up is plagued by school drop outs due to early marriages and high teenage pregnancy which made her aunt to seek admission at Angelina Jolie Girls' Boarding School which is the only girls' boarding school offering primary education in Kakuma Refugee Camp. The school is a gift from the famous Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie and serves as a rescue center for girls from both the refugee and host community facing various protection risks. Angelina Jolie Girls Boarding Primary School is managed by LWF, the lead implementing agency for primary education in Dadaab and Kakuma Refugee Camps, on behalf of UNHCR.

Not only is Juk hardworking in the classroom, she is passionate for social change, particularly the education of girls, saying: " in the camp, many parents do not send their daughters to school as they do not understand the value of education to a refugee girl especially after primary school. I want everyone – girls and boys – to go to school as education is the key to your future!"

Jashni, nicknamed by her fellow schoolmates from Angelina Jolie Girls Boarding, emerged **TOP** overall performer in Kakuma with 418 marks out of a total of 500. Nevertheless the results are not so surprising to those close to her. Stiff competition from fellow classmates prompted her to strive for better grades and be counted among the finest in **KCPE 2018**.

Juk's audacious plans are vested in her dream of becoming an accountant in future. She focuses a lot in mathematics which she believes it is a requisite for a career in the accounting profession. More interestingly, Juk says that she usually has a portrait of herself as an accountant painted in her mind and that sense of optimism vividly manifests how thoughtful, energetic and ambitious she is. She bears the power of positivity and with no doubt, the confident girl has glimpses of sheer brilliance dubbed in her face. The taste for success has increased her drive, determination and she anticipates to do better in her secondary school education.

English	Swahili	Maths	Science	SST/RE	TOTAL
79 - A Minus	88 - A Plain	96 - A Plain	79 - A Minus	76 - A minus	418/500

GET INVOLVED; END GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

GET INVOLVED AND GO BLUE: HEAR ME TOO- END VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN

Kakuma Celebrates 16 Days Of Activism against gender-based violence 2018.

Human Rights entails children and women rights. Every year the United Nations declares 16 Days for the eradication of violence against girls, boys, men and women from 25th November through to the 10th December.

The 16 days of activism is a global awareness raising campaign on violence against children as well as women and its impact on a child's physical, emotional, psychological and social well-being. *Dignity and Justice are among Lutheran World Federation's Core Values.* LWF-Ke : Kakuma Program, through the Child Protection Sector has arranged a 16 day campaign themed "*Get Involved And Go Blue : Hear Me Too-End Violence Against Girls And Women*", launched on the 26th of November 2018 at Kalobeyei settlement primary school in partnership with other humanitarian agencies i.e. (UN Women, UNFPA, UNHCR and the Government of Kenya among others) through different participatory and programmatic activities across Kakuma 1-4, Kalobeyei Settlement and Kakuma Town. The activities include (drama, poems, speaking drums, cultural dances and songs).

During the 16 days, activists around the world use the campaign to further raise awareness about the prevalence and devastating impact of sexual and gender based violence, to challenge policies and practices that allow children and women as easy targets of violence and demand to be recognized as an abuse of human rights.



Child protection is the prevention and response to abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence against children. On the 20th of November 2018, LWF joined the world in celebration of the Universal Children's Day 2018 themed: *Children Are Taking Over And Turning The World Blue!* LWF-Ke : Kakuma Program, through Child Protection and with the support of ELCA celebrated the day at the Catholic Hall – Kakuma Town in a colourful event which attracted over 500 children from Nadapal, Kakuma 1-4, Kalobeyei Settlement and Kakuma Town and attended by Community Leaders , Parents, Teachers, Chiefs, Ward Administrators and the Probation Officer – Kakuma Law Courts

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Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 by the United Nations and is celebrated on November 20th annually to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. Universal Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children. Preventing and responding to violence against children is a case-based procedure which gradually addresses the risk and protective factors at four interactive levels such as individuals, community, relationships and society.



LWF Kakuma Program Child Protection SGBV does RESPONSE by;

By reporting to police	Finding alternative care arrangement for the child from abusive families
Conduct psychosocial counseling for an individual or group therapy and support to child survivors	Refer SGBV cases to RCK for legal clinic
Continuous home visits and follow ups to ascertain safety and well-being of the child.	Refer child survivors to IRC and Red Cross for medical attention within 72 hours.



Pictures Speak; Events Of The Month!



[2019 Planning Meeting in Lokichoggio]



[Universal Children's Day 2018 Celebration]



[Kakuma Starlets FC friendly game in preparation for Chapa Dimba Na Safaricom]



[Women Consortium Meeting]



[16 Days Of Activism against gender based violence 2018 Marathon]



[Dance During the 16 Days Of Activism Celebration]

THE WOMEN CONSORTIUM

TIME IS NOW - WOMEN AT THE FOREFRONT IN TRANSFORMING LIVES IN KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

Women Consortium is an alternative leadership structure to provide women with forums through which their voices can be heard on issues affecting particularly women and children in the community and promoting women participation in camp activities. Over the past two years women have become vocal in articulating protection related issues especially those affecting children both in the camp and host community.



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Women consortium was formed by women in leadership within Kakuma Refugee Camp, who are elected starting from the block level. Each of the 12 zones elects 5 representatives giving a total of 60 members. They then participate in community structured initiatives and monthly meetings to discuss action plans, mentorship programs and attend motivational talks facilitated by external professional speakers.

In November, 2018, the Women Consortium had a meeting with teenage mothers who have dropped out of school due to teenage pregnancy. According to the women consortium, more than 100 girls from Kakuma -1 Zone -2 have dropped out of school due to teenage pregnancies and some have resorted to drinking. More than 70 of the teenage mothers who attended the meeting expressed willingness to go back to school but did not have anyone to take care of their babies while they are in class. LWF with support from UNHCR is therefore exploring the possibilities of having “Day Care Centers” where the teenage mothers will leave their babies under the care of child minders and volunteers from the Women Consortium.

A 3 day workshop on conflict management and respect for cultural diversity was also carried out and attended by 50 (36-M, 14-F) members. Topics covered included; Assertiveness, Communication Skills, Information Sharing and Networking, Cultural Diversity Management, Conflict Management/Resolution and Human Rights to impart knowledge and skills on how to manage and resolve conflicts, promote teamwork and respect for diverse cultures and uphold human rights.

LET CHILDREN BE CHILDREN

STEPHEN SURVIVES CHILD LABOUR.

Stephen Ekidor Lowoton, an orphan from the immediate host community of Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana County, used to stay with his aunt who willingly resided at Kakuma Refugee Camp - Kakuma- 2 in order to secure regular employment at the refugee camp. His aunt had no guaranteed source of income making life very difficult and often went to bed hungry. At the age of 10, he was then forced to attend school at the refugee camp during the morning hours and help his aunt with manual labour in the afternoon in order to get something for both of them to survive on. He was engaged in child labour by carrying food for refugees during distribution, fetching firewood and selling them to refugees, washing of utensils and clothes among others. This greatly affected his academic and social life as a child.

As part of LWF's Outreach, Advocacy and Capacity Building program, Stephen was rescued when officers from LWF's Child Protection Sector met him at the camp engaging in child labour. Assessment, regular home visits and continuous counseling made him open up and told the officers of his background and what pushed him into child labour.

Stephen was then enrolled to Pokotom Primary School – Kakuma in 2014 in standard 6 and LWF Child Protection outreach unit with the support of ELCA provided Stephen with uniforms, learning materials, ensured that he was accommodated in school and also made frequent visits to check up on him while offering guidance and counselling



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After settling well at school, Stephen's academic performance significantly improved to become one of the top students of his class. In the year 2016, Stephen sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and scored 395 out of a total of 500 marks emerging top in his school and received admission at Alliance High School, one of Kenya's top secondary schools in academics. With the help of the deputy head teacher of Pokotom Primary School, Stephen got academic sponsorship from KCB Bank while LWF provided him with stationeries and personal effects that he would use in school with the support of ELCA. The deputy head teacher took the responsibility of taking him to Alliance High School and offered to be Stephen's guardian who would then be staying with him during school break holidays.

KNOW YOUR COLLEAGUE



This month we focus on Mustariya, your colleague from the Peace & Safety Unit.

Mustariya Jamal is a refugee based in Kakuma Refugee Camp whose country of origin is Ethiopia. Her parents arrived in Kakuma in the year 1993, just one year after the inception of Kakuma Refugee Camp by LWF. Mustariya was born in Kakuma and pursued both her primary and secondary school education at the camp. She sat for her KCPE at Mogadishu Primary School in Kakuma-1 and KCSE at Kakuma Refugee Secondary School in Kakuma-1. She is hopeful about the future and wants to pursue Law degree at the University. Mustariya currently works as a Case Worker at LWF Peace and Safety Unit – Kakuma Program.

1. What is a day at work like for you?

On a daily basis, I perform myriad tasks relating to counseling, administrative duties and interviewing clients.

2. Do you find your work fulfilling?

Yes, because I am learning new things every day at work. I have much satisfaction and fulfillment each time I get to assist other women who are not in a position of self-reliance.

3. What or Who inspires you?

Myself; the ups and down I have gone through in my life is what shapes and makes me strong day by day. I normally reflect to my past before I initiate a challenge to counter the odds.

4. What is your favorite quote?

“Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” Winston Churchill.

5. What is your favorite family tradition?

Harihar Ethiopian Dance





6.What is your favorite sport?

Basketball

7.What animal best describes you and why?

Peacock. The peacock is a possessor of some of the most admired human characteristics, and is a symbol of integrity and the beauty we can achieve when we endeavor to show our true colours.

8.What do you love doing during your spare time?

Reading novels, story books and playing PS4

9.What languages do you speak?

Oromo, Somali, Amharic, Arabic, Kiswahili and English

10.If you were to tell one person “Thank You” for helping me become the person I am today, who would it be and what did they do?

My mother, Misra Ahmed Abdullahi. I thank my mama for a millions reasons! You are the reason behind my success; you never gave up on me and held my hand through all the challenges. Thank you mama, I love you so much.

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