



NEWS FROM AFRICA EXCHANGE

(JANUARY - JUNE 2026)

A Bird's Eye View

The first half of 2026 focused on expanding access to services, strengthening quality of education, and increasing sustainability in all our Integrated Child Development Centers (ICDCs) throughout Kenya. In addition, we opened new ICDCs, restored 3 water systems, and invested in 30 scholars in the furthering of their education. Since January we are serving 186 new children.

New Centers

We opened 2 new centers in January and May. Nkaimurunya in Kajiado County serves 76 children. Atelelo in Isiolo County serves 110 children. These centers are in hard to reach places where services can be difficult to come by. We are grateful we can engage these communities with education, clean water, fortified porridge, a nutritious lunch, planting trees for shade & environmental sustainability, and so much more.



Winfree and Africa Exchange

Africa Exchange's partners make our work with children and communities in Kenya possible. Those partnerships look different with different churches and individuals. Some focus on the medical priorities of our work. Some on supporting our scholars. Some fund water projects and some ongoing sustainability. We believe God is the connecting thread of this beautiful fabric for the sake of children in Kenya, whom He loves. Of course, for 18 years now, Winfree Memorial has committed to supporting Mark Okello, our Kenya Programs Manager. Thanks be to God!



Africa Exchange Staff (L to R): Simon Lokurchana, Sam Harrell, Mark Okello, Melody Harrell, Angela Adeya.

Investing in the Next Generation!



14 secondary school students come from all over Kenya to attend the AFEX retreat in Nairobi, focusing on mentorship and goal setting.

Our Scholar program allows children who have come up through our ICDCs throughout Kenya to apply for assistance for further education in secondary school and for some, university. We take our commitment to these students very seriously and follow them throughout the year, tracking both academic, social and emotional needs. So far this year, 3 scholars have completed secondary school, and 3 will be completing university in 2026. Our current role for Scholars is 15 secondary school students, 9 university students, and 2 accepted but awaiting placement. We really do believe these students are our future leaders!



Completing a group activity during the retreat.

Smiles for Miles ...

When we visit any of our 18 centers, we are most often greeted with singing, dancing, and the warmest welcome you could imagine! Children reach out to shake hands, women smile, sometimes shyly and sometimes with boldness in their roles of leadership in the community. Men and women give reports of what has transpired most recently at their particular Integrated Child Development Center. The dots are quickly connected that Africa Exchange is about much more than just being a non-profit. It's about people. People trying to thrive where they live and provide for their children. People trying to live in a world where making ends meet is sometimes a daily challenge. People who love their children and are so grateful for any support given towards that huge task. We are so glad we have partners and don't go this calling alone.

THANK YOU



Simon Lokurchana, Change for Children Coordinator, and some cute kids!