



MASOMO MASHINANI QUARTER REPORT

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This report presents the achievements, progress, and impact of the **Masomo Mashinani Project** during its first quarter.

Thanks to the generous funding support of **\$4,822** from **Jewish Helping Hands**, we embarked, on the **30th of March 2023**, on a mission to bridge the literacy gap among marginalized children in the Chemelil Sugar Schemes area.

The project aimed to establish a library structure equipped with books, promoting a **culture of reading**, technological training, and empowering the youth with access to knowledge.

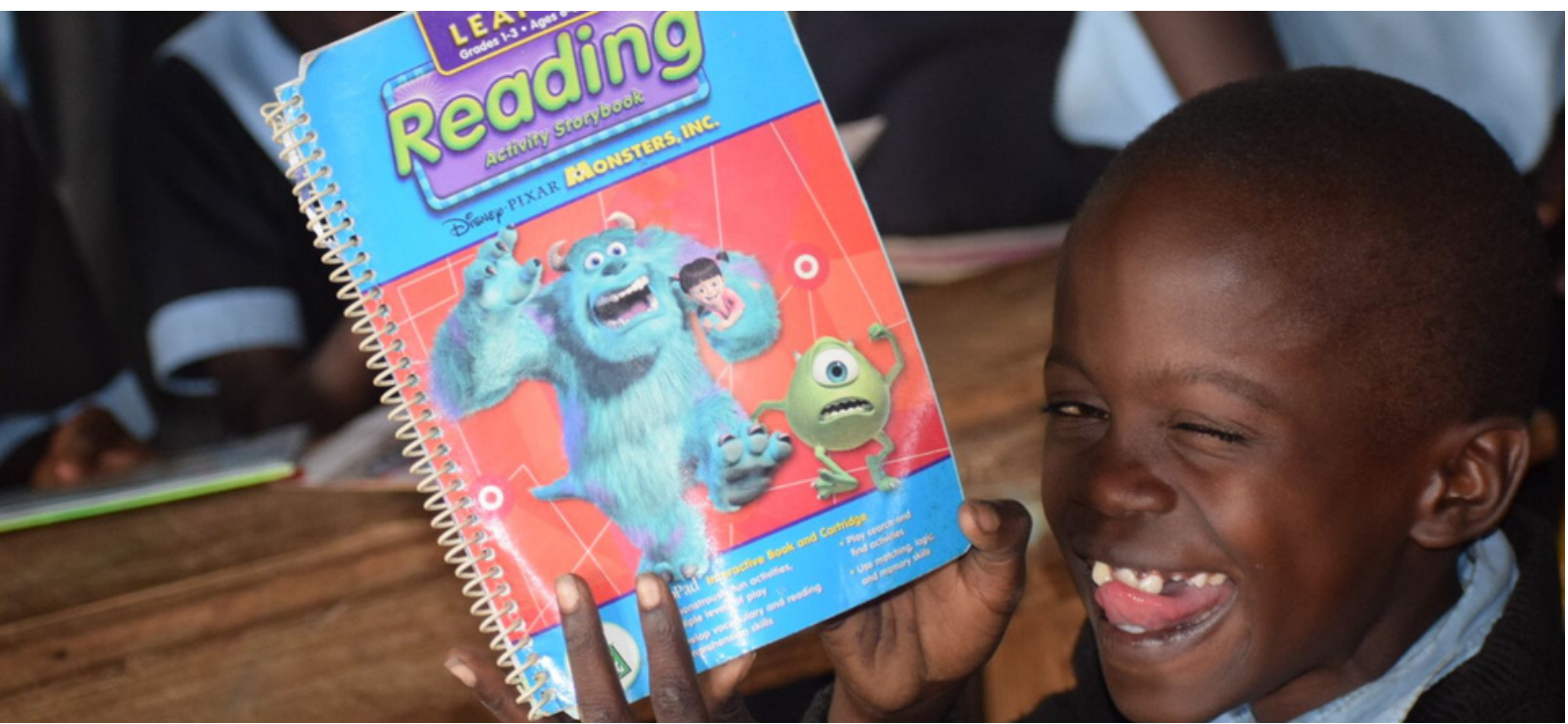
Project Background:

Masomo Mashinani aimed to provide children of peasants and sugarcane workers in Yago Primary School with a safe and vibrant library space. Our vision was to **empower young minds, promote leadership, independence**, and **exposure** through access to relevant books and e-learning devices.

Project Activities:

The following activities were successfully carried out during the first quarter:

- 1. Establishment of the Library:** Through community contributions and Jewish Helping Hand we furnished a library in the Yago Primary, offering a diverse collection of books and e-learning devices.
- 2. Strengthening Partnerships:** Collaborations with Yago Primary School, Better Me Kenya network, Computer Garage Kenya, and Rotary Club of Kisumu have been instrumental in enhancing the project's reach and sustainability.
- 3. Capacity Building:** We organized training sessions for teachers, volunteer librarians, and students to embrace literacy, fostering a culture of reading and learning.
- 4. Promoting Digital Literacy:** Through JHH Fund we acquired 16 e-learning tablet devices, used to empower students with technological skills and access to a world of knowledge.
- 5. Stakeholder Engagement:** Increased involvement of stakeholders at the grassroots level enhanced awareness about the importance of education and the project's impact.



Key Success Highlights:

- 1. Library Utilization:** We are pleased to report that during the first quarter, over 1,200 community members and students engaged with the library's resources. This enthusiastic response showcased the project's significance and the thirst for knowledge within the community.
- 2. Impactful Partnerships:** The project's success was bolstered by the unwavering support of key stakeholders, including Yago Primary School, the Better Me Kenya network, Computer Garage Kenya, and the Rotary Club of Kisumu. Their collaboration contributed to the project's sustainability and outreach.
- 3. Community Engagement:** The Masomo Mashinani project received overwhelming support from parents, teachers, and local leaders, who actively championed the culture of reading among children. Quarterly meetings with non-formal school administrators and community leaders facilitated continuous support and feedback.
- 4. Financial Sustainability:** To ensure the project's continued maintenance and success, we introduced a minimal registration and evaluation fee for community users. This initiative contributed to daily maintenance and the project's long-term sustainability.

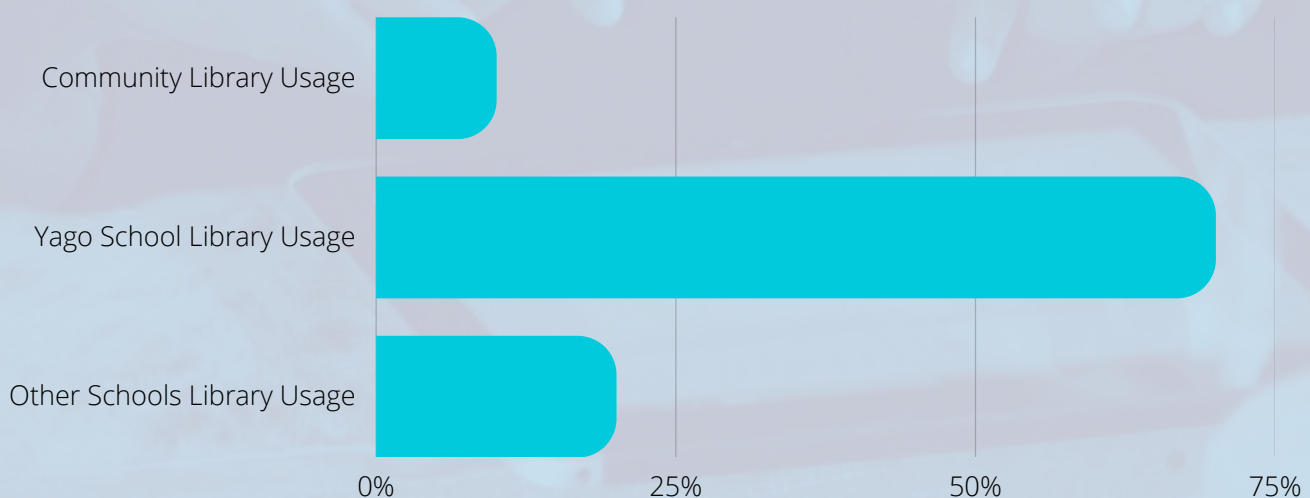


Chart Representation of Library Usage by Community, Yago School and Other Schools with the Area



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we conclude the first quarter of the Masomo Mashinani Project, I celebrate the remarkable impact the project has had on the lives of marginalized children in Chemelil Sugar Schemes. The library has emerged as a beacon of knowledge, empowering young minds to dream and soar.

I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Daniel Soffin, Jewish Helping Hands, and all project partners for their invaluable support.

Looking ahead, I believe we are committed to achieving even greater milestones and transforming countless lives through the power of education and access to information.

Together, we shall continue writing a story of hope, resilience, and empowerment as we work towards a brighter future for the community.

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