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## *Spotlight on Mamma Africa, Kenya*



### **Spotlight on AWEF Graduate, Susan**

IF AWEF HADN'T PROVIDED support for Susan to complete her education, her life may have turned out very differently.

"My parents couldn't send me for further education, and there were very few options for girls growing up in the slums where we lived," she said. Susan completed her education at Mamma Africa Secondary School in Kenya, in 2022 and is pursuing a career in nursing. "As a woman sponsored by AWEF, I am determined to make a positive impact in the field of nursing," Susan said. "My journey began at Mamma Africa Secondary School, where I gained a solid foundation in education and developed important life skills."

Susan said she is overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support and opportunities that Mamma Africa Secondary School has provided her with over the past four years through AWEF. "When I finished class eight in the Mathare slum

the world seemed to have come to an end," she said. "I was sure that my parents would not be able to take me to a high school. Had AWEF not come to my aid I would never have gotten the opportunity to pursue nursing."

In addition to her academic achievements, Susan volunteers at the Mamma Africa Academy during school breaks and participates in community health awareness programs.

Susan enjoys collaborating with peers and is gaining hands-on experience through internships and practical training opportunities.

"My desire to pursue nursing stems from a deep passion for helping others and making a positive impact on their lives," she said. "My experience with Mamma Africa has inspired me to dedicate myself to a career where I can provide compassionate care and support to those in need. My goal is to become a skilled and knowledgeable nurse who not only provides medical care but also offers emotional support to patients and their families."

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