KENYA CONNECT
HIGHLIGHTS 2021

2021 was an exciting and productive year for Kenya Connect. With students back in school, Kenya Connect’s staff worked tirelessly to provide enrichment programs at our 62 partner public schools for students, teachers, and parents while working to break down barriers to education through health and education programs. More students, teachers, and parents were engaged than ever before. We were also THRILLED to break ground in March for the LRC Annex. This new building will house the first-ever library in the region, meeting space, a Maker Space, staff offices, and rooftop gathering spot and will open early in the new year. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to purchase a new vehicle to help us reach distance schools and we acquired additional property adjacent to our LRC Annex. We are deeply grateful to the support of our donors, friends, and partners who make our work possible.

Library Program
- 1,456 library cards were issued bringing the total number of library members to 4,767
- 39,914 library books checked out
- 2,621 books donated in 2021 bringing our collection to 12,593 books
- KC Bus drove over 6230 kilometers providing books
- 913 students at 16 schools participated in the Reading Challenge, and 375 students read more than 25 books. The Queen Reader read 254 books while the King Reader read 166 books.
- 31 Radio Read Aloud programs aired on Mbaitu FM
- 2 new LitClubs and 1 LitMom clubs were formed with partner LitWorld bringing the total to 4 LitClubs and 2 LitMom groups
- 20,000 books purchased and on a cargo ship to Kenya via partner Books For Africa

Technology Classes and Tech Acquisition
- 144 students completed Basic Computer training bringing the total to 1003
- 422 students worked on STEM classes bringing the total to 3117
- 10 laptops purchased for the graphic design class with 10 women earning Adobe Photoshop certificates
- 50 chromebooks purchased for teacher professional development and 20 chromebooks purchased for student classroom use and LUV classes
- 556 students involved in connecting communities with LUV and BOCES, NY
- Kenya Connect selected as a Team4Tech partner

Teacher Professional Development
- 69 Teachers participated in PLC groups at four Empowered Schools
- Two additional Empowered Schools were launched bringing the total to four
- Kenya Connect forged a partnership with NGO SeaViria for STEM Professional Development for Secondary School Teachers and held five zoom sessions with over 60 teachers participating
- Rebecca Akinyi Migwambo was hired as the PLC Coordinator
- Kenya Connect partnered with The Commonwealth Education Trust and launched the Teach 2030 Professional Development Program

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Breaking Down Barriers
- 319 Wings Poa Kits were distributed to 3 schools bringing the total to 890
- 6,127 students and teachers were dewormed in 30 schools
- 30 hand washing stations were installed bringing the total to 114 with 30 training sessions on hand washing hygiene
- 2 banks of compost toilets were constructed bringing the total to 6 banks of toilets in 3 schools
- 26 compost toilets built and distributed to 5 schools and 9 toilets were distributed to community members
- 2 water tanks were installed bringing the total to 55
- 51 eyeglasses were distributed bringing the total to 120
- 1,047 solar lights distributed bringing the total to 8,493
- 720 hours spent by students studying and reading with solar lights for each of the 8,493 students with lights

Enrichment and Mentor Programs
- 2,564 Pen Pal letters were exchanged with 31 schools bringing the number to 141,034 exchanged letters
- 30 students participated in Artlink, 19 in Lifelines art project, and 26 in Arcrimboldo art project
- 9 virtual "zoom" exchanges were conducted among 3 secondary schools and 1 primary school
- Field Trip for LitMoms to the Kazuri Bead Factory and Spinners Web artist cooperative
- 12 sewing machines acquired for Women's Empowerment
- Expanding Horizon Club conducted at Miondoni SS with 28 students and 2 teachers
- Expanding Horizons Field Trip to Business sites in Wamunyu and 2 school break enrichment camps

Additional Accomplishments
- KC Bus traveled 11,015 km on all programs
- Two Girl Power Stakeholder meetings held to discuss the challenge of Teen Pregnancy and Sexual Assault
- 44 interviews conducted for the Girl Power program
- TSF student Edith was 10th best student in KCSE nationwide and 8 TSF students joined public universities
- Grants received from The Gupta Family Foundation, Circle of Sisterhood, The Ford Motor Company, F5 Corp, Henry E. Niles Foundation, St. Margaret's Church, KWANDA, Episcopal Diocese of MD
- GlobalGiving recognized Kenya Connect for 2021 with Top Ranked, Effective, Site Visit Verified and Vetted Badges
- Top Ranked by Great NonProfits
- Virtual Kenya Connect 5K Race in March and two virtual field trips
- Catherine Mackenzie and Victor Odwori joined the Board of Trustees
- James Musyoka presented Empowered School model at ESSRAK conference
- Sharon Runge and James Musyoka presented at GlobalGiving webinars

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