

Thank you letter

Greetings from the Mautuma Community with hope this "*Thank you letter*" find all incredible supporters from Netherlands who believed in SmartNakuru mission and helped to put smiles on poor children's face by providing school uniforms.

On behalf of the community in Mautuma - Kenya, are so much thankful for, as always they say "Asante sana" Huge thanks for keeping these children at school.



Smiles, smiles, smiles thank you supporters.

The cost of school uniforms in Kenya has shown to reduce attendance and enrolment among the children from lower income families. In Kenya, it is legal requirement to have a uniform to attend school. Unfortunately, many families cannot afford to purchase school uniform for their children, which mean their children cannot receive an education. This is why it was so important to provide new school uniform to underprivileged

children- it will help to reduce absenteeism from school and increases children's self esteem and confidence which allows them to feel valued. Since the introduction of Competence Based Curriculum {CBC} early this year, many pupils failed to report back to school due to change of school new uniforms. When they reported back to school with their old school uniform their teachers sent them away. Smart Nakuru gave the first priority to the CBC pupils by providing them with free uniforms, before the distribution of the uniforms the children were at home, as this made most of the CBC pupils feel inferior besides getting bullied by their peers; as a result the self esteem and self-worthiness were gutted as some may end up dropping out of school. The new Curriculum (grade seven) started in February 2023 and the learners were required to wear different color of uniform of type of uniform to differentiate them from the Primary School. Please note, the Junior secondary or grade 7 is in the same school. (Please see more attached pictures)

Pictorial



Some of the needy pupils from Mukuyu primary school in Mautuma who benefited from the donation accompanied by their parents/ guardians

Parents/ guardians testimonies

"I am sincerely very grateful for the school uniform for my child" said a one of the parent. Our children were still at home, missing classes due to lack of school uniforms, now they can focus on their education and improve their academic performance. Again, we are relieved from the burden and this will allow us to take other responsibilities like looking for food for our children, surely we are poor we do not have a stable income as we

depend on sustenance farming which is so much tricky this days due to global climate change. We request our partners to consider having more students benefit from this noble program, it will go a long boosting their academic progress and eventually have a better life. God bless you all.



New school uniform for grade 7 or junior secondary school, Thirteen (13) CBC students from 3 primary schools benefited.



Smart Nakuru team visited one of the schools, Mviki primary for the distribution of donated school uniforms, Twenty-six (26) needy children benefited from the program. See more pictures..

Students Testimonies:

We are very happy for the school uniforms; we will be more focused on our studies to reach our full potential. Previously, we were missing classes due to lack of school uniform now we are all in school. God bless you all friends in Netherlands.

Asante Sana

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