



Mukuru Promotion Centre

Empowerment Step By Step

Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy

MPC Annual Report 2023



*Journeying
Together
out of Poverty*

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Mission

Aspire, in conjunction with the Mukuru Community, to establish and operate holistic and sustainable education, health, and empowerment programs to address the basic needs of the most vulnerable groups in the community.

Vision

An empowered Mukuru Community living a more self-sustainable and dignified life.

Core Values

Integrity:

promoting transparency and accountability in our work. MPC is impartial, honest and objective in all MPC activities and decision-making.

Commitment:

consultation, collaboration and cooperation in discharging its mandate and service delivery.

Upholding Human Dignity:

upholding human dignity, respecting, honouring, praising, being courteous and regarding one another, edifying each other's beauty, worth and importance.

Professionalism:

placing a high value on doing a good job as well as respecting others in all our undertakings.

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Kago Kagwi & Associates Certified Public Accountants.

We have audited the financial statements of the Mukuru Promotion Centre as at 31st December 2023, in our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of MPC at 31st December 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

MPC prints monthly newsletters that provide comprehensive details on the activities, interventions, successes and challenges. All publications are listed on the website (www.mercymukuru.co.ke) including videos that show the developments over the years.

Foreword

Dear partners, family, friends, supporters and sisters

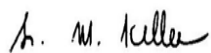
I look back on 2023 with profound gratitude to God, the Sisters of Mercy, and all supporters who have enabled the empowerment of the Mukuru community to continue. The Provincial Leader of the Sisters of Mercy Kenya, Sr Theresia Waraga and the Trustees gave us the help and support needed to carry out this vital Mercy ministry.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the time and effort put in by the Board Chairman, Mr. Charles Muchiri, and the Board members. They have fulfilled their responsibilities with utmost care and diligence. They have regularly and punctually attended board meetings, actively participated in various committees, responsibly fulfilled their duties, and provided reports and recommendations to the Trustees and senior management. They have fulfilled their mandate of overseeing MPC's financial and operational management with utmost dedication. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to them for their remarkable service.

MPC management staff has been excellent. The Department Heads have significantly contributed to the success of various departments, and I congratulate them on the results. I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your invaluable support and contributions. We can do nothing alone. Together, with the people of Mukuru, we make a big difference in many lives and enable so many to achieve their goal of living with dignity and journeying out of poverty.

May God bless us and bless you all and the Mukuru residents.

Yours sincerely,



Sr Mary Killeen RSM
Director

January 2024

Registered Trustees Sisters of Mercy

As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments and look ahead towards a new year, I wish to present the 2023 Annual Report of Mukuru Promotion Centre. In 2023, several activities were carried out to empower the Mukuru community by fostering quality education, healthcare, and social rehabilitation among youth to shape a brighter future. Despite the hard economic year, the country went through in 2023, MPC has truly shown its resilience in giving back to the society where called upon.

I would like to express my gratitude, especially to international and local donors who have continuously supported education sponsorship. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, many Mukuru children who may have faced financial barriers can now confidently pursue their dreams of higher education. Your investment in their future will undoubtedly have a ripple effect, creating lasting change in their lives, the Mukuru community, and beyond. With the continuation of the implementation of business start-ups and business boosts, girl empowerment activities, and various mentorship sessions for our youth in 2023, there has been a lot of growth in the development of the Mukuru community.

It is my hope that MPC continues this journey of giving hope to the hopeless and that our community as a whole continues to perpetuate the Charism of Mercy to show compassion and a spirit of empathy, reflecting our shared commitment to caring for one another and the helpless within our midst.

The Sisters of Mercy are committed to MPC, following in the footsteps of Catherine McAuley, whose whole life was dedicated to serving the poor. My appreciation goes to the MPC Board, Director Sr Mary Killeen and MPC staff for accomplishing the year 2023.

You always have my blessings.



Sr Theresia Waraga RSM
Provincial Leader, Sisters of Mercy Kenya

Chairman's Message

I take this opportunity to thank the Registered Trustees of the Sisters of Mercy, MPC Board of Management, senior management, and staff of Mukuru Promotion Centre for their endearing support and commitment over the last fiscal year. I also take great delight in acknowledging the support from our local and international donors, who have made the success of 2023 possible.

Over the past 39 years, MPC has become the epitome of support for the vulnerable members of the Mukuru community in the areas of healthcare, education, and rehabilitation. The dedication and commitment at MPC are unparalleled. During this financial reporting period, the MPC fraternity faced many challenges, including increased poverty levels, inflation, additional tax burdens in the form of housing levies, and social health insurance, which affected the overall budgets. Indeed, the expenses register continues to expand due to the current economic status. However, our resolve to support our communities continues despite all the challenges.

It is my hope that the entire Mukuru Community will continue to be supported by MPC and empowered to raise their standard of living.

May God Bless MPC.



Dr Charles Muchiri
Chairman, Board of Management

Highlights

Strategic

In collaboration with the Mukuru Informal Settlement residents, MPC aspired to establish and operate educative, healing and transformative services to empower the most vulnerable daily. The vision for 2023 was to enable the Mukuru community to achieve a more self-sustainable and dignified life. The strategic direction for 2023 was "**Journeying Together out of Poverty**" for the many lives to be changed and for self-determination to be a reality. The pillars of education, social, health and transformative services were MPC's channels to equip individuals and families to ascend from poverty as much as possible. The strategic direction relied on a strong governance and management structure that secured a diverse resource base through partnerships and networking.

Sustainable programs continued to improve many lives in the community, as highlighted by key performance metrics in the different departments. The encouraging government and local partnerships assisted with advocacy programs and supplemented the enhancement of community awareness of their rights in basic service provisions. The Child Protection and Safeguarding Office expansion was given particular focus throughout 2023, and all Departments received training. There were increases in the number of students who received sponsorship, particularly in secondary school. The Vocational Training Centre increased its capacity with more courses and facility upgrades. The Rehabilitation Centre improved its networking with local authorities and key stakeholders through forums and gatherings. Refinements to the environmental programs proceeded, especially in the primary schools, to better manage planting projects, water usage, and solar energy. The security of MPC properties constantly requires attention to avoid illegal land grabbing and other moveable assets, primarily as the country's economic forecast is grim for many industries, which has reduced opportunities for people to earn an income. Despite all the challenges, MPC is determined to journey with the people of Mukuru slums to rise above the poverty surrounding them and live more self-sustaining and empowered lives.

MPC engaged in several new partnership endeavours to enhance service delivery of sustainable programs. Extensive collaboration with government and local authorities to further develop strong advocacy for the children and parents in the Mukuru slums catchment area was achieved. Like-minded organizations sharing MPC's vision and scope of work, enhanced community awareness of rights and entitlements in basic service provisions that saw parents with children with disabilities, receive the People with Disabilities (PWD) pensions; students who could not complete their secondary education now have accredited acknowledgement of work towards a training certificate. There is improved tuberculosis awareness, screening and treatment by embracing County initiatives.

The 5 MPC sites have actively promoted environmentally friendly behaviours in their communities through various community activities. Unfortunately, the Head Office site has become a victim of significant environmental damage due to the dumping and burning of toxic waste nearby. As a result, the health of children in St Bakhita Primary and St Michael's Secondary schools and surrounding area has been severely impacted. In response to this crisis, MPC has taken on the responsibility of advocating for environmental conservation by joining forces with various stakeholders. Together, they have developed an awareness campaign to lobby the authorities to stop the dumping and burning of waste. The campaign includes media coverage highlighting the community's environmental and health issues.

Infrastructure

Continuous upgrading of the MPC infrastructure is crucial to expanding programs and achieving our strategic objectives. This necessitates significant capital expenditure, which can only be made possible through partnerships. In 2023, our collaboration with Frank and Paula Cullen and Friends resulted in the completion of Calary Hall at the Rehabilitation Centre, the most significant construction project of the year. Some minor infrastructure improvements were also made. The Vocational Training Centre improved its catering capacity by renovating the building to accommodate individual workstations for the hospitality students as well as upgrading the computer laboratory.

Rehabilitation Centre

- The new dining room, Calary Hall at the Rehab Centre.
- Music Room

Vocational Training Centre

- The newly renovated catering room with individual workstations.
- Equipment for various courses
- Computer laboratory upgrades for Vocational Training Centre

Primary Schools

- Junior Secondary School mobile science laboratories
- Food storeroom

St Michael's Secondary School

- Classroom blackboards

Clinic

- Medical Equipment
- Furnishing

Songa Mbele na Masomo

- Large Televisions
- Classroom Furnishings

Head Office

- Motor vehicle

Financial

MPC effectively and efficiently monitored, evaluated and reported on implementing programs, projects and activities in 2023 utilizing its MERAL framework. The MPC budget of 121 million KHS (Kenyan Shillings) (€802,000) income, increased by 11%, the expenditure increased by 10% compared to 2022. While the Personnel and Finance costs remained steady the Operating costs increased by an overall 16.5% driven by a few significant increases such as in Fuel & Oil by 54%, Printing and Stationery by 67%, Security by 28%, Electricity 80%, Drugs and Medications by 30% and Meals by 18.5%. There have been several natural disasters during 2023, such as fire outbreaks, flooding as well as the unrelenting ramifications from the CoVid19 Pandemic that has resulted in unprecedented poverty for the Mukuru Informal Settlement residents for decades. However, 2023 has seen a significant increase in MPC services.

Operational

The demand for support services and protection of the marginalized in Mukuru slums was relentless in 2023. To necessitate the unremitting cries from Mukuru residents, MPC responded by strengthening the capacity and capability of the management of human capital and corporate governance for future sustainability. The impact of the CoVid19 Pandemic still causes adverse effects in the Mukuru Informal Settlement area. The demand for services offered by the MPC has increased in all project areas, but it has been more significant in the Social and Health Services. The Education sector has returned to the regular academic calendar followed before the pandemic. However, there are still some issues with the infrastructure, materials, resources, training, and teacher-student ratios, especially in subjects that still need to be taught.

Despite operational challenges, MPC has managed to operate at total capacity with 151 staff and 32 volunteers across 9 departments. On average, they provide services, activities, and interventions to 1,200 people daily. The feeding program in learning institutions relieved parents as their children receive one good meal per day. MPC is halfway through its strategic plan for 2021-2026 and is on track to achieve its goals by 2026. These goals include increasing the number of students attending learning institutions, helping children with disabilities master skills, rehabilitating street boys successfully, providing residents with greater access to affordable healthcare, and implementing impactful environmental conservation projects. Achieving these goals requires financial stability and solid increases in funding and grants. In 2023, MPC's funding grants increased by 4.5% 3.14million khs (€20,848) which is well within the incremental target of 15% by 2026. The Donations-In-Kind increased by 5.7million khs (€37,743) which reduced expenditure in most MPC Departments over the year.

Volunteers

Volunteers play a significant role in the success of any organization. They contribute practical assistance to help vulnerable individuals on their journey out of poverty. Volunteers are an asset that supports MPC's mission to raise awareness, promote inclusiveness, create spaces for engagement, and act as a resource for interacting with the community. In 2023, MPC had 22 local volunteers, 69 interns, and 15 overseas volunteers who added value to the organization. It can be challenging to put a monetary value on volunteering, but for 2023, MPC estimates the replacement figure to be close to 11.69 million KHS (€77,417).

The volunteers assisted the Rehabilitation Centre, Songa Mbele na Masomo Children's Centre Vocational Training Centre, Schools, and Administration through caregiving, counselling, teaching, mentorship, technological assistance, nursing, social work, faith formation, administration, art and culture, environmental management, and virtual volunteering. Many volunteers shared their knowledge and expertise by leading professional development sessions for the staff.

Looking Ahead

The monthly newsletters from MPC offer a comprehensive review of the various activities, people, interventions, challenges, and accomplishments each month. These collaborative efforts significantly impact the lives of individuals in the community. Poverty is a complex reality that nobody wants to experience. Everyone wants their children to have opportunities to achieve their potential and happiness. Kenya reached an inflation rate of 6.7% in 2023 with an unemployment rate of 5.6% (source: www.statista.com). The population of Kenya is 54 million people. According to the World Bank statistics 36% of Kenyans (19.4M) live on less than \$2.15 per day; 28% of the population (15.1M) in 2021 is undernourished which is an increase of 4% since the CoVid19 pandemic. The health and education sector spending has also declined since 2020 (source: www.data.worldbank.org) and however the gender gap is narrowing for secondary students to 1.4%. The number of people who have access to safe drinking water is 60% and 31% of the population use safely managed sanitation services; only 29% of the population use the internet. Kenya's statistical outlook paints a poignant picture for slum dwellers who lack the basic necessities of food and shelter compared to other citizens.

MPC will soon celebrate its 40th year of operation in 2025 with deep appreciation and gratitude to the numerous partners, supporters, friends, and families who have enabled the '**Journeying together out of Poverty**' for the marginalized residents of Mukuru slums. MPC hopes, in collaboration with the community and supporters, to aspire to continue to establish and operate holistic and sustainable education, health and empowerment programs to address the basic needs to the most vulnerable groups in the Mukuru community.



Some Success Stories in 2023

Stanley Ochieng from Unit 2 at Songa Mbele is 6 1/2 years old with mild cerebral palsy and has been attending Songa for the last 7 months. After continuous therapy sessions the left side of his body has improved immensely. He has achieved proper posture and balance, is able to use both hands and can manage a few words.



Stanley Ochieng



James Kamau

A former street boy, **James Kamau**, who at the age of 7 tried to find his mother by himself ended up on the streets. In 2012 he was invited to the Rehabilitation Centre. Academically gifted James was sponsored by Paula Cullen's Group and achieved 402 KCPE marks and was invited to attend the prestigious Mangu High School. Having completed his KCSE with a B grade he was accepted into Muranga University of Science and Technology where he is studying a Computer Science degree.

James Mutugi, exhibited his artwork at the Kenya National Museum. James had served 10 years imprisonment and was released in 2020. In prison, James spent time developing his skill as an artist. After receiving support from MPC through his sponsor his creativity was the catalyst for his rehabilitation and bright future. James hopes to travel to Sydney where there will be an exhibition of his works.



James Mutugi

Michelle Mwende (hairdresser) and Jacinta Mbaika (food vendor) are former inmates who served 3 years in prison. In prison, they both faced many challenges and hardships. Upon their release, they received help at MPC through the basic business and entrepreneurial skills program. They were provided with a small business startup kit in December 2022. Both have sustained their businesses well and are empowered to support their families' needs. Michelle has successfully sustained her salon, while Jacinta is thriving well in her food business.



Michelle Mwende



Jacinta Mbaika

Children who attend Songa Mbele na Masomo Centre with hearing disabilities can now receive specialists' treatment and hearing aids through sponsorship.

Thanks to our Partners and Supporters, Empowerment is happening Step by Step

MPC provided **2.1m** meals to the children, youth and parents.



...directly assisted over **7,700** children, youths and adults.

...planted **1,600** new seedlings at the Head Office and Primary School sites and instigated environmental projects.



...attended to **20,265** patients and conducted **8,763** laboratory tests. Waived fees totaling **628,910** KHS (€4,165) for **3,210** patients.

...aided over **7,000** children to attend primary and secondary schools.

...carried out over **26,000** interventions for community residents



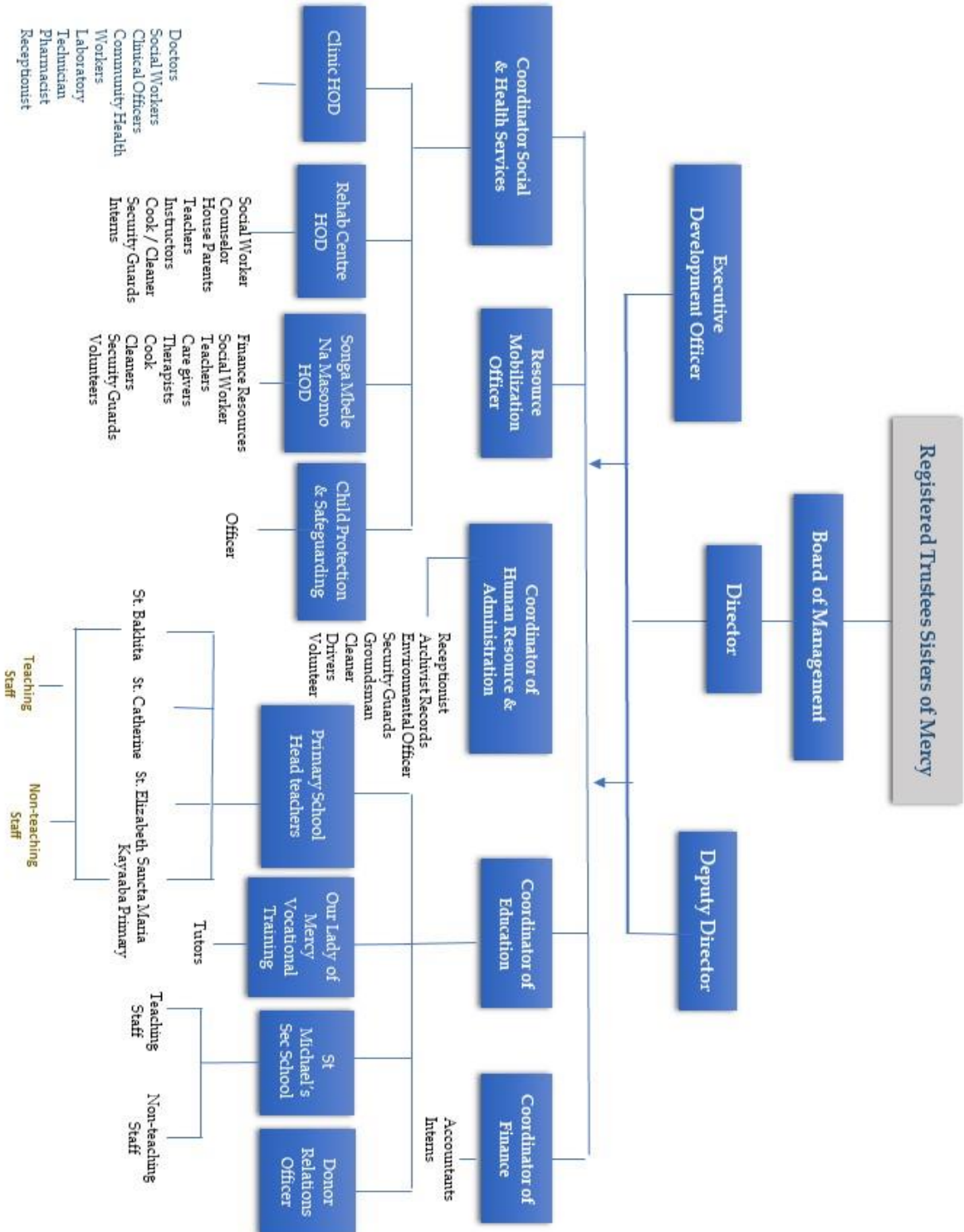
...received **76,087,161Khs** (€503,888) in funds and grants and **27,971,677** Khs (€185,243) in Donations-In-Kind.

MPC partnered with **15** major NGOs, **35** local and overseas agencies, along with over **80** supporters and friends across **12** countries incorporating **4** continents.



(1US dollar=Ksh 140) (1Euro =Ksh 151) (1GBP = Ksh 174)

Administration and Governance



Human Resources

There have been many developments at MPC since 1985. The organizational chart demonstrates the evolution in the different disciplines. Many challenges were experienced in 2023 to Human Resources, especially in the education sector and school security. The number of MPC employees remained steady at 143. The Centre had a record number of volunteers 37, and 12 interns throughout 2023.

Mukuru Promotion Centre Senior Administrators

Sr Mary Killeen RSM

Director

Dinah Mwendwa

Deputy Director

Mary Kanana Murithi

Executive Development Officer

Jane Kenders

Human Resources Officer

Perpetua Moragwa

Head of Finance

Boniface Njoroge

HOD Clinic

Kelvin Musyoki Mutua

HOD Rehabilitation Centre

Fred Matara Young

Songa Mbele na Masomo Coordinator

Asumta Vughusta

Acting HOD Social and Health Services

Luciah Njogu

Education Coordinator

Eric Waweru

Principal St Michael's Secondary

Loice Okumu

HOD Vocational Training Centre

Stellah Mathe

Sponsorship Coordinator

Salome Masha

Child Protection Officer



MPC Staff Composition 2023

Departments	Teachers	Support Staff	Volunteers	Security	Health & Medical	Social & Welfare	Admin	Total
EDUCATION								
Primary								
Sancta Maria Kayaaba	2	3		3		1		9
St Catherine	2	4		5		1		12
St Bakhita	3	3	1			1		8
St Elizabeth	6	4		4		1		15
<i>Subtotal</i>	13	14	1	12		4		44
Secondary / Tertiary								
St Michael Secondary	19		1			1		21
OLM Vocational Training	10	5	1			1	2	19
<i>Subtotal</i>	29	5	2		2	2		40
SOCIAL & HEALTH								
Social Workers								
Child Protection & Safeguarding			1		1			2
MPC Clinic		1	2		6	1	1	11
<i>Subtotal</i>		1	3		6	2	1	13
TRANSFORMATIVE								
Sponsorship							1	1
MPC Rehabilitation	3	5	3			1	1	13
Songa Mbele na Masomo	5	9	3	4	1	2	1	25
<i>Subtotal</i>	8	14	6	4	1	3	3	39
ADMINISTRATION								
Head Office		4	3				15	22
<i>Subtotal</i>		4	3				15	22
TOTAL	50	38	15	16	7	11	21	158

Number of Staff and Years of Service					
Disciplines	0 – 2 Years	3 – 6 Years	7 – 10 Years	10 – 15 Years	Over 15 Years
Education	39	10	2	6	12
Social & Health	8	1	1	1	1
Transformative	24	17	2		1
Administration	4	12	2		
FTE	75	40	7	7	14

Professional Development Sessions and Training 2023

In accordance with the Strategic Plan (2021-2027) to achieve greater institutional capacity across all Departments MPC staff attended professional development and training workshops over the year to enhance performance management and service deliverables.

Transformation Services

- Child Protection and Safeguarding sponsored by Sisters of Mercy.
- Catholic Care for the Children in Kenya sponsored by the Association of the Sisterhoods of Kenya.
- Sexual and Reproductive Health sponsored by Cheshire Disability Kenya.
- Brokers of inclusion funded by Star Kids Initiative 23 participants among them 19 staff
- Disability awareness on Cerebral Palsy funded by eRko Slovakia.
- MAPP (Multi Annual Program Plan) for Cheshire, Training
- DIET, DISC sponsored by Cheshire Disability.
- Aflatoun - Social Education and Finance sponsored by Cheshire
- Ring A Bell Campaign sponsored by Cheshire Disability Kenya
- Gender Based Violence ,53 participants among them 7 staff

Health Services

- CoVid19 vaccine integration to KEPI sponsored by the Ministry of Health.
- T-BU lite data entry Training sponsored by the Ministry of Health.
- Childhood Tuberculosis sponsored by the Ministry of Health.
- Pediatric Anti-TB short-term regimen sponsored by the Ministry of Health.

Education Services

- Faith Formation 'Finding Christ within us' sponsored by Mercy Education Office.
- Student Council symposium - 'Formation of a united family, strong in faith, journeying together in spirit and truth' sponsored by Jesuits Education Office.
- CBC for Junior School teachers - sponsored by Ministry of Education.
- Science teachers - use of the apparatuses and safety – sponsored by Ministry of Education.
- Children Protection - sponsored by MPC.
- First Aid for teachers – sponsored by St John's Ambulance
- St. Bakhita partnership for Education sponsored by Mercy Education Office.
- Several Guidance and Counselling workshops for teachers - sponsored Life Skills Promoters, Child Fund and Child Line Kenya and The Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya.
- Safe Community Linkages for internet safety sponsored by Life skills Promoters.
- Macheo English workshop sponsored by Strathmore University.

Administration, Management and Leadership

- Safeguarding and Child Protection sponsored Mercy Education Office.
- Online child safety sponsored by Child Line Kenya, Watoto Network and Media Network
- Children's Act 2022 sponsored by DKA
- Mercy Emerging Leaders Fellowship sponsored by: Mercy Global Action.

MPC Projects

Education



- 4 Primary Schools**
- Secondary Co-Ed Day School**
- Special Needs**
- Vocational Training Centre**

Social and Health



- Social Services**
- Outreach Services**
- Medical Clinic**
- Child Protection**

Transformative Services



- Rehabilitation Centre**
- Sponsorship**
- Children's Disabilities Centre**



Education



Education

One of the first projects at Mukuru Promotion Centre in 1985 was primary education. As the years continued so did the development of other primary schools, secondary, vocational training and special needs centres. After 38 years of outreach to the Mukuru Informal Settlement, in 2023 there were 6, 278 primary pupils, 511 secondary students, 272 vocational training students and 110 special needs children enrolled in one of MPC learning institutions. The number of students who sat examinations numbered KCPE 803, KPSEA 892, KCSE 97, and the vocational examinations comprises of two cohorts 2022, and 2023 being NITA 159, KNEC 132 and 214 internal OLMVTC. These examinations enable more than 2,100 students to take steps and lift themselves out of poverty.

The educational system in Kenya has been impacted immensely over the last few years as it proceeded with the transformation from the 8-4-4 system to the new 6-3-3 system mixed with the CoVid19 pandemic when schools were closed for 10 months in 2021 and academic calendars were operating concurrently, which resulted in different anxiety levels for pupils/students, teachers and parents. This year was the first time that the academic year returned to normal scheduling with one set of national examinations. The average mean scores for the MPC primary schools reflects the ups and downs of the last 4 years. In 2023 the Ministry of Education fully implemented the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in all primary schools with the creation of Junior Secondary Schools that replaced Standard 7 and Standard 8 years. Grades 3,4,5,6 will have accumulative competency based assessments spread across the year.

Changes within the vocational training sector were welcomed. The Ministry of Education under the Technical and Vocational Education Training Authority (TVETA) renewed the training licenses for the next five years to the year 2028. The National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) developed a new entry program for students who are not able to complete their KCSE to enroll in a vocational training course to obtain certification upon completion. OLMVTC received TVETA recognition as a Centre that can implement the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) which allows people to get certification without being in class for the required period. A person can come to OLMVTC with his or her portfolio and the verifier accesses it comparing it with the curriculum and if the portfolio matches the curriculum, he or she will be registered for examination according to the level of skill someone has.

Sections of OLMVTC were renovated to increase enrolments and improve the learning environment. The kitchen received a major upgrade that provided individual workstations to the Food and Beverage courses. Hairdressing and Dressmaking courses received some equipment. Through sponsorship the Centre added a new course, Welding and Fabrication, which proved very popular.

The Government provides bursaries to some needy students as well as to special needs students to assist with course fees. The class attendances improved greatly in 2023 due to the level of sponsorships as well as the meals program for students. The Social Office was very active to touching base regularly with students to ensure that all efforts were made to help them complete their courses. After holding off as long as possible the huge increases in the costs of materials, salaries and cost of living, MPC had to increase their fees minimally across all learning institutions.

Various industry leaders provided mentorship programs to vocational students throughout the year, assisting them with entrepreneurial opportunities. The skills-based centre enabled the students to produce multiple goods. It offered services to earn an income, such as catering, art sales, hairdressing, and dressmaking services. The environmental program continued with assistance from company corporate social responsibility programs, which enabled 1,600 seedlings, fruit trees, indigenous vegetables, and native trees to be planted on the 5 sites.

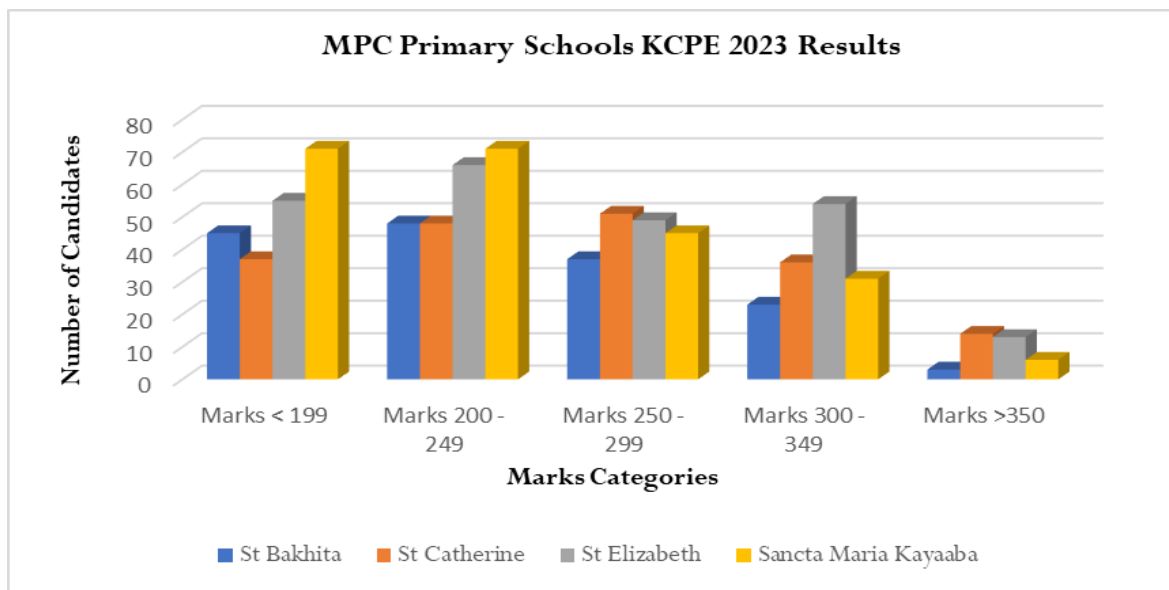
The enrolments for the 4 MPC primary schools were higher in 2023 compared to 2022 which may be explained by the free feeding program in the schools as Government schools charge parents for the lunches. In collaboration with donors, MPC provided pupils and students with meals during the school term as well as the special holiday feeding program.

MPC Primary School Enrolments 2018 - 2023						
Primary School	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
St Bakhita	986	1,034	972	1,107	1,083	1,161
St Catherine	1,289	1,317	1,211	1,267	1,285	1,365
St Elizabeth	1,817	1,938	1,885	1,810	1,803	2,100
Sancta Maria Kayaaba	1,686	1,666	1,733	1,632	1,666	1,652
Totals	5,778	5,955	5,801	5,816	5,837	6,278

Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) enrolments are captured in the primary school figures that includes Grade 7 and Grade 8. There were 892 JSS pupils enrolled in the MPC primary schools: St Bakhita 189, St Catherine 171, St Elizabeth 364, and Sancta Maria Kayaaba with 168.

Primary Schools Results

The 4 MPC Primary Schools are: St Bakhita, St Catherine, St Elizabeth and Sancta Maria Kayaaba with 6,278 enrolments facilitated with 101 TSC teachers and a further 13 subsized teachers from MPC, as well as 26 subsized support staff. Nationally 1,415,315 pupils sat the KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) examinations for the last time in November with 803 candidates from the MPC 4 primary schools and 892 Grade 6 pupils who sat the KPSEA (Kenya Primary School Education Assessments) examinations that replaced the KCPE. These results will enable 75% of the candidates to transit to Junior Secondary while the other 25% may be able to access some form of vocational education.



The KCPE 2023 results indicate that 22% candidates are eligible to enrol in National or Extra County Secondary Schools depending on sponsorship and 23% are eligible to enrol in a private school if parents have the means. Approximately 55% candidates are eligible for vocational training institutions.

Top KCPE Achievers for 2023 MPC Primary Schools

Females	Score	School	Males	Score	School
Galgalo Zuleka	384	Sancta Maria	Albert Nyakundi	392	St. Catherine
Constatine Nyabuto	377	St. Catherine	Wycliff Wangota	384	St. Catherine
Carazon Aqueeno	373	St. Catherine	Ndungu Griffins	379	Sancta Maria
Ombunga Drazzy	372	Sancta Maria	Kibui Maina	376	St. Elizabeth
Awuondo Elizabeth	371	St. Catherine	Juma Osambo	371	St. Catherine
Mongare H. Nyashiaboka	371	St. Elizabeth	Mogusu Abuga	370	Sancta Maria
Wanjiru Wambui	370	St. Catherine	Muthigani Chege	369	St. Elizabeth
Makonge Matista	370	Sancta Maria	Mutua Kimani	366	St. Catherine
Moses Cheptoo	362	St. Elizabeth	Ngina Kyalo	364	St. Elizabeth
Faith Mwangangi	361	St. Elizabeth	Syengo Maina	363	St. Bakhita

The mean score was slightly higher in 2023 at 244.14 which was an improvement on 2022 mean score. Nationally, there was an increase of KCPE candidates, being 181,463 increase from 2022. The highest KCPE national score was 428 marks. MPC Primary Schools had 20 pupils who achieved above 350 marks.

MPC Primary School KCPE Mean Scores For 6 Years

School	Mean 2018	Mean 2019	Mean 2020	Mean 2021	Mean 2022	Mean 2023
St Bakhita	241.7	243.36	248.81	247.16	223.35	236.32
St Catherine	234.62	253.90	260.66	273.08	253.44	257.77
St Elizabeth	236.98	231.58	244.44	250.92	243.57	249.93
Sancta Maria Kayaaba	245.44	236.43	229.81	252.20	236.51	232.52
Year Average	239.68	241.32	245.93	255.84	239.22	244.14

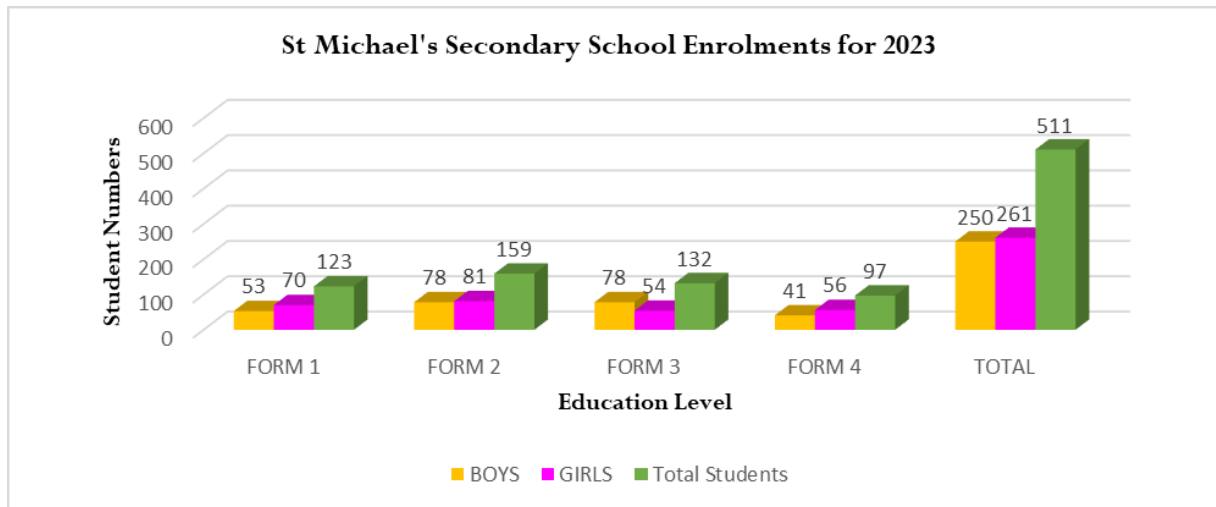
Whilst there are a range of mitigating reasons for pupils from Mukuru informal settlement to underperform compared with pupils from middle class environments the constant teacher shortage is a major factor contributing to an inconsistent learning environment with very high teacher pupil ratios.

MPC Primary School Teacher / Pupil Ratio For 2023

Primary School	Total No. of Teachers	Enrolments	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Ratio without MPC & BOM Teachers
St Bakhita	23	1,161	1:51	1:58
St Catherine	24	1,365	1:57	1:62
St Elizabeth	36	2,100	1:58	1:70
Sancta Maria Kayaaba	31	1,652	1:53	1:57
Totals	114	6,278		

St Michael's Results

St Michael's Secondary School is a coeducational day school, now in its 16th year of operation with 3 streams. The school has a 1:25 teacher-student ratio with an enrollment of 511 students.



In 2023, 97 students took the KCSE (Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education), and 4 female students were pregnant while taking their examinations. While the results were down compared to the previous year, the girls achieved higher overall results than the boys. All 6 students who are eligible for university are girls. The dux of school was Salako Sophiat Olatidebe, who achieved a B grade (62 points), and closely behind her was Tracy Anyona with a B- grade (58 points). The highest achieving students were Strathmore University's Macheo Program participants, which St Michael's has participated in since 2016. Kituyi Emmanuel Wafula was the highest achieving boy with a (39 points) C grade. Nearly 90% of students will be eligible for vocational training courses. Over a third of the students at St Michael's now receive sponsorship from local and overseas donors.

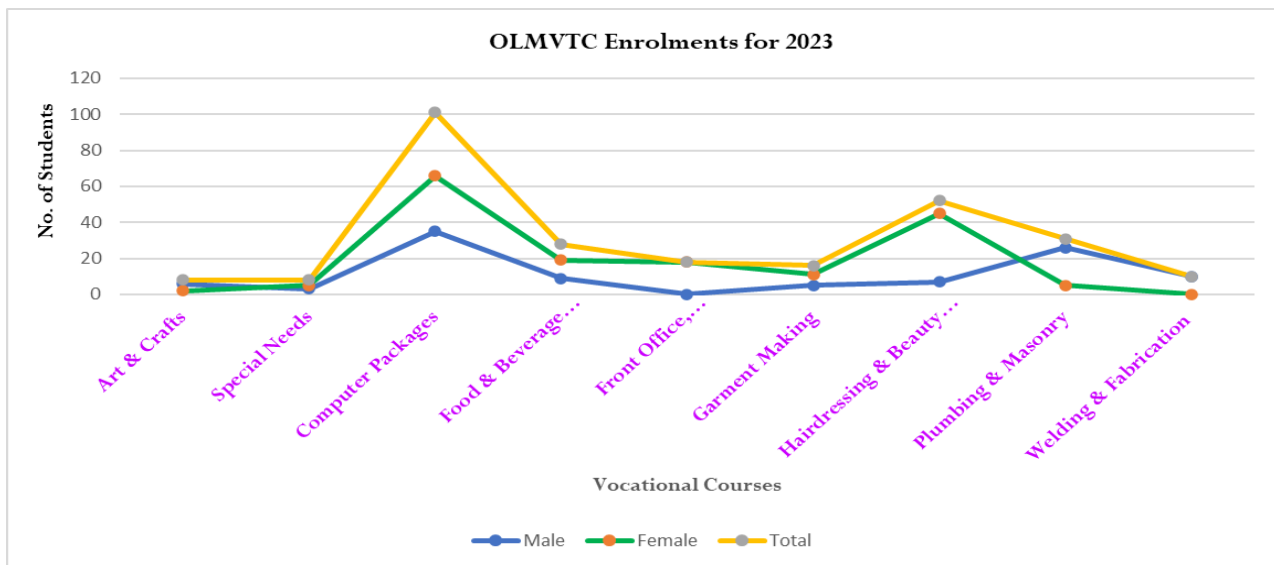
KCSE 2023 Overall Summary Grades										Mean Scores			
Candidates	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	2023	2022	2021	2020
Boys	0	0	0	2	5	18	13	3	0	3.75	4.29	4.22	4.77
Girls	1	3	2	4	10	13	19	3	1	4.23	4.64	4.35	4.76
Gender Combined	1	3	2	6	15	31	32	6	1	4.03	4.44	4.29	4.77

Apart from academic learning, St Michael's offers cultural, sports, and faith formation development. Understanding the backgrounds of the students who live in poverty all the time ignites many challenges and temptations for students to counteract the distractions. The mentorship program for all students proved to be successful in 2023. Education is one part of the student's life; at times, it is often down the list of priorities. Ensuring that the school's network is working and supporting the students in dealing with issues outside of school is critical to helping the students succeed at school.

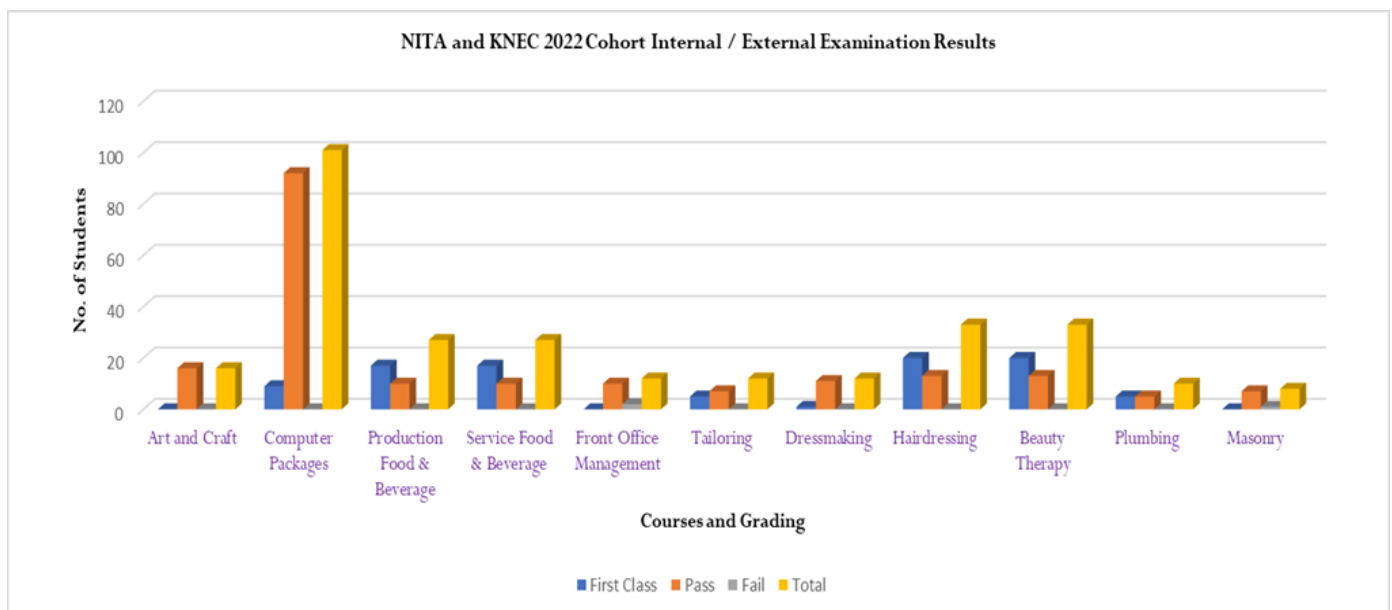
The subjects that students performed the best were: Computer Studies with a B+, Agriculture with C+, Kiswahili (C-), English (C-), Geography (C-) and CRE ((C-). The science subjects were Physics (D+), Biology (D), Chemistry (D) and Mathematics (D-).

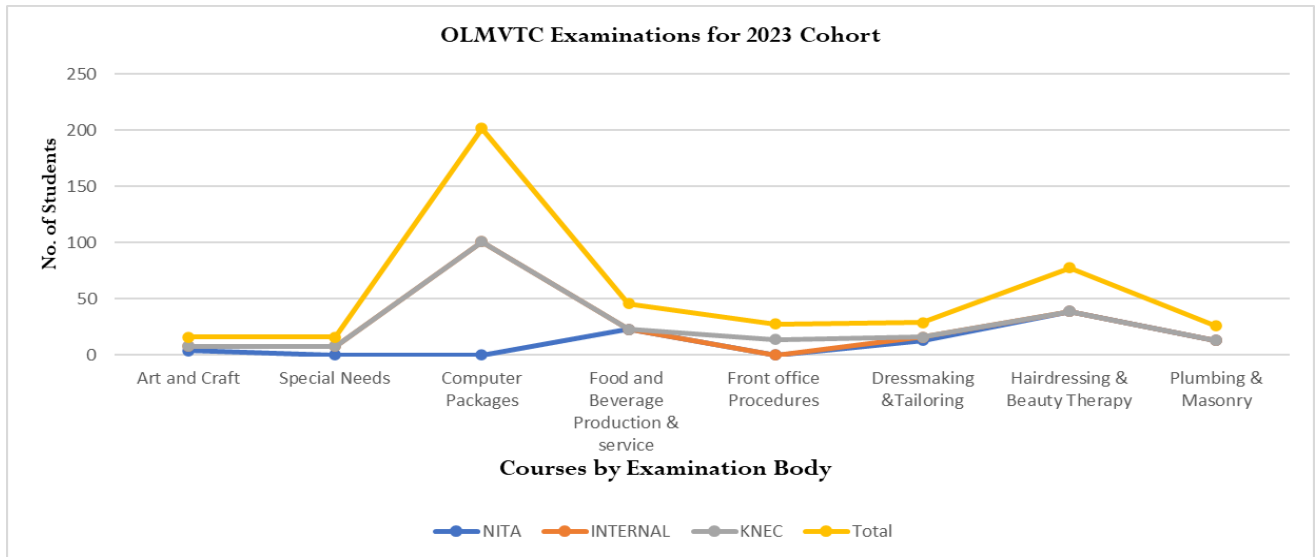
Our Lady of Mercy Vocational Training Centre

The Centre had 272 students enrolled, and 100 of them were fully sponsored across 10 courses: Art and Crafts, Special Needs, Computer Packages, Food and Beverages, Front Office Management, Garment Making, Tailoring, Hairdressing and Beauty, Plumbing and Masonry and the new course developed in 2023, Welding and Fabrication. Some courses comprised two elements, Hairdressing and Beauty, with separate examinations. For vocational training centres there were two sets of examinations for the different cohorts caused by the CoVid19 pandemic changes to the calendar. The 2022 cohort had examinations in April 2023 and the 2023 cohort had examinations in December 2023.



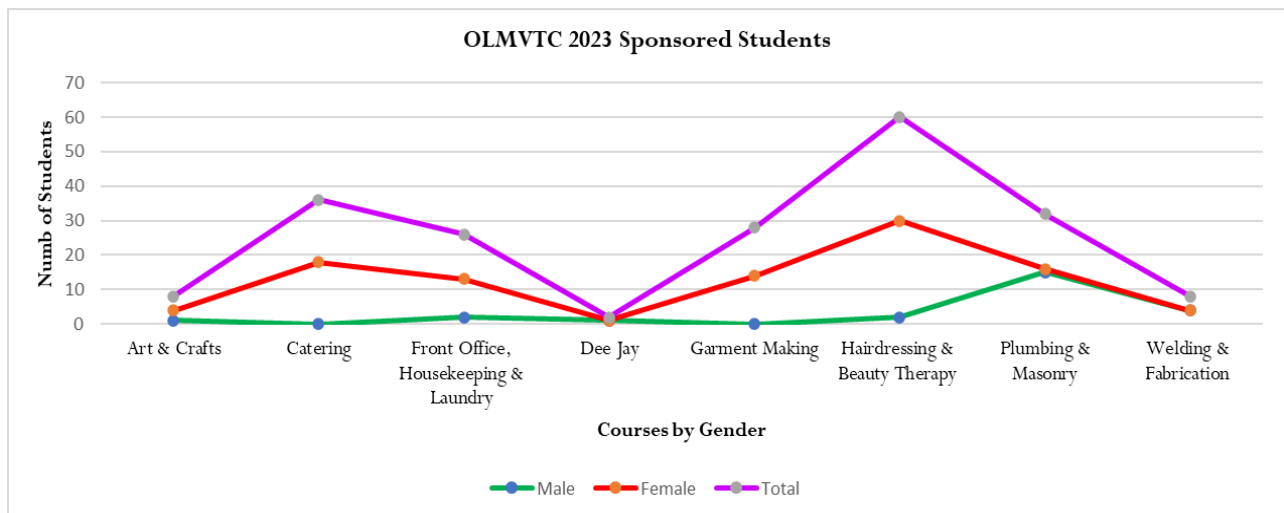
The Centre obtained a 33% First Class examination achievement, with 67% of students reaching a Pass mark. Less than 1% of 272 students failed, often due to external factors. Over 300 students were registered for the 2023 NITA and KNEC examinations, and those results will be released in April 2024.





When the Special Needs students reach the age of 17 they are transferred from Songa Mbele na Masomo to the OLMVTC to develop a skill that can help them earn a living. The Special Needs students are enrolled in Hairdressing, Dressmaking, Plumbing, Welding, Art and basic literacy and numeracy classes. After graduation 20 students secured industrial placements for 3 months in Front Office Management, Hairdressing and Hospitality. Social workers reported a decrease in the number of student pregnancies during the year.

There was a record 100 number of young adults sponsored at vocational training in 2023. The sponsorship also included uniform support, certificates, and monthly food packages to avoid any absenteeism.





Social and Health Services



Social and Health Services

MPC's Social and Health Services Department has 12 fulltime social workers who work across the 5 MPC sites catering for individuals in primary, secondary and vocational training learning institutions, disabilities and rehabilitation centres and clinic that averaged 188 interventions per month per social worker. The social workers are the conduit for these services which are predominantly conducted via the learning institutions. Each year MPC receives donated goods and services that help with the outreach services and intervention support to thousands of people. The 2023 year has been one of the most challenging years in its 39 years of operation due to the tough socio-economic times in Kenya. The monthly increases of fuel, electricity and food provisions caused immense poverty with the higher than normal national unemployment averages in the informal settlements. The 'perfect storm' resulted in record statistics on social and health services demands and the situation on the ground was significantly worse in the second half of the year.

The Department with its offices on each of the 5 MPC campuses intervened with 26,994 case activities, 22,258 patient treatments and 8,763 laboratory tests carried out in 2023. While Kenya grappled with high inflation (6.8%) and high unemployment (4.9%) the slums figure was at least 4 times the national averages. The external factors caused greater desperation for the slum dwellers whose situation drove the enormous influxes and demands on MPC services. The Social and Health Department played a huge role securing assistance and /or referrals to other agencies for the nearly 59,000 individuals in 2023. The services greatly improved the health and wellbeing of our clients.

Hunger was a major issue for the year with over 5,531 nutritional and food packages disbursed to the malnourished along with an approximate 2.1 million lunch meals in 2023 to over 7,000 pupils / students. To support needy families' grants were secured to assist families with Small Business Enterprise Start Up programs for parents.

Most of the parents to the children in the MPC Primary Schools are single mothers and jobless and depend on casual jobs such as washing clothes or cleaning but significant numbers did not secure casual employment which resulted in the children sleeping hungry on that day. MPC through the social services has been able to support some families throughout the year with the donations we received from our partners and supporters who constantly remained supportive to ensure that the major activities of food packages, nutritional aid, medical support, psychosocial support, mentorships, counselling, and educational resources support the needy. The services offered continued to uphold human dignity through alleviating some of the suffering with whatever was available.

The demand for MPC Social and Health Services increases each year. The CoVid19 Pandemic recorded distinctive figures for the Social Services. However, the Welfare sector is even greater as the impact affecting more and more families resulted in increased poverty levels.

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Office conducted follow-ups on alleged abuse cases with the collaboration from law enforcement, child protection officers, and local authorities - chief, child protection volunteers as well as community leaders. Professional counselling services were provided to the victims and their families.

In summary the 5 year comparison for the social and health services highlights some activities / interventions that are still significantly high such as food distribution, medical care, needy students, family support, and therapy sessions.

MPC Client Interventions For the Last 5 Years Per Sector

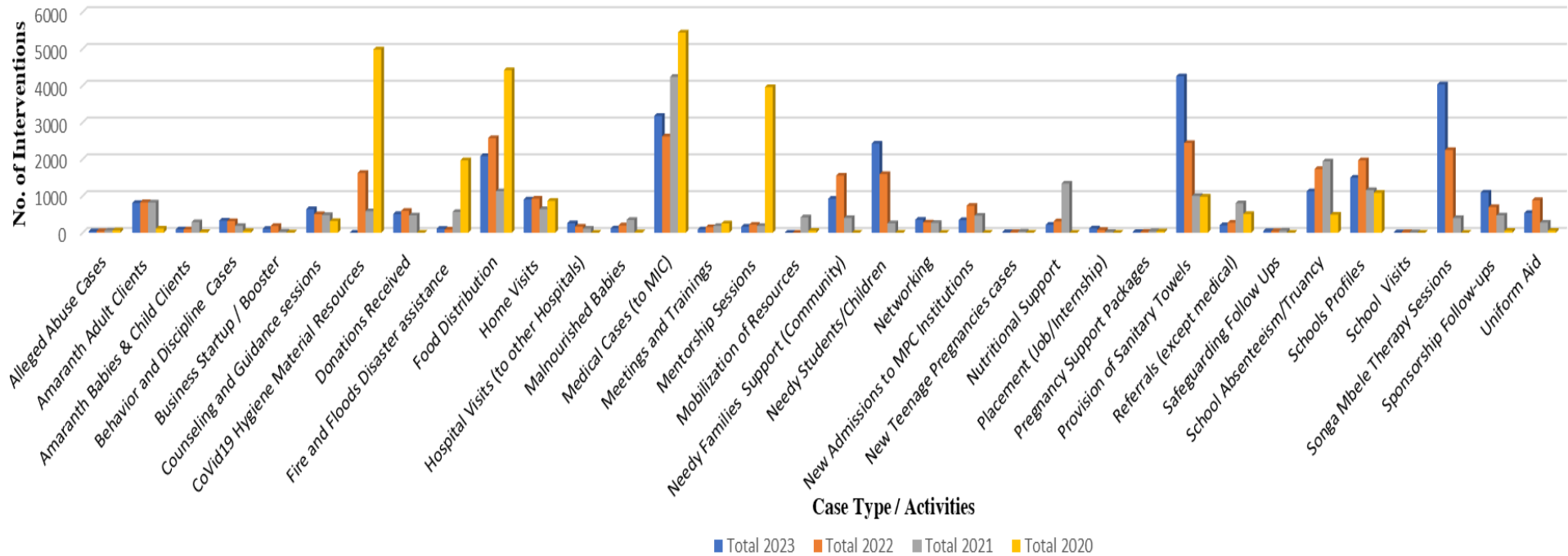
Years	Education	Health	Transformative	Total
2023	17,954	1,511	7,529	26,994
2022	17,583	1,056	7,339	25,978
2021	19,299	1,539	1,987	22,825
2020	20,037	3,046	2,634	25,717
2019	11,816	170	282	12,268
Total	86,715	7,308	19,778	113,801

Summary of Client Interventions for 2023

No.	Case type / Activities	Education					Health	Welfare			Total	
		St Bakhita	St Catherine	St Elizabeth	Sancta Maria Kayaaba	St Michael's Secondary	Vocational Training Centre	MPC Clinic	Songa Mbele na Masomo	MPC Rehabilitation Centre		Child Protection
1	Alleged Abuse Cases	8	4	3	14	3	3	0	1	0	2	38
2	Amaranth Adult Clients	0	808	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	808
3	Amaranth Babies & Child Clients	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
4	Behavior and Discipline Cases	16	6	22	89	73	10	0	0	113	0	329
5	Business Startup / Booster	7	4	4	15	36	21	0	4	14	0	105
6	Counseling and Guidance sessions	12	54	81	87	47	94	0	50	208	7	640
7	CoVid19 Hygiene Material Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
8	Donations Received	4	42	4	9	12	8	0	231	154	44	508
9	Fire and Floods Disaster assistance	68	16	5	9	5	2	0	2	0	0	107
10	Food Distribution	137	971	155	210	133	433	0	26	0	16	2,081
11	Home Visits	52	173	130	269	129	29	2	67	46	6	903
12	Hospital Visits (to other Hospitals)	0	0	0	0	0	2	238	7	9	0	256
13	Malnourished Babies	0	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
14	Medical Cases (to MIC)	119	658	139	457	197	44	1099	118	331	14	3,176
15	Meetings and Trainings	8	0	3	2	4	19	0	36	5	12	89
16	Mentorship Sessions	14	30	16	33	17	20	0	13	17	3	163
17	Mobilization of Resources	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
18	Needy Families Support (Community)	289	417	1	121	40	43	0	11	0	0	922
19	Needy Students/Children	103	380	336	182	415	64	0	933	1	9	2,423
20	Networking	4	59	11	41	10	12	166	0	3	46	352
21	New Admissions to MPC Institutions	1	134	31	25	6	57	0	44	44	0	342
22	New Teenage Pregnancies cases	1	0	1	3	8	2	0	0	0	0	15
23	Nutritional Support	24	165	20	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	215
24	Placement (Job/Internship)	0	0	0	0	2	89	0	0	25	0	116
25	Pregnancy Support Packages	9	0	0	1	7	3	0	0	0	0	20
26	Provision of Sanitary Towels	466	1171	522	1168	749	126	0	24	0	26	4,252
27	Referrals (except medical)	47	0	25	76	20	27	0	8	0	0	203
28	Safeguarding Follow Ups	2	0	2	11	16	12	0	0	1	0	44
29	School Absenteeism/Tuancy	94	39	49	153	184	48	0	558	0	0	1,125
30	Schools Profiles	168	298	395	351	144	107	0	32	0	0	1,495
31	School Visits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	11
32	Songa Mbele Therapy Sessions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4031	0	0	4,031
33	Sponsorship Follow-ups	50	132	19	390	314	114	0	68	5	0	1,092
34	Uniform Aid	115	97	118	114	91	0	0	0	0	0	535
Totals		1,849	5,944	2,111	3,875	2,723	1,452	1,511	6,361	983	185	26,994

Social Services Statistics Comparison

Social & Health Services Client Interventions For 2020 - 2023



Mary Immaculate Clinic Statistics

MIC treated 20,265 patients in 2023 which was 2,270 more than the previous year with also an increase in the number of laboratory tests conducted. The age categories that recorded the largest differences were children which accounted for over 2,000 less cases. There were slight reductions in the other age categories. There was an overall increase in the number of female patients being 53% to 59% and the male patients decreased in number from 47% to 41%. In addition to the treated medical patients 3,498 clients attended other clinics on offer at MIC. The Clinic clients were down by 654 with the largest reduction in the ANC Clinic compared with 2021. The rest of the Clinic numbers remained steady.

MPC Clinic Most Common Diseases

Of the 8 major diseases that are treated at the Clinic, Respiratory Diseases continue to be the most represented followed by Gastrointestinal and Cardiovascular Diseases. The category with the greatest impact is the babies and toddlers rated at 44% of respiratory patients, a slight increase from 2022.

MPC Clinic Patients For 2023 by Gender and Age									
Category	Gender	0-5 Yrs	6-12 Yrs	13-17 Yrs	18-35 Yrs	36-49 Yrs	50-64 Yrs	Above 64 Yrs	Total
New cases	Female	1,006	542	383	1,926	571	177	36	4,641
	Male	918	456	311	960	397	172	30	3,244
Subtotal		1,924	998	694	2,886	968	349	66	7,885
Revisits	Female	2,360	626	476	2,310	1,030	415	100	7,317
	Male	1,880	539	505	991	662	418	68	5,063
Subtotal		4,240	1,165	981	3,301	1,692	833	168	12,380
Total		6,164	2,163	1,675	6,187	2,660	1,182	234	20,265
Percentage	<i>Female</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>59%</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>41%</i>

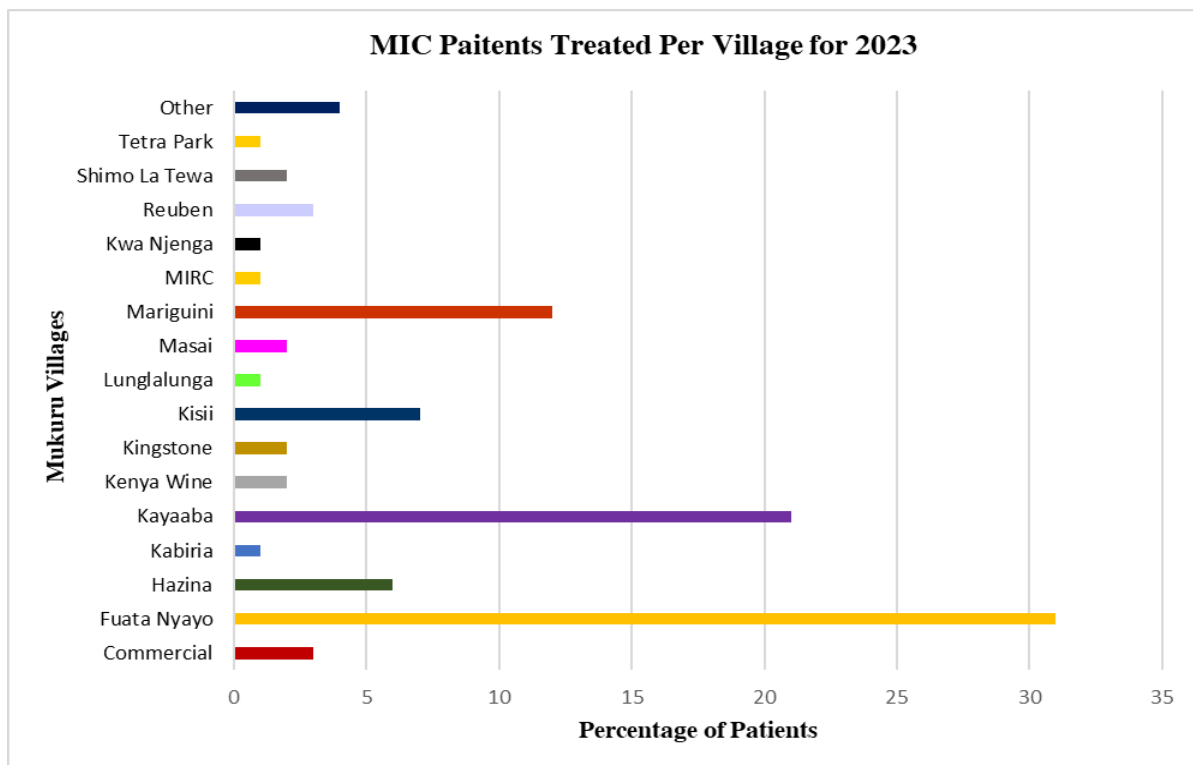
Specialty Clinics									
ANC	-	-	44	671	-	-	-	-	715
Immunizations	1,745	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,745
Nutrition	876	1	-	95	-	-	-	-	972
Comprehensive Care	-	-	-	9	8	1	-	-	18
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	11	9	4	-	-	25
Non Medical (Mental)	-	1	1	11	3	-	-	-	16
Referrals to Medical Facilities	1	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	7
Subtotal Clinics	2,623	4	49	797	20	5	-	-	3,498
Total	7,742	2,120	1,669	6,757	2,592	1,146	232	-	22,258

Six grants were received in 2023 that allowed the Clinic to treat patients and procure additional medical equipment to enhance modern triaging and patient observations. The other grant elements enabled further professional development of staff. The Health Education sessions for the community on Nutrition, Upper Respiratory and Urinary Tract Infections, Hygiene and Sanitation provided greater understanding and helped to guide daily living activities for them. The staff received further training on Infection Prevention, Knowledge Management, CoVid19 vaccinations, Child Welfare and Immunizations, HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Drugs, Tuberculosis Digital Sensitization, Pneumococcal and

Rotavirus Vaccination current guidelines. The Ministry of Health, Starehe Office conducted other trainings related to tuberculosis preventive therapy.

MPC Clinic Summary of Treatments For 2023								
Diseases	0-5 Yrs	6-12 Yrs	13-17 Yrs	18-35 Yrs	36-49 Yrs	50-64 Yrs	Above	Total
							64 Yrs	
Outpatients								
Respiratory	2,284	552	355	1,127	565	256	55	5,194
Gastronintestinal	979	474	336	921	368	140	30	3,248
Cardiovascular	437	224	226	629	519	346	82	2,463
ENT	203	212	119	233	66	27	4	864
Genitourinary	81	97	114	1,582	327	68	4	2,273
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	2	1	-	108	73	11	-	195
Musculoskeletal	72	163	185	492	370	164	41	1,487
Integumentary (Skin)	242	152	59	165	76	32	1	727
Dressing	54	63	27	134	58	50	7	393
Other Diseases	765	178	199	569	150	47	8	1,916
<i>Subtotal Outpatients</i>	5,119	2,116	1,620	5,960	2,572	1,141	232	18,760

The Mukuru slum catchment area comprises over 90 villages. Over 70% of the patients who attend the Clinic reside within a 400-metre radius in Fuata Nyayo, Kayaaba, Commercial, and Mariguini which is an increase of 10% from 2022.



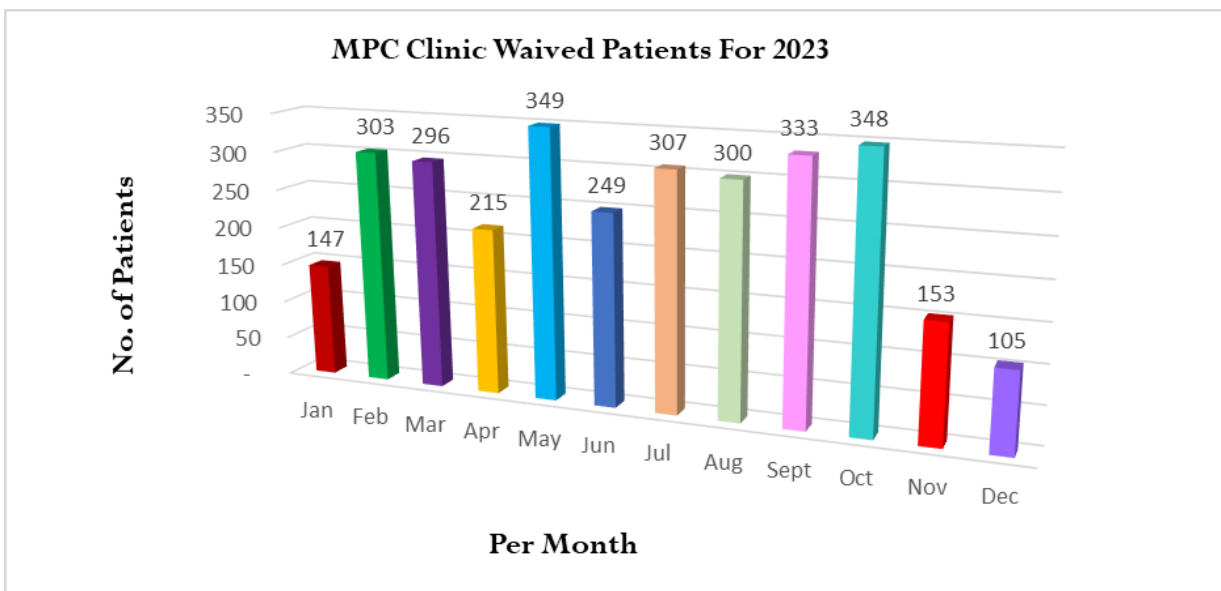
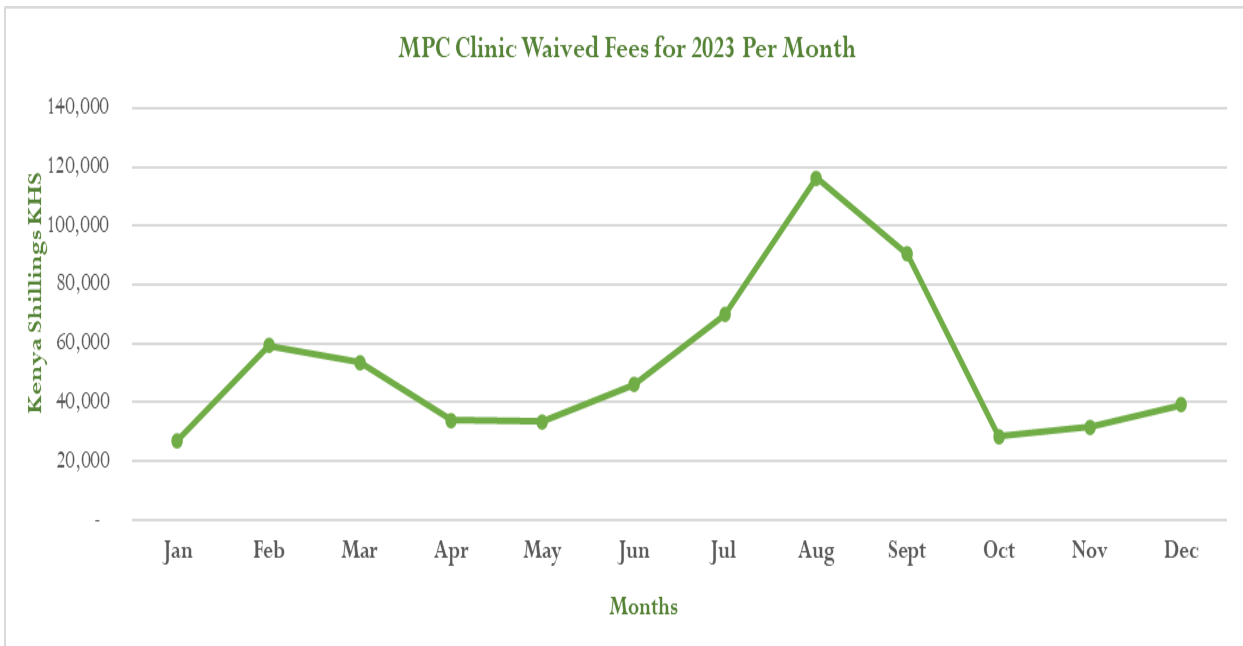
Laboratory Tests For 2023

The laboratory tests increased by 573 compared to 2022 with Urinalysis, Stool and Full Hemoglobin as the most frequently performed tests accounting for 58% of total tests. The largest reduction in 2023 was for BS for MPS (Malaria) test by nearly 23%.

MPC Clinic Laboratory Tets for 2023 in Age Groups								
Laboratory Tests	0 - 5 Yrs	6-12 Yrs	13-17 Yrs	18-35 Yrs	36-49 Yrs	50-64 Yrs	> 64 Yrs	Total
ANC Profile	0	0	7	270	27	0	0	304
Anti-streptolysin O test (ASOT)	9	16	16	17	5	1	1	65
Bilirubin Levels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blood Group	1	1	8	22	6	2	0	40
Blood Sugar (R.B.S/F.B.S)	6	13	39	99	170	167	48	542
Brucella	1	0	1	4	2	2	0	10
BS for MPS (Malaria)	235	107	49	240	91	37	3	762
Calcium Levels	22	1	1	3	1	1	0	29
Creatinine levels	0	2	1	3	2	4	0	12
Du test	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Full Haemogram	379	228	154	536	250	112	21	1680
HbA1c	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Helicobacter Pylori	4	88	129	329	139	49	13	751
Hemoglobin Levels	55	22	70	79	13	6	0	245
Hepatitis B (HBsAg)	0	8	1	19	8	1	0	37
High Vaginal Swab Microscopy	0	1	3	205	57	4	0	270
Lipid profile	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Liver Function Test	0	3	1	2	0	2	0	8
Pregnancy Test	0	2	51	210	27	0	0	290
Rheumatoid Factor	0	2	10	28	59	52	16	167
Salmonella	1	8	13	40	14	8	1	85
Stool Analysis	273	368	199	553	182	72	12	1659
UEC's (Urea, Electrolytes and Creatinine)	0	2	2	4	4	4	1	17
Uric Acid	0	0	0	1	4	1	2	8
Urinalysis	62	112	109	950	351	115	18	1717
Urine Culture	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Urine multudrug test	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
VDRL/Syphilis	0	0	1	44	6	4	0	55
Total	1048	984	865	3666	1419	645	136	8763
<i>Average Tests Per Month</i>								730

MPC's mission is to enable healthcare affordability. More than 3,200 patient fees were waived in 2023 at a cost of 628,910 KES (€4,164). The early medical interventions reduced the overall health costs to the families in Mukuru and MPC.

The big spike in July and August was due to the majority of St Michael's Secondary Students undergoing a health check to establish any pre-existing ailments that may need further medical attention as a few students had died earlier in the year from preventable diseases brought about by malnourishment.





Transformative Services



Transformative Services

The Transformative Services incorporates the wellbeing of the children at the Songa Mbele na Masomo Centre, the Rehabilitation Centre and the Sponsorship Program to change lives. Even though the demand for MPC Social and Health Services in 2023 numbered 26,994 these 3 Centres conducted daily services to nearly 645 children in the year.

Healthcare and education continued to be an important element in the overall welfare programs at the different Centres. The health checks, medical referrals and therapy sessions were a priority throughout 2023 including capacity programs for parents to gain increased knowledge of the different disabilities.

The power of education can never be underestimated and the Sponsorship Program secured support for 633 students. The number of sponsors decreased in 2023 to 80 individuals and 16 corporates/trusts. The magnanimous support of a couple of new donors raised the number considerably. With sponsorship, students have made the best of the situation and completed various courses that will enable them to become self-sufficient.

The Songa Mbele na Masomo Centre is a safe space that supports parents with children with disabilities. It allows parents to source employment while their children are secure and protected. The Centre is divided into four units, Daycare, Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3, which cater to children with different levels of abilities between the ages of 3 to 16 years. For older teenagers, there is the Vocational Training Centre Program that they can be referred to. The Centre's primary focus for the year was to improve intervention strategies and assistance with suitable learning materials for every child. Advocacy, championing children's rights, and awareness-raising are key features at the Centre to assist parents and their children.

Songa Mbele networked with like-minded organizations and institutions such as Special Education Professionals, KAWE-Kenya Association for the Welfare of people with Epilepsy, APDK-Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya, CPSK-Cerebral Palsy Society of Kenya, NCPWD, British Oxygen Company and Development initiatives.

Only registered PWD's (persons with disabilities) benefit from the Government's monthly Inua Jamii initiative that amounts to 2,000khs (€13). The Centre secured the payments for the parents of 90 children in 2023. This is a great support to 90% of the parents whose only income is casual.

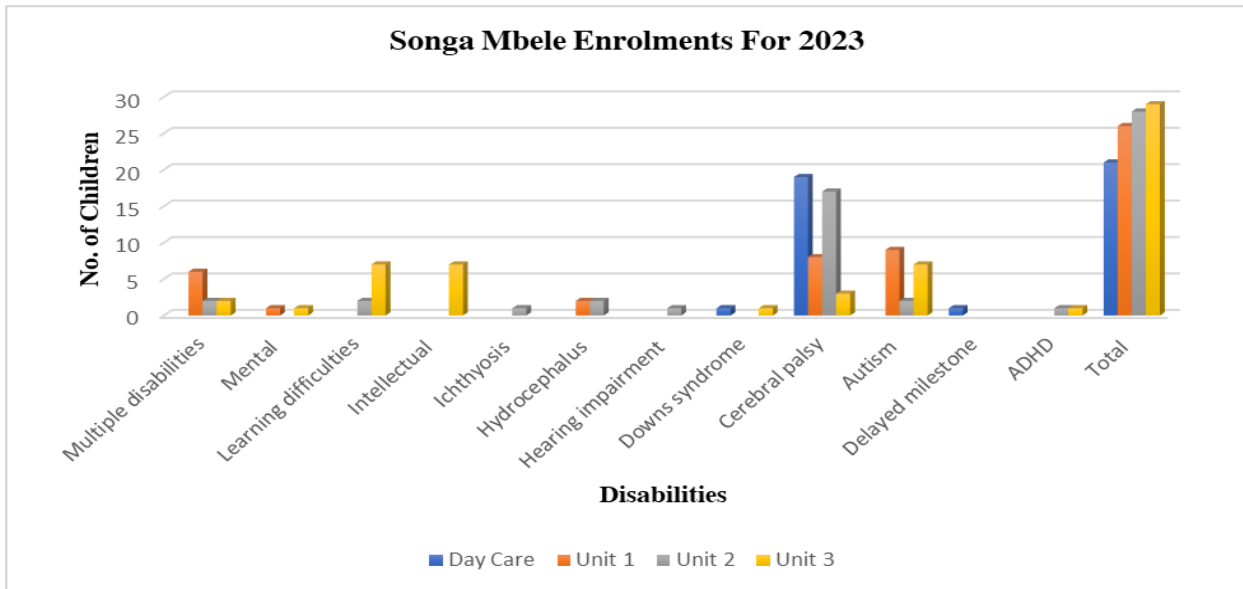


The Rehabilitation program for former street boys achieved favourable outcomes for more than 86 boys in 2023. The Centre received upgrades to some of its facilities in 2023 due to the generosity of overseas supporters and donors. Through their generosity donors provide significant capital and recurrent support to the Centre reinforcing its philosophy through contributions that champion education, sporting development, skills training, arts advocacy along with material resources that constantly encouraged the boys to achieve their potential.

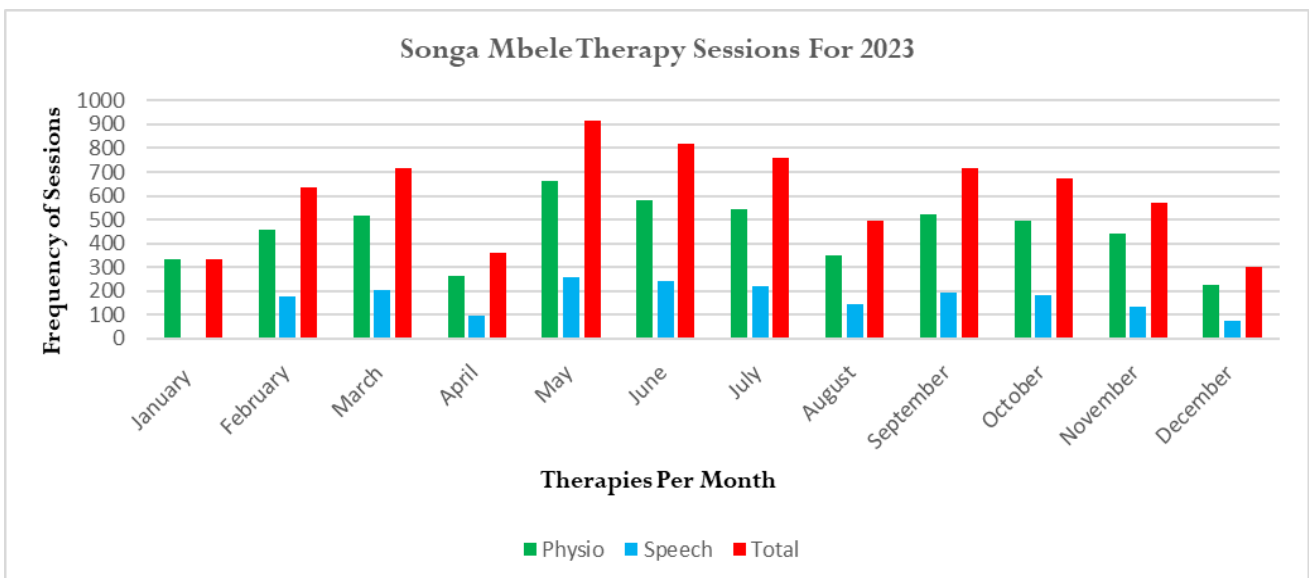
The new initiative which introduced the 'Business Start-ups' for parents has proven very successful. The purpose of the program was to empower the families to earn a living to ensure that they could take care of the boys after reintegration. The parents received training and stock for their businesses through a grant sponsored by Trocaire, Ireland.

Songa Mbele na Masomo Children's Centre

The enrolments at Songa Mbele increased slightly to 104 with a significant increase in therapy sessions improving the milestone achievements for the children attributed by the increase in field visits by the social workers. The therapy room carries out many fine motor skill exercises, the sensory room assist children who require other forms of stimulation, the sensory garden provides further delight for the senses and the speech room helps individual children with language pronunciation and communication.



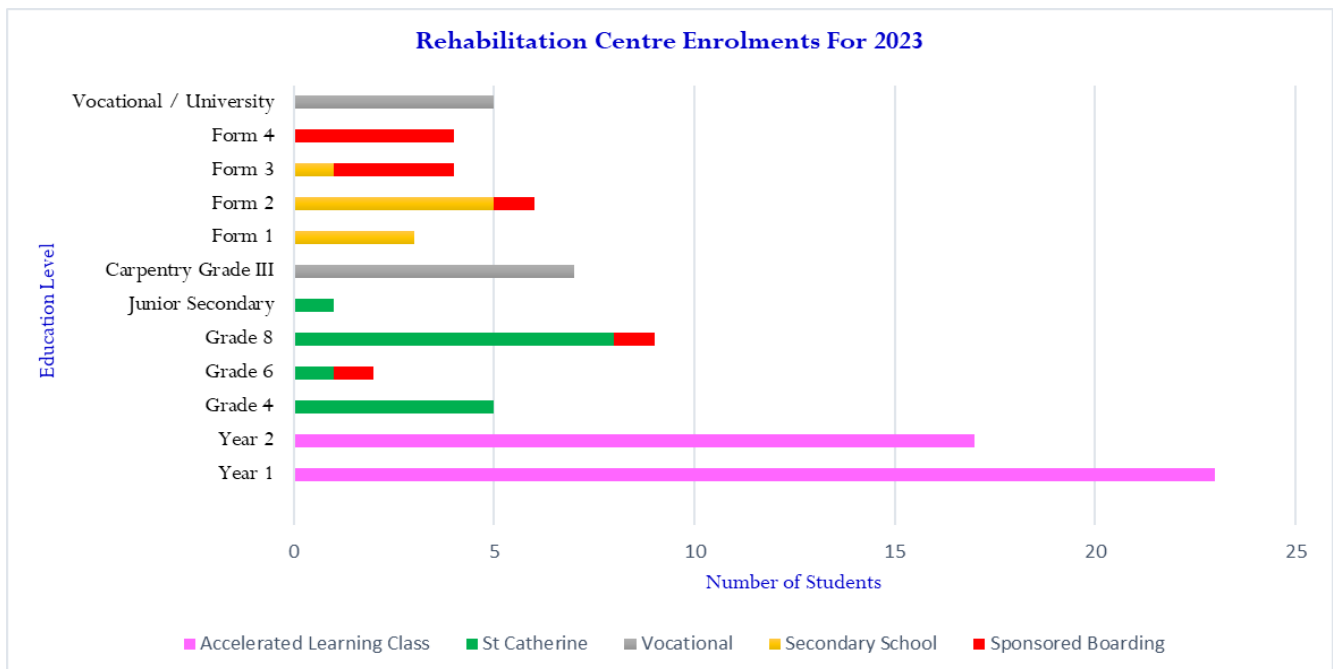
The number of children who can now walk independently, crawl, feed themselves and do other daily living activities were highlighted in the monthly achievements of milestones throughout 2023 which was largely due to the consistent number of therapy sessions as well as the exercises completed at home by the parents.



Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre for Former Street Boys

The Rehabilitation Centre in 2023 catered for 86 boys at different educational levels and developmental stages from Nairobi CBD, the Black Army Base in the Pipeline, Muthurwa / Gikomba Market Base, Ngara Base as well as referrals from the Starehe Children’s Officer, Boma Rescue, Single Mothers Association, Sequels Francaes (SIF) and local authorities within the Mukuru Informal Settlement catchment area. The Centre continued to network with the local authorities such as the Starehe Sub-County Children’s Office, who support the Rehabilitation Centre with certificate renewals, committal and court cases.

The residential program is designed to give each boy the best possible chance of successful reintegration either with family or by independent living. During 2023, 27 boys were reintegrated, 30 boys were admitted to the Centre and 27 boys completed the residential program successfully. Within the first month 4 boys voluntarily left the Centre to return to the streets. The Centre conducted 26 Home Searches and Home Visits in Kisumu, Isiolo, Kisii, Machokos, Makueni and Kiriyaga counties to identify and confirm the boys’ stories. The parents / guardians participated in 5 family days at the Centre including the Graduation ceremony.



The Centre registered a record 17 candidates to sit for KCPE examinations - the highest number ever recorded. A few students exceeded expectation while the majority did not perform as expected as they had missed too much primary schooling. The Rehabilitation Centre offered the space to identify their strengths and find a path to a brighter future.

The Centre continued with its Special Projects programs of Horticulture, Gardening, Poultry Farming and Art to enable the boys to discover unknown skills and interests. The gardening helps the Centre to be self-sustaining in food production all year round by cultivating kale, spinach, onions, cabbage and traditional greens like manage, Terere, sagaa and tomatoes. Fruit trees were also planted - mango, pawpaw, lemons and oranges. The chicken population nearly doubled and provided fresh eggs for the boys.

For many of the boys, art is a state of relaxation. They have embraced the classes with passion as it helps them to focus, which has resulted in large quantities of art items that are sold to visitors giving the boys a greater sense of pride in their abilities.

The extracurricular activities at the Centre provide enormous opportunities for the boys to excel in other areas. The activities included from Acrobatics, Art, Basketball, Dance, Rugby, Soccer, Yoga to Music. There was a record number of competitions that the boys participated in for 2023 and a choir along with a band. They included Rugby, Soccer, Kerrigan Cup and the In-House Competitions for Under 14s and 16s.

The Centre hosted two Irish Ambassadors to Kenya, Fionnuala Quinlan and Cairtriona Ingolsby. Irish Foreign Affairs Minister, Pippa Hackett was Guest of Honour for the Opening and Blessing of the new dining room, Calary Hall. The benefactors' visits included: Paula Cullen, Irene Plunkett, Vera Smith, Catherine Nolan, Clare Chambers, Adrienne Burke, Teresa Heeran, Tom Buckley (BOI), Whistle Team – Caroline Cullen, Maria Farrell, Colm Coates, Peter Hosey, Maurice O'Brien, Angie Grehan, Allison Donohue, Tommy Judge, Fiona Milligan and Rita Sarseviciute, British Airways Crewmembers, OperAffinity, Brothers and Sisters in Need, Trocaire, Manos Unidas, Sisters of Mercy Mission Office, Ireland, DKA Austria and eRko Slovakia.

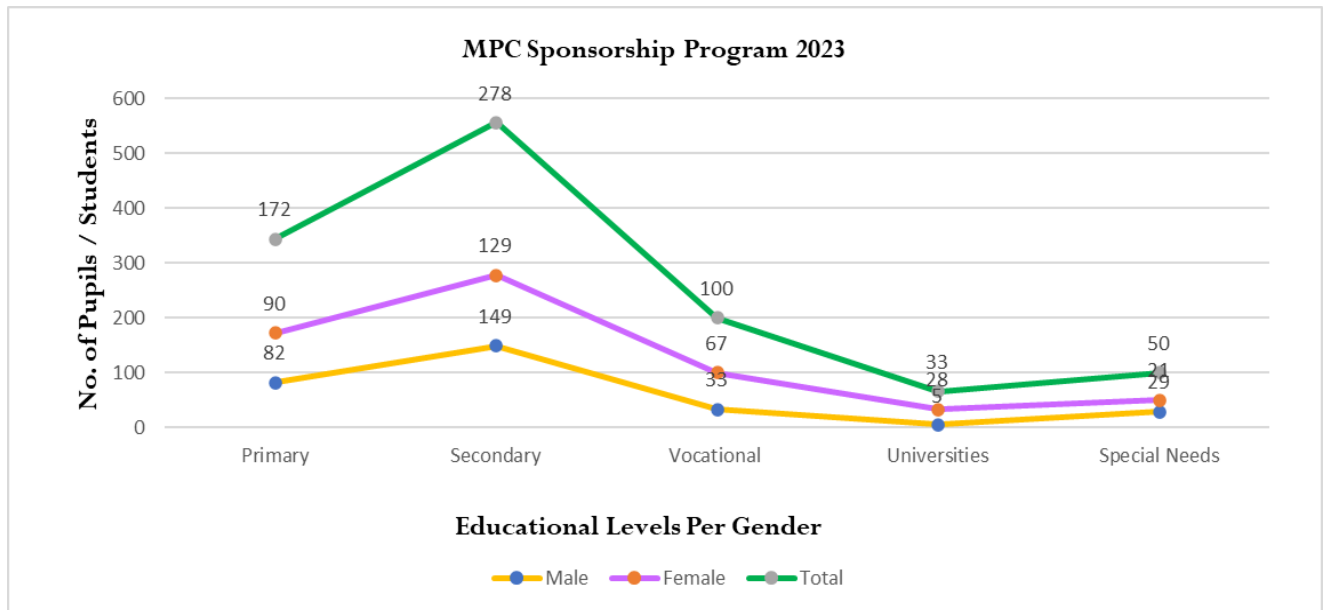
The number of local supporters who provided huge amounts of fresh provisions each week grew in 2023. During the year the Centre received: meat, juice, fruits, milk, rice, flour, vegetables, bread from local supporters such as Team Pankaj, Team Kaburu, Team Shakers, Action in Focus, Dawood Bohra Community. On special occasions overseas supporters provided treats such as cake, pizza, sodas, excursions, shoes, hygiene materials and uniforms. Overseas supporters have funded numerous projects at the Centre that includes salaries, tools and equipment, carpentry materials, sponsorships, program contributions and special projects support.



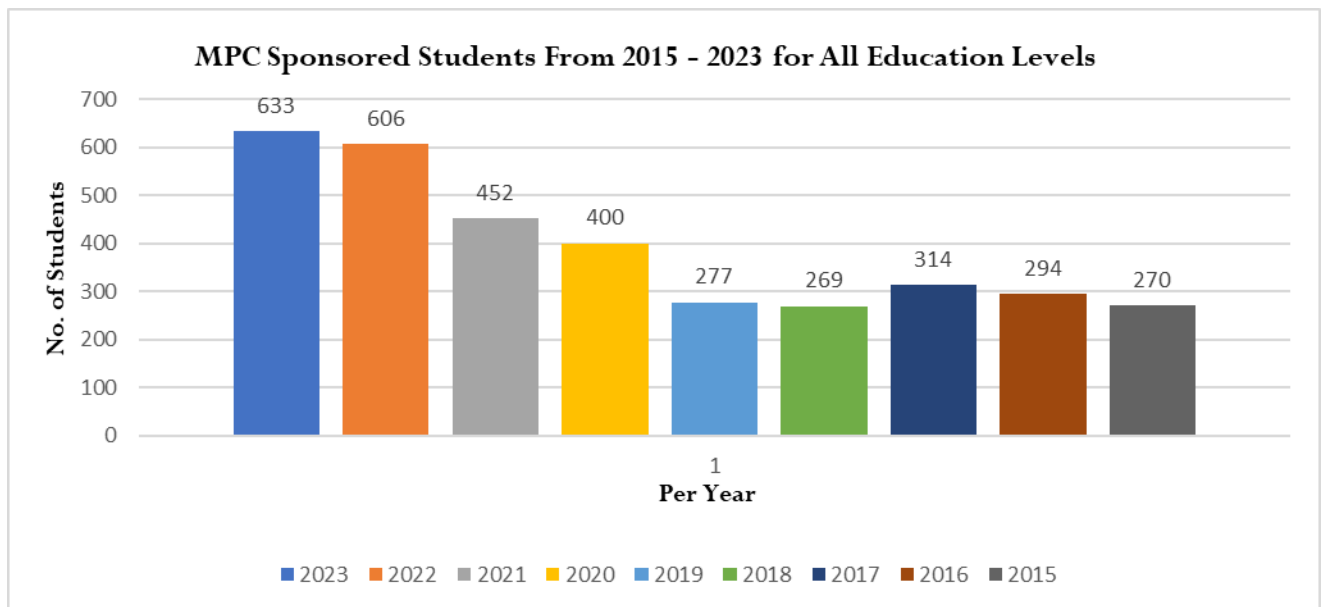
Minister, Pippa Hackett, Clare Chambers and Ambassador Fionnuala Quinlan at the Opening and Blessing of Calary Hall.

MPC Sponsorship Program

The 2023 Sponsorship Program numbers remained steady in 2023 with 633 vulnerable pupils / students benefitting at one of the five educational levels with 45% of them sponsored to St Michael’s Secondary School.



The last 9 years recorded nearly 3,500 children who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to complete their education and who were provided the chance to lift themselves out of poverty.



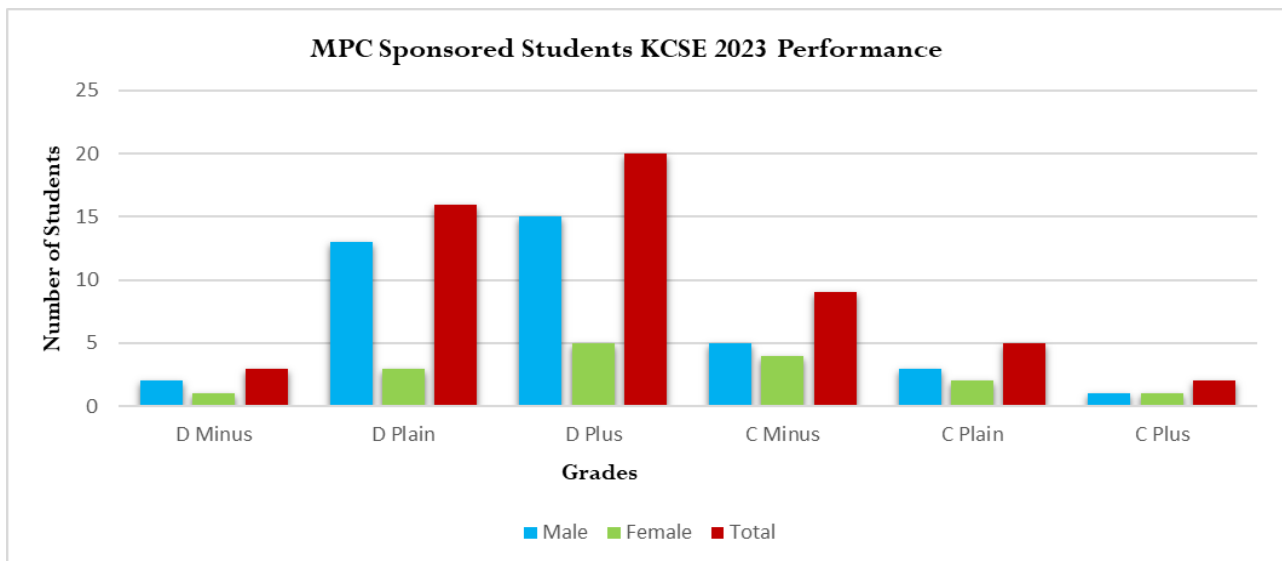
The pupils and students in 2023 were enrolled in 34 different institutions across 11 different Counties in Kenya being Busia, Embu, Kakamega, Kiambu, Kirinyaga, Machakos, Meru, Murang’a, Nairobi, Nyanza and Nyeri Counties.

The overall gender figure was slightly higher for the girl child in 2023. There was a significant difference with the Special Education level as the boys' enrolments were 58% compared to the girls at 42%. The technical and vocational level difference was 67% for females and 33% for males which was a direct result of the Fidel Goetz Foundation Sponsorship of the Girls' Program. There were marginal differences within 10% with secondary and university levels.

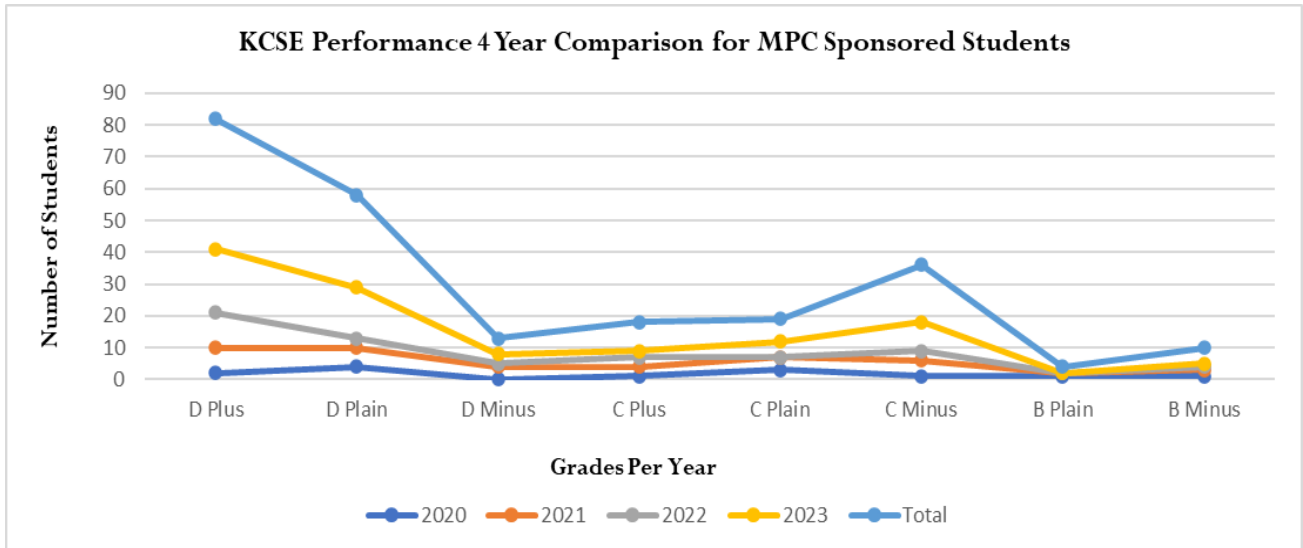
The sponsored KCPE candidates at St Catherine's Primary School numbered 22 in 2023. Out of the cohort 5 of them achieved good results to transit to Junior Secondary School. The other pupils will have the option to attend a vocational training course. There was an anonymous donor who supported some 108 pupils in the 4 MPC Primary Schools out of which 14 pupils sat their KCPE. The highest mark achieved was 395 and 11 pupils scored well to transit to Junior Secondary School. The total number of KCPE candidates at the 4 MPC Primary Schools was 803 in 2023.

Nationally, there were 1,415,315 KCPE primary candidates and only 895,513 KCSE registered secondary candidates in 2023. Although there was an increased number of candidates in 2023 the number of candidates transiting from primary to secondary fell from 71% in 2022 to 63% in 2023. There is still a way to go to achieve the Government's 100% transition as the indicators point to a widening of the gap for children in the informal settlements (Source: Ministry of Education).

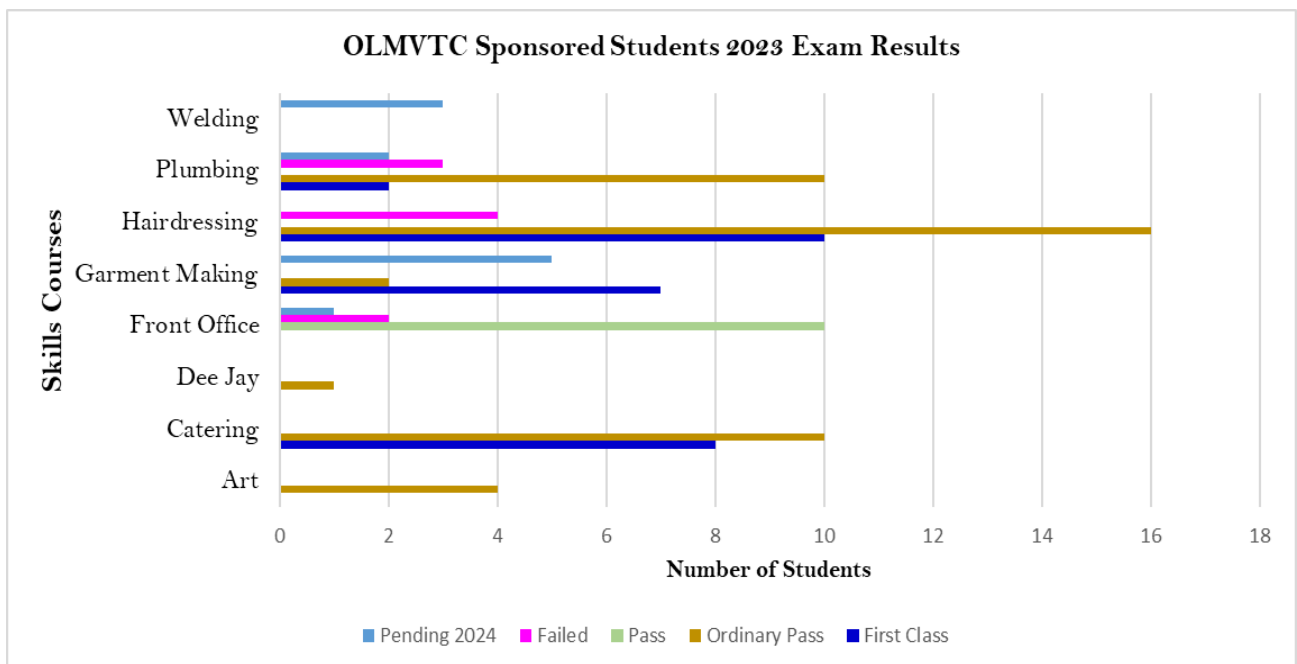
For MPC sponsored students, the KCSE results for the 56 sponsored students in 2023 was below expectation with no boys and 8 females gaining access to university. The other 46 students will be encouraged to seek vocational training to ensure that they are not lost to the cycle of poverty.



The consequences from the CoVid19 Pandemic continues to have an enormous impact on the families in Mukuru informal settlement. The graph demonstrates the fluctuating numbers in student achievements in the KCSE examinations with the female students outperforming the male students in 2023.



In 2023, there were 100 vocational sponsored students who sat the different NITA (*National Industry Technical Authority*) and KNEC examinations (*Kenya National Examinations Council*). The achievements were 27 students who achieved First Class grades, 43 students received Ordinary Pass, 10 with Pass, 9 with failed and another 11 students will sit their examinations in 2024.



Financial Summary Statement 2023

	2023	2022
	KHS	KHS
INCOME		
Grants	59,674,033	58,862,591
Donations	16,413,128	14,077,407
Donations in kind	17,441,753	11,742,605
Other income	27,971,677	24,518,018
Total income	121,500,592	109,200,621
Expenditure		
Personnel costs	58,368,146	55,187,327
Operating costs	62,729,372	51,208,077
Finance costs	209,375	186,094
Total expenditure	121,306,893	106,581,498
Balance before Capital Expenditure	193,699	2,619,123
Capital Income Fund		
Capital income	21,587,049	15,499,628
Capital expenditure	(15,531,522)	(16,407,213)
Balance /(deficit) from Capital Fund	6,055,527	(907,585)
Balance for the Year	6,249,226	1,711,538
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property and Equipment	1,288,920,087	1,288,642,154
Current assets		
Fees /Tuition and other receivables	7,040,716	9,046,847
Short term investments	43,923,707	37,921,447
Cash and Bank balances	17,050,024	13,983,192
Total Current Assets	68,014,447	60,951,486
TOTAL ASSETS	1,356,934,534	1,349,593,640
FUND BALANCES AND LIABILITIES		
Fund balances		
Capital asset fund	1,288,920,087	1,288,642,154
Restricted funds	29,826,220	23,576,994
General funds	14,620,426	14,620,426
Trust funds	13,448,391	13,448,391
Total Fund Balances	1,346,815,124	1,340,287,965
Current liabilities		
Other payables	2,378,216	2,439,223
Provision for employee benefits	7,741,194	6,866,452
Total current liabilities	10,119,410	9,305,675
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	1,356,934,534	1,349,593,640

Statement of Cash Flow 2023	2023	2022
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	KHS	KHS
Surplus Balance for the Year	6,249,226	1,711,538
Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities	6,249,226	1,711,538
Adjustment for:		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	12,497,410	16,407,213
Interest from Investments	(4,300,358)	(3,994,480)
Operating Balance before changes in Working Capital	14,446,278	14,124,271
Changes in Working Capital		
Decreases / (Increase) in Receivables	2,006,131	(1,425,884)
Decreases in Payables	(61,007)	(3,265,470)
Increase in Provision for Employee Benefits	874,742	656,949
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	17,266,144	9,989,866
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Capital Expenditure	(12,497,410)	(16,407,213)
Interest from Investments	4,300,358	3,994,480
(Increase) in Investments	(6,002,260)	3,917,619
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(14,199,312)	(8,495,114)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Net Cash (Used in) / Generated from Financing Activities	-	-
Net (Decrease) / Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,066,832	1,494,752
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the Year	13,983,192	12,488,440
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Year	17,050,024	13,983,192

Major Grants and Contributions Year Ended 31 December 2023

Grants	KES
Airtel Networks Kenya Ltd	572,000
Anonymous	1,152,000
Brothers & Sisters in Need	2,910,000
Cheshire Disability Society Kenya	1,326,625
Sr Deirdre Mullan	2,650,440
DKA Austria	10,103,865
Fidel Goetz Foundation	12,720,126
Garvin Bourke	3,631,704
Irish National Teachers Organization Solidary	995,583
Kindermissionswerk	3,078,809
Overseas Mission Ministry (WA)	460,000
Missionaries of Africa-Fr Helmut Huber Memorial Fund	1,195,914
Pro Victimis Foundation	2,539,155
R D Paterson & Friends	1,808,500
Sisters of Mercy Kenyan Province	5,000,000
Sisters of Mercy Solidarity Fund	2,956,000
Spanish Friends	3,696,293
Sr Assumpta Walsh & Friends	1,842,513
The Greater Milwaukee Foundation	748,467
The Kenyan Child Foundation	831,125
Trocaire	680,000
United Nations Women's Guild Geneva	122,963
Waves Trust	59,690
Total Grant	61,081,772
Major Contributions	
Friends of Mukuru WA	1,056,989
Kenya Pipeline	1,500,000
Noreen T Walsh	1,612,200
Total Major Contributions	4,169,189
Other Donors	
An Garda Third World	296,600
Antonio Alvarez Couceiro	482,400
Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya	900,000
Fr David King/Holy Name Parish	305,000
Frank and Paula Cullen and Friends	814,052
Jerry Killeen Family and Friends.	724,340
June Farrel	245,875
OLA Energy Kenya Ltd	520,000
Sr Ann Doherty & Friends	952,000
Anonymous (Ireland)	732,000
Vivo Energy Kenya Limited.	250,000

Whistle Foundation	313,360
Total Other Donations	6,535,626

Total Other Grouped Donors *	4,390,573
Total Donations In-kind	17,441,753
Total Income for Operations	93,528,914

Capital Funds Contributions

Whistle Foundation	48,672
Fidel Goetz Foundation	5,285,194
Frank and Paula Cullen and Friends	2,163,325
Garvin Bourke	1,700,368
Jerry Killeen Family and Friends	343,660
Oakville Rotary Club, Canada	485,000
Sr Assumpta Walsh & Friends	1,408,000
Sr Louise Roche	89,320
The Greater Milwaukee Foundation	6,714,271
The Kenyan Child Foundation	723,044
United Nations Women's Guild	286,601

Total Capital Funds Contributions	19,247,455
Donations In-Kind Capital Items	2,339,594

Total funds for Capital Expenditure	21,587,049
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GRAND TOTAL	115,115,964
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Other Grouped Donors * (>50,000)

Adrienne Burke	100,474
Alan Donohoe	68,218
Aloisa Holzner	83,885
Andrew O' Rorke	85,015
Capricorn Ventis Ltd	170,030
Catherine Lonergan	67,000
Cermen De La Rosa	85,415
Daniel Lacalle Fernandez	115,815
Deidre Viana	88,980
Deirdre Connolly	99,946
Donnie O'Shea	165,310
English Press Ltd	130,000
Fr Manuel Gordejuela	133,280
Garda Third World	123,760
HL-Siftung Joachimstry	178,595
Ideal Manufacturing Company Ltd	50,000
Ingrid Muthoni Mburia	81,000

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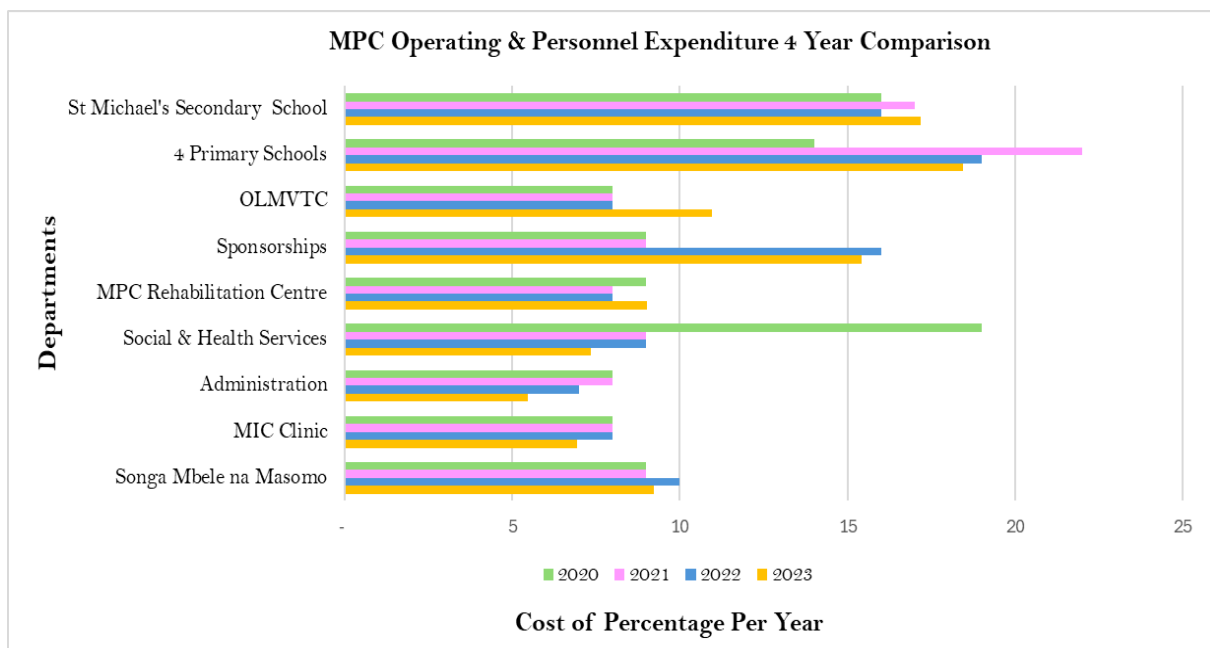
John & Patsy Coughlan	149,000	
John Sherry	85,015	
Kafoka Mukuru Studyville	100,000	
Maria Reilzenberger	170,030	
Mark Burns	62,250	
Mr & Mrs Satwaut Kaur Thathi	100,000	
Nenagh World Aid Society	59,320	
OLSG Enfield Third World in Need	82,019	
Peter Crayford	130,867	
Sr Barbara Dooley	100,000	
Sr Vincent Finnerty & Friends	187,000	
St. Martin's Church, England	97,815	
Stephen Keeley	65,651	
Stephen Njuguna Nganga	57,000	
The Heeran Family	88,980	
		3,361,670
Other Donors (< 50,000)		938,903
Total Other Grouped Donors		4,300,573

Financial Analysis 2023

The Operating and Personnel costs increased in most Departments due to several factors, including a high inflation rate of 7.7% (source: www.dataworldbank.org) in Kenya. There was an increase in funding for various activities and personnel costs. The Personnel costs increased by 3,180,819 KHS, translating to 5.8%, even though there were fewer full-time employees compared to 2022. The Operating costs increased by 11,521,295m KHS, a 22.5% increase from 2022.

A significant cost of living increase impacted the meals, particularly for the Rehabilitation Centre and Learning Institutions. Our Lady of Mercy Vocational Training Centre increased its enrolments, which impacted the overall budget as the training and learning materials were required for the students. The Fidel Goetz Foundation partnership contributed significant investment to catering hairdressing and beauty course materials and capital expenditure to upgrade the facilities. There were also two cohorts of examinations, resulting in double the examination registrations with the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA). The personnel costs also increased by 35% due to some staff salary adjustments and the addition of the welding instructor and an office assistant.

The education sector had the highest costs, at 49% of the total expenditure, due to the number of personnel involved at the schools, learning materials, purchase of uniforms and other personal and upkeep for needy students, amounting to 6.3m KHS, and provision of meals for all the learners in the 4 Primary Schools, Our Lady of Mercy Vocational Training and St. Michael’s Secondary School. The total cost for the schools’ feeding program was 13.5m KHS, and fees paid under sponsorship to needy students and pupils amounted to 7.9m KHS.



A total of 3,175,997 KHS was recorded as "Bad Debt" due to unpaid tuition fees from St. Michael's Secondary School and Our Lady of Mercy Vocational Training Centre. After several years of attempts to collect student payments, these fees were deemed uncollectable.

In 2023, MPC had a surplus of 6,249,226 KHS, an improvement from the previous year's 1,711,538 KHS. The capital assets investment was reduced by 3.9M KHS compared to 2022. However, the interest on bank investments increased by 300,000 KHS. In 2023, MPC was financially sound, with a significant increase in short-term investment instruments by 6M and bank accounts by 3M KHS. This increase improved the cash flow in 2023.

Mukuru Promotion Centre

Mukuru slum is home to more than 700,000 individuals, spread across 20 villages. Most of these people leave their rural homes and migrate to urban areas due to poverty, hoping to find work. Others flee famine and internal conflicts in search of survival. Some people are lucky enough to secure small jobs, but the majority need to be more skilled and educated. They are forced to seek affordable shelter in the underdeveloped areas of the town. The people live in congested single-room shacks mostly made of corrugated iron sheets. The most vulnerable individuals collect cardboard, cartons or plastic materials to shelter their families. Many of these 10 x 10-foot houses need sanitation or running water. For instance, families often have to share a single pit latrine, and water is fetched from distant sources, which are frequently contaminated. There is no council waste collection, which means that waste is dumped directly into the nearby Ngong River, exasperating the spread of communicable diseases.

Current statistics show that over 60% of Nairobi's population lives in slum conditions. Children have no playgrounds and adults have no recreational outlets except for bars, video shops and pool tables. Many youths turn to local brews, drugs and crime. The reality of this situation impelled the community to approach the Sisters of Mercy for assistance. In 1985 the Sisters of Mercy worked collaboratively with the community to start the first of six schools. The first primary school commenced in Mukuru Kayaaba in the heart of Mukuru slum. Due to the dire need for primary education by the growing population in the slum catchment area, St Elizabeth's Primary School Lunga Lunga started in 1991; then St Catherine Primary, South B (opposite Mater Hospital) in 1992 and eventually two more primary schools in Kwa Reuben in 1986/1991 and Kwa Njenga in 1991. St Bakhita commenced in 1996 and was the last primary school built. The Kwa Reuben Centre was handed over to the Christian Brothers in 2000, while the Kwa Njenga Centre was handed over to the Marianist Brothers in 1997.

As the demand for services increased, it became necessary to formalize the Centre. Thus, Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC) was established in Nairobi, Kenya, as a faith-based charitable organization with its Head Office located along New Likoni Road, Industrial Area.

With a steadfast commitment spanning over thirty-nine years, MPC has been operating programs in five areas of the Mukuru slums. Currently, the Centre runs 4 primary schools with approximately 6,200 pupils, a community Secondary School with 511 students, a Centre for disabled children, a Rehabilitation Centre for street boys, and a Medical and Nutrition Clinic with an HIV/AIDS VCT Centre attached.

In addition, MPC also runs a Vocational Training Centre for about 290 students and a sponsorship program for the 600 neediest children, covering all levels of education.

The objectives of MPC are to empower the marginalized residents of Mukuru Community with basic education, skills to enable them to reach their potential and become self-reliant. The Faith Based Charitable Organization (FBO) centre depends on philanthropic goals and social welfare such as charitable, educational, religious and other activities that serve the public interest for the common good.

Five MPC Sites

MAP OF MUKURU PROMOTION CENTRE SITES



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