

PROJECT SUMMARY

# Vijana Tuungane Youth Group — Education Scholarship Program

*Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Through Education*

Langas Slum, Eldoret, Kenya | 2025 – 2027

## PROJECT AT A GLANCE

<b>500+</b> Children Targeted	<b>2 Years</b> Project Duration	<b>5</b> Communities Served	<b>\$75,000</b> Funding Goal
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## 1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Education Scholarship Program for Slum Kids is a community-driven initiative designed to provide scholarships and holistic educational support to children in Langas, Eldoret's largest informal settlement. Poverty, unpaid school fees, and lack of learning materials deny thousands of bright Langas children their right to education every year. Vijana Tuungane Youth Group exists to change that.

This program bridges that gap by providing full and partial scholarships covering school fees, uniforms, books, meals, and mentorship support. By investing in education today, we empower an entire generation to break free from the cycle of poverty and contribute meaningfully to their community, Eldoret, and Kenya.

## 2. THE PROBLEM

In Langas, Eldoret, the barriers to education are severe and overlapping:

- Over 60% of slum-dwelling families earn less than \$2 per day, making school fees unaffordable.
- Approximately 1 in 3 school-age children in informal settlements is out of school.
- High dropout rates — especially among girls — due to early marriage, domestic labor, and teenage pregnancy.
- Schools within slums are severely under-resourced: overcrowded classrooms, untrained teachers, and no learning materials.
- Children who drop out face a lifetime of unemployment, vulnerability to crime, and generational poverty.
- The COVID-19 pandemic wiped out years of educational progress, with millions of children still not returning to school.

### 3. OUR SOLUTION

Our scholarship model covers every dimension of a child's educational need:

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION
<b>School Fees &amp; Tuition</b>	Full coverage of annual school fees for public and low-cost private schools, ensuring uninterrupted enrollment.
<b>Uniforms &amp; Supplies</b>	Each scholar receives two sets of school uniforms, shoes, backpacks, and a full set of stationery and textbooks.
<b>Nutritious Meals</b>	One hot meal per school day provided through partnering schools and community kitchens, reducing absenteeism.
<b>After-School Tutoring</b>	Three sessions per week led by trained community tutors to reinforce classwork and prevent academic failure.
<b>Mentorship &amp; Life Skills</b>	Monthly mentorship sessions pairing scholars with professionals and community role models for career exposure.
<b>Psychosocial Support</b>	Counseling services for scholars and families experiencing trauma, domestic violence, or mental health challenges.
<b>Parent/Guardian Engagement</b>	Monthly meetings with parents to track progress, provide parenting skills training, and foster accountability.

### 4. TARGET BENEFICIARIES

The program prioritizes children who face the greatest barriers to education:

- Girls aged 6–18 at risk of early marriage or school dropout.
- Orphans and children from child-headed households.
- Children with disabilities who lack access to inclusive education.
- Children of single mothers, widows, and unemployed parents.
- Formerly out-of-school youth seeking to re-enroll.

Selection is conducted transparently through community needs assessments, school referrals, and a community vetting committee that includes local leaders, teachers, and social workers.

### 5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

By the end of the two-year program, we expect to achieve the following results:

OUTCOME INDICATOR	TARGET
Children enrolled and retained in school	<b>500 scholars</b>
Annual school attendance rate	<b>≥ 90%</b>
Scholars passing end-of-year examinations	<b>≥ 85%</b>
Girls completing secondary education	<b>200 girls</b>
Scholars transitioning to secondary school	<b>≥ 95%</b>
Families with improved economic resilience	<b>300 households</b>
Scholars reporting improved wellbeing	<b>≥ 80%</b>

## 6. PROJECT BUDGET

Total Funding Goal: \$75,000 (USD) over 24 months

BUDGET LINE ITEM	AMOUNT (USD)	% OF BUDGET
School Fees & Tuition (500 scholars)	\$30,000	40%
Uniforms, Books & School Supplies	\$11,250	15%
Daily Meals Program	\$13,500	18%
After-School Tutoring & Learning Support	\$7,500	10%
Mentorship & Psychosocial Support	\$4,500	6%
Staff Salaries & Program Coordination	\$5,250	7%
Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting	\$1,500	2%
Administrative & Operational Costs	\$1,500	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 7. SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Beyond the funding period, we will sustain impact through:

- Establishing a community scholarship endowment fund supported by local businesses and alumni.
- Partnering with county government education departments for co-funding and policy support.
- Engaging corporate social responsibility (CSR) partners in Eldoret and beyond for annual sponsorship.
- Building a diaspora fundraising network to channel remittances into education.
- Training local community structures to manage and independently run the scholarship selection process.

## 8. ABOUT VIJANA TUUNGANE YOUTH GROUP

Vijana Tuungane Youth Group is a passionate, community-rooted organization based in Langas, Eldoret, working tirelessly since 2020 to find and fund education scholarships for the most vulnerable children in the Langas informal settlement. Founded by young people who grew up in Langas, we understand firsthand the barriers that poverty places between children and their dreams. Our dedicated volunteers and staff work door-to-door to identify out-of-school children, mobilize community support, and connect deserving scholars with life-changing educational opportunities.

### Our Track Record Since 2020

- 2020: Identified and enrolled 35 out-of-school children in Langas back into primary school during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2021: Raised community funds to sponsor 50 children through school fees and

- learning materials, achieving 95% retention.
- 2022: Partnered with 4 local primary schools in Langas; launched an after-school tutoring program serving 80 learners weekly.
  - 2023: Expanded to sponsor 120 children including 60 girls at risk of dropout; 98% sat their end-of-year exams.
  - 2024: Supported 180 scholars across Langas — school fees, uniforms, meals and mentorship — with zero dropout recorded.
  - 2020–2024 Cumulative Impact: Over 400 children kept in school, 3 students proceeding to university, and 12 completing secondary education.
  - Community Trust: Recognized by local chiefs, school heads, and parents in Langas as the most active youth-led education initiative in Eldoret.

## JOIN US IN TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

*Every dollar you donate gives a child in the slums a fighting chance at a better future.*

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