# **SAM Elimu Foundation**

Quarterly Report Q4 2024



# **IMPACT**

SAM Elimu is supporting **174 children** directly.

The LEWA Education program is working with **20 children** funded by SAM Elimu.

# SAM Elimu by the Numbers

| Level          | Students |
|----------------|----------|
| Primary        | 9        |
| High<br>School | 63       |
| Tertiary       | 102      |
| Total          | 174      |
| Alumni         | 215      |
| LEWA           | 20       |
| TOTAL          | 409      |



## Welcome New High School Students

SAM Elimu worked with our partner schools to find deserving high school students for our 2025 intake class. Thirty students were chosen from a pool of 40 applicants. After conducting a home visit for each student, we held an induction session at our office in Nanyuki. All the selected students and their guardians attended the session where we explained SAM Elimu's role in supporting students, our rules and policies, the responsibilities of parents in helping their children become well-rounded





individuals. Staff also guided participants through the agreement-signing process and addressed any questions about SAM Elimu's operations.



## **Our High School Students**

#### School and Home Visits

We visited eight students at their schools to mentor and monitor their academic progress while providing guidance and support. strategically met with the students before their national exams, offering encouragement and ensuring that they felt prepared for the exams. During these visits, we took the opportunity to engage with their teachers, further strengthening the support network for our students.







We conducted home visits for the new cohort of high school students to verify the information they provided on their applications and in their interviews. We also visited our primary school beneficiaries to monitor their progress and provide continued support while they were home for the long November-December holiday.

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#### Linneman Blaze Conference

The Linneman Blaze Conference was week-long seminar for all our high school students, focused on their enriching educational journey and life skills. Key



topics included building self-confidence, understanding personal values, and setting healthy boundaries in relationships. Participants learned strategies for managing emotions, fostering empathy, and navigating relationships. Other sessions addressed mental health, as well as the risks of drug and alcohol abuse. This program experience prepared students to lead confident, self-aware, and balanced lives. The session left students inspired and better prepared to embrace future challenges. The parents appreciated the input and look forward to the impactful outcomes moving forward.









## **Enrichment Programs**

#### **Monthly Zoom Conversations**

During our monthly Zoom conversations, we had conversations with Dr. Peter Linneman and Doug Linneman. Dr. Linneman shared insights on personal growth and professional development. He emphasized the importance of focusing on personal impact, urging individuals to prioritize personal achievements and treat others equally. Dr. Linneman also highlighted the significance of action over words, using examples from scientific advancements in organic chemistry and physics as potential solutions to global challenges like climate change. Doug Linneman's session on career preparation and networking emphasized the value of networking events as a platform for connecting with individuals who share similar interests. He encouraged attendees to actively seek networking opportunities within their academic institutions and attend international conferences to broaden their horizons.

#### Winning Wednesdays

During the Winning Wednesdays, students in their specialization groups had the opportunity to train their peers on selected topics. The topics covered were personal branding, self-esteem, self-advocacy, budgeting, saving culture, managing stress, and self-awareness.

#### **Staff Training**

The SAM Elimu team visited the Kenya Education Fund ("KEF") where we had the opportunity to benchmark and exchange ideas that reflect SAM Elimu's mission. We learned the best practices that KEF has used in their 20 years of providing scholarships to vulnerable children through different partner schools within the country. It was a fantastic experience for both organizations, fostering areas of mutual growth and collaboration. For more information on the KEF please visit their website at kenyaeducationfund.org.





The SAM Elimu staff also participated in a professional development workshop where the team learned about personal excellence and professionalism. Topics included continuous learning, goal setting, and maintaining high standards in our personal and professional lives. We also worked on how to foster a positive, productive work environment that emphasizes accountability, teamwork, and shared responsibility. The workshop served as a valuable reminder of the importance of ongoing professional development, motivating everyone to strive for continuous growth.

### **Graduate Testimonials**

#### **EVANS MURIUNGI**



Being awarded a scholarship from SAM Elimu felt like a dream come true. Coming from a modest background, I knew the opportunity would change my life. SAM Elimu has not only supported me financially but has also guided and inspired my personal growth. SAM

Elimu is more than a scholarship. It is a family, a support system, and a catalyst for change. The values instilled in me—leadership, mentorship, and community impact will continue to guide me as I strive to contribute to the world. I am forever grateful.

#### **DAMARIS MARIPET**



With the support from SAM Elimu, I excelled in my studies, completed high school, and became the first university graduate in my family. This milestone is not just an achievement; it reflects the unwavering belief SAM Elimu had in me and the transformative power of

their support. I am committed to using the education, skills, and values instilled in me to contribute meaningfully to my community, create opportunities for others, and advocate for access to education. I will continue striving for excellence and making SAM Elimu proud, as they have played an irreplaceable role in shaping who I am today.

#### FRANSISCA LENGABOLO



Being part of SAM Elimu has been an incredible privilege that has profoundly shaped my life. This remarkable family has not only provided financial support but also invaluable emotional guidance.

Through SAM Elimu, I have grown into a confident young woman who can speak up for herself and embrace opportunities fearlessly. What makes this experience even more special is the supportive community we share—a family where we freely exchange ideas, learn from one another, and uplift each other. I am deeply grateful to be part of this transformative journey, which has not only equipped me with academic and professional skills but has also instilled in me a lifelong commitment to giving back and making a difference.

#### **SAMSON PASALAN**



I have achieved so much personally and professionally since joining SAM Elimu in 2022. SAM Elimu has instilled in me the importance of community and giving back. The friendships, collaboration,

and encouragement I have received from this family have been instrumental in shaping my confidence and vision for the future. SAM Elimu has truly become my home, and it always will be. My heartfelt thanks to the entire SAM Elimu family for always being there for me. Together we continue to create a future full of hope, growth, and opportunities.

#### RECENT GRADUATES

We are proud of all the 16 students who graduated college in December 2024. Through the enrichment program, they are prepared for the job market.



















Kennedy Mutuma







Robin Kinyua



