AT A GLANCE MWANZO WETU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ACADEMY



2-story building 8 classrooms 3 preschool classes Grades 1-8 300 students



Amenities like water cisterns and solar panels provide electricity, safe drinking water, and sanitation



14 certified teachers
4 cooks
1 custodian
2 security guards
1 groundskeeper
1 bus driver
4 admin staff



Extracurricular activities and field trips including scouting, sports, drama, and music



Mwanzo means "new beginnings" in Swahili. The HIV/AIDS epidemic devastated a generation. While many young girls lost the opportunity to attend school, a generation later, they now enroll their children at MWCEA.



MWCEA follows Ministry of Education standards, with coursework in math, science, agriculture, civics, religion, English, Swahili, Luo, natural sciences/biology, geography, history, and computers.

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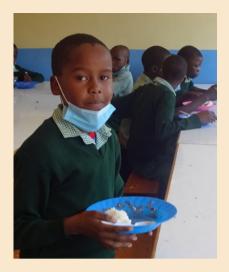
MWCEA teachers attend Ministry of Health trainings, where they learn to deworm children, administer dehydration pills, and provide care for students in the event of a cholera or typhoid outbreak.



The average student walks 3 KM to attend school at MWCEA. Many MWCEA students live in Rabuor, but many also travel from nearby communities. The bus picks up students from communities around Rabuor.



MISSION: Cultivate opportunities through education and community-driven development in Rabuor Village, Kenya, and neighboring communities.



Students receive two hot and nutritious meals per day. These meals typically include cornmeal, rice, lentils, beans, vegetables, fish and other meats, milk, and tea. For many children, these are the only meals they will receive during the school week. Prior to the establishment of MWCEA, there was no primary school in Rabuor that provided students with nutritious food.



Approximately 15% of MWCEA students were born with HIV. These students make frequent trips to a health clinic in nearby Chulaimbo Village where they are prescribed antiretroviral therapy. This treatment helps children live longer and healthier lives. Trained MWCEA teachers ensure that these students receive and take their medication with food while at school.



Mwanzo's programs are truly community-driven. During the construction of MWCEA, community members worked tirelessly to transport building materials and provide meals for the construction crew. Parents and guardians play a significant role in the provision of food for school meals by donating grain twice per year when they harvest their crops.



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