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Front view: The newly constructed ECDE classroom at Kodida Primary School in Got Kojowi, Homa Bay County, set to provide young learners with a safe and conducive environment for their educational journey.

In a significant step toward improving education access in rural Kenya, ActionAid Kenya has officially handed over a newly constructed Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) classroom at Kodida Primary School, located in Got Kojowi, Ndhiwa Sub-County, Homa Bay County. This initiative, made possible through ActionAid Kenya's Child Sponsorship Programme and the BigMe Campaign, aims to provide young learners with a safe, conducive, and welcoming environment to embark on their educational journey.

The project underscores ActionAid Kenya's commitment to ensuring that children across the country, especially those in underserved regions, have access to quality education. The new classroom is part of the organization's broader effort to support early childhood education

and provide children with the foundational skills necessary for lifelong learning.

Euphemia Awuor, speaking on behalf of Executive Director Susan Otieno, emphasized the significance of the classroom in furthering ActionAid's mission.

"On behalf of our Executive Director, Susan Otieno, we are proud to be part of this transformative project. This classroom represents not just a physical space for learning, but a promise to the children of Got Kojowi that their education matters," said Awuor. "Through the continued support of our partners, we can invest in the future of these children, ensuring they have the foundation to reach their full potential."



Euphemia Awuor cuts the ribbon to officially open the new ECDE classroom at Kodida Primary School, enhancing educational access for young learners in Got Kojowi, Homa Bay County, alongside the school headteacher, Madam Florence Ogalo.

The handover event was also graced by Collins Onyango Obango, the Chief Officer in charge of Education for Homa Bay County, whose presence highlighted the importance of educational development and the role of county governments and partners in ensuring that every child has an opportunity to succeed.

“Education is a key pillar in empowering our youth and building a prosperous future. This new classroom is a great step forward in enhancing access to quality education in this region,” said Obango.

Florence Ogalo, the headteacher of Kodida Primary School, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to ActionAid Kenya for the new classroom.

“We are deeply thankful to ActionAid Kenya for this generous support. This new classroom will provide our

students with a better learning environment, giving them the opportunity to thrive academically and reach their full potential,” Ogalo said.

The classroom will directly benefit children in the Kodida Primary School area, giving them the resources and space they need to thrive academically. It also marks another milestone in ActionAid Kenya’s ongoing work to empower children and communities through education.

As ActionAid Kenya continues its efforts in partnership with local and global stakeholders, the focus remains on building a brighter future for the next generation, one classroom at a time.



Side view: The newly constructed ECDE classroom at Kodida Primary School in Got Kojowi, Homa Bay County, set to provide young learners with a safe and conducive environment for their educational journey.

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On March 7th, 2025, ActionAid Kenya played a key role in supporting the International Women's Day celebration in Kisumu County.

On International Women's Day 2025, ActionAid Kenya proudly stood in solidarity with women and girls across Kenya and around the world, commemorating the day with impactful events in Kisumu, Homa Bay, Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Embu, and Makueni. Partnering with local governments, communities, and stakeholders, ActionAid Kenya reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to advancing women's rights, promoting gender equality, and empowering women to realize their full potential.

The theme for this year, "Accelerating Impact for All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, Empowerment," served as a powerful reminder of the remarkable progress women have made, despite the significant challenges they continue to face.

It also underscored the urgent need for further action to fully realize this progress. From political leadership and economic independence to education and gender justice, women are breaking boundaries and shattering barriers. For over 52 years, ActionAid Kenya has been at the forefront of this movement, championing the rights of women and girls.

A key pillar of ActionAid Kenya's work is empowering women to take leadership roles at all levels of society.



ActionAid Kenya showcases at the National Women's Day celebration in Homabay County

Through various programs, we support women in accessing leadership opportunities and advocate for their rights at the local, county, and national levels. During the national celebrations in Homa Bay, we were honored to be joined by prominent leaders, including the First Lady of Kenya, H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto, H.E. Ida Odinga, and H.E. Gladys Wanga, Governor of Homa Bay. Their presence underscored the critical importance of women in leadership and their invaluable contributions to society.

To mark International Women's Day, Susan Otieno, the Executive Director of ActionAid Kenya, emphasized,

"Empowering women is key to building stronger communities. Over the 52 years that ActionAid has been in Kenya, we have witnessed women rise as leaders and economic drivers. Let's keep accelerating action to ensure no woman is left behind."

Despite the progress, gender-based violence remains a significant challenge for women and girls in Kenya. ActionAid Kenya is resolutely committed to combating harmful gender-based practices and advocating for robust legal frameworks that protect women and girls from violence and discrimination. Our advocacy efforts, alongside community engagement, aim to ensure that laws are not only enacted but also enforced to safeguard women's rights.

ActionAid Kenya's commitment to advancing the rights of women and girls is part of a larger global movement that seeks to ensure no woman is left behind in development.



ActionAid Kenya Executive Director Susan Otieno was joined by Board Chairperson Peter Abande during the national celebrations in Homa Bay.

From local initiatives to international platforms, we continue to advocate for gender equality, women's leadership, education for girls, and the economic empowerment of women.

As Susan Otieno noted,

"We continue to celebrate the women of Kenya, but our work is far from over. Together with our partners, we will continue to fight for a world where every woman can dream, lead, and live free from fear."

Looking ahead, the work of ActionAid Kenya grows stronger with each passing day. Together, let's continue advancing gender equality and empowering women to be the change-makers of tomorrow.

Resilience Amid Adversity: Elizabeth Ouko's Inspiring Journey

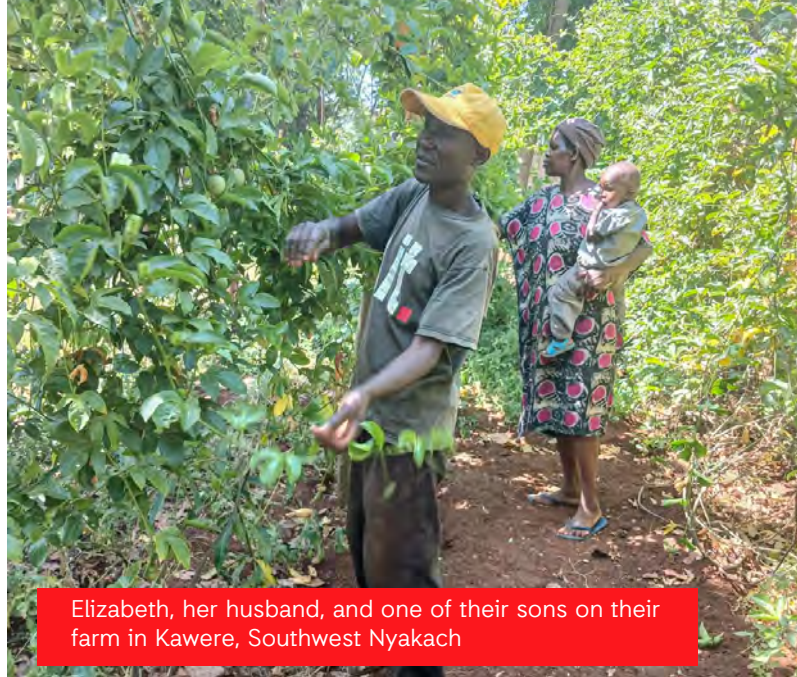


Elizabeth Ouko tends to her tree seed bed, growing seedlings for her farm and selling the rest to support her livelihood.

In Kawere village, located in Southwest Nyakach Ward, Elizabeth Ouko, 40, is a beacon of resilience and determination. Alongside her husband George, 50, she has worked tirelessly to provide for their six children, one daughter and five sons, while overcoming numerous challenges.

Her journey, deeply rooted in farming, has been transformed by her collaboration with ActionAid Kenya through its implementing partner, the Women Enterprise Fund (WEF). Since 2023, this partnership has brought profound changes to her life and that of her family.

Elizabeth's transformation began when she attended an economic empowerment training session organized by the Nyakach Local Rights Program (LRP) in partnership with WEF. This training provided her with new insights into agriculture, household resilience, and financial management. Armed with this knowledge, she took the initiative to expand her farming ventures, implementing modern and sustainable agricultural practices that have since uplifted her family's livelihood.



Elizabeth, her husband, and one of their sons on their farm in Kawere, Southwest Nyakach

Today, Elizabeth thrives in agribusiness, cultivating a variety of crops, including sugarcane, sukuma wiki, onions, carrots, cowpeas, pepper, passion fruits, and other vegetables. Her dedication and hard work have not only ensured food security for her family but have also allowed her to generate surplus harvests. The additional income has enabled her to pay for her children's school fees, improve their home, and invest in farm inputs, bringing greater financial stability to her household.

Elizabeth's involvement with the Nyakach Women Network, an implementing partner of ActionAid Kenya, has been equally transformative. Through this network, she actively participates in meetings, exchanges ideas with fellow community members, and engages in table banking initiatives. Table banking has become a vital financial resource, allowing her and her peers to save and access loans that have supported the expansion of their agricultural activities. This collective effort has not only empowered Elizabeth but has also strengthened the community's economic resilience.

Despite her progress, Elizabeth, like many in her community, faces the devastating effects of climate change. The increasing frequency of droughts threatens her crops, jeopardizing both her income and food security.

While she has access to water from a borehole, the water-fetching process remains labor-intensive and inefficient, relying on a rope-and-can method. To counter these challenges, she is exploring climate-smart agricultural techniques such as water conservation, drought-resistant crops, and improved irrigation systems to sustain her farming activities.

Through it all, Elizabeth's commitment to her family's future remains unwavering. Despite the hardships she faces, she continues to push forward, driven by a deep desire to provide a better life for her children. Her story serves as a powerful reminder of the impact that training, community support, and perseverance can have on the resilience of individuals and communities in the face of adversity.

Elizabeth's journey is a testament to the transformative power of ActionAid Kenya's programs, which focus on creating sustainable livelihoods and helping communities overcome challenges. With the continued support of organizations like ActionAid Kenya and the collective efforts of women like Elizabeth, the future holds great promise for the people of Nyakach.

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