

There is a saying among development workers that it takes 20 years to transform a community. There are small victories along the way, but results rarely come quickly. Although Ndoto has been working in Obunga, an urban slum in Kisumu, Kenya, since 2009, our founder, Allison Schlack, first set foot in the neighborhood in 2003.

STRAIGHT/

THE WATER

BAPTIZED & HIGHLY PRIZED

In those years, the government has transformed the community physically. There is a new highway passing by, some paths are paved, and water and electricity are available. But the government can't transform the community internally. Only God can do that, and Ndoto is proud to be the hands and feet to see it done.

We keep it simple. Ndoto is about three things: education, discipleship, and development. Read on to see examples of what God has done.

Sherly will be graduating from college in December after 10 years as a sponsored student. As her mother died when she was young, and her single father lived with poor health, she was like an orphan and lived with our team for some time. She calls Ndoto a family because the staff has walked with her through life, in good times and bad. Knowing that there are people who love her made the difference educationally.

"I will be forever grateful to Ndoto and everyone who walked with me in my school journey until the end. I took your advice that French is my strength, and kept it in my heart. Thank you all."

In the slums, the prospects for a young lady without caretakers are slim. Because of Ndoto's investment, however, Sherly's grades increased from 8th grade, when she joined, to 12th grade, when she scored in the top 7% of students nationwide. She enrolled in Pwani University to study French, and now her dream of becoming an ambassador is within reach. She already has a job opportunity in Paris.



David joined Ndoto in 2009 with our first class. Life has been a bitter pill to swallow, he says, living in different homes as a child after his mother died and having no contact with his father. Pastor Michael from Ndoto Community Church, whom David calls the greatest role model he has ever known, invited him to stay with him in 2016 and they spent hours together, praying and modeling what it looked like to follow Christ.

"My pain drew me even closer to Jesus, after losing everyone that I loved and cared about at a young age — even my sister. It made me feel bad about life, but I found comfort in Christ's saving power."

> David spent his days in Ndoto Sunday school, and later the youth ministry. When the youth led a service, David was asked to be the one to preach. His nickname from youth had been "Pastor," and he finally got the chance. David says that the greatest lesson he has learned is that God calls believers to grow in faith and not remain stagnant. With Isaiah 40:31 as his favorite verse, he's looking forward to passing his high school exams and training to become a pastor.





Education and discipleship don't stand on their own - development makes them sustainable. We always intended to create jobs, but we didn't realize so many of them would be at Ndoto: our Kenyan team has grown to more than 20. We always intended to start profitable businesses, but we didn't realize our biggest would be in our own backyard: the new Ndoto Academy has three grades, and will launch a new level each year. The Church serves hundreds and baptized 19 young men this April. On holidays it's standing room only in services. The Sports Academy and Gym are very popular in the community. People walk great distances to be with us because they are so well loved.

Ndoto is making deep roots, expanding its reach beyond even Obunga's borders, unlike when we began with just sponsorship. The reports we give cannot do justice to the kind of work being done on the ground. To say that lives are being changed sometimes does not even do it justice. - Pastor Michael Omondi

Our dreams continue. We have more business ideas always in our minds. We're looking for more land to purchase to expand. We're constantly hiring and it seems like we always have some kind of construction going on. It's an exciting time to be part of Ndoto!



Ndoto Academy students Preschool, K-Prep, and Kindergarten

Currently sponsored students Kindergarten through University

All-time sponsored students 2009-2022

Average Sunday service attendance

Average Sunday School attendance many community children come just for the kid programs

Parents attending Ndoto meetings

Enrolled athletes in Ndoto Sports Academy One girls team and four boys teams, the oldest of which plays competitively

Youth in Ndoto discipleship groups

your investments at work ....

\$388,705

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/21 Total Assets \$563,297 Total Liabilities \$474 Unrestricted Funds 184.768 Designated Funds 378,055 Total Funds \$562,823 Change in Cash +\$95,462Statement of Activities 2021 Contributions 156.759 Other Revenue 2.699Designated Funds Used 224,571 Total Income \$384,029 254,733 Educate & Disciple 10,932 Develop 5,664 Student Emergency 15,672 Visiting Missionary 56,695 Management 45,009 Fundraising

Total Expenses

Staff Salaries Other Programs Administrative Total

Funds

Funds

Ndoto had 21 months of sponsorship expenses in reserve. This cushion gives our students confidence that Ndoto can guarantee their education regardless of economic conditions in the US. The savings will also allow for the expansion of Ndoto Academy.

Net Assets Change in Unrestricted

-\$4,676

Change in Designated

+\$1,268

Kenya Expenses (included in left) 52,907 School & Student-Related 138.485 7,344 15,291 \$214,027

**1007** As always, 100% of your sponsorship donations will go to Kenya for education and discipleship programs. Not a cent will remain in the US.

Allison Schlack Executive Director John Seale Director of Operations Gail Bell Accountant

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