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KPC: Transforming Lives Through Inclusivity

Flagship Inuka Programme Empowers Students with Disability

Since its establishment in 1973, the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) has consistently supported the empowerment of communities across the country. Most of the Company's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programmes and projects, which are executed through its philanthropic arm – KPC Foundation – are aimed at enhancing inclusivity and equity, especially among vulnerable individuals, needy and disadvantaged groups.

In line with the national development goals, KPC management has ensured inclusivity is at its core, as one of the operating service principles, which the company has demonstrated by dedicating at least one percent of its profits to

KPC's empowerment initiatives are categorised under key themes, including Inclusive Education, Health and Sanitation, Empowerment of Youth, Women and Persons with Disability, Provision of Clean Water, Sports, Energy Conservation and Environmental Restoration, among others.

Inuka Scholarship Programme

The Inuka Scholarship programme is a flagship scheme for needy and disabled children across all the 47 counties in Kenya. Implemented in partnership with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD), Inuka resonates well with the Ministry of Education's Stategic Plan 2017-2021, titled, "Education for all, Embracing Change, Securing the Future". The first cohort of Inuka students joined Form One in January 2016.

The Inuka Scholarship involves selection of two of the best per-

Meet other Inuka Scholarship high flyers



Name	School / County	Grade Attained
Caroline Wanjugu Mwangi	Mahiga Girls Secondary School / Nyeri	A Minus of 76 points
Peggy Kinyungu Ndeto	Rev. Muhoro Secondary School for The Deaf / Kilifi	B Plain of 65points.
Nice Nekesa Juma	St. Bridgid Girls High School / Bungoma	B Plain of 61 marks.
Jimrives Wawire Nyongesa	Bungoma High School / Bungoma	B Plain of 61 points.
Ogoma Steve Oluoch	Joyland special secondary school / Migori	B Minus of 53 points
Kihanya Winnie Wambui	Rev. Muhoro Secondary School for The Deaf / Kiambu	C Plus of 52 Points.
Shalin Njeri Kahihu	St. Teresa Moi Equator Girls Secondary School / Nairobi	C Plus of 51 points.
Daniel Powon Lotuliareng	Kibos Special Secondary School / West Pokot	C Plus of 47 points.
Faith Jeptum Kenei	St. Mary's Tach Asis Girls Secondary School / Nandi	C Plain of 45 points
Baraka Majimbo Mrimi	Godoma Secondary School / Kilifi	C Plain of 40 points.
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forming primary school students with disability from each county every year, making a total of 94 students per year. One boy and one girl are selected from each county and receive scholarships to attend secondary school.

Since the inception of the Scholarship, the Company has spent Ksh56 million to cater for 376 students who have so far joined the programme.

Now in its 5th year and with the pioneer Inuka students graduating from secondary school, KPC is proud of the impressive results posted by the beneficiaries, in the recent Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).

Miriam Kipkemboi Chepleting of Moi Girls High School Eldoret scored top marks countrywide in the special needs education category, and was singled out for praise by Education Cabinet Secretary, Prof George Magoha, after she scored an A of 84.88 points.

Born in June 2002 in Uasin Gishu County, Miriam lived a normal life until 2014 when she was diagnosed with Osteogenic Sarcoma, a rare type of bone cancer, which resulted in the amputation of her right leg. She, however, defied the



Miriam Chepleting

odds and scored an impressive 403 marks in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE).

Nurturing Positive Engagements with Community

As part of KPC's strategy of creating a good, conducive and mutually beneficial relationship with communities neighbouring its installations along the Right of Way (RoW), KPC consistently holds *barazas* and meetings with village committees. Through these, KPC has been able to appropriately respond to the diverse needs and expectations of communities.

These stakeholder engagements have made it easier for the company to identify and mitigate any potentially negative social-economic impact arising from its operations. This strategy has been central in the development of long-term positive relationships with communities. In line with one of KPC's corporate values – Care for the Environment

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In collaboration with schools from Pump Station No. 2 (Samburu) to Pump Station No. 8 (Konza), as well as in Kilifi, Taita Taveta and Makueni counties, the company has planted over 20,000 seedlings since the beginning of the year. This is in line with the National Government's goal of attaining at least 10 percent forest cover in Kenya as stipulated in the National Climate Change Action Plan 2018-2022 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to maintain the globally accepted ecological balance.

Due to the challenge of access to clean water, KPC has also sank boreholes for some of the affected communities and schools across the country. Such include the Akithii Girls Secondary School, Kiboka and Okarkar in Kajiado County.

Promoting Access to Healthcare

In complementing the National government's aspirations to achieve inclusivity through Universal Health Coverage, KPC has undertaken the following key interventions.

- i. Construction of Lunga Health Centre: KPC donated Ksh20 million towards the construction of the maternity wing at Lunga Heath Centre in Industrial Area, Nairobi. It is envisaged that the project will improve the healthcare situation for the Lunga informal settlement community.
- iii. Medical camps: As part of the Company's community outreach programmes, the KPC Foundation periodically organises and sponsors free medical camps, such as the ones recently conducted in Mombasa, Nairobi, Nyeri and Kisumu.

Involvement in Sports



Kenya Pipeline Women Volleyball players celebrating at the Women Club Championship in Tunisia. PHOTO | FILE

KPC Foundation has supported sporting activities across the country in association with organisations such as Athletics Kenya, Eldoret City Marathon in 2021 and the Beyond Zero Half Marathon in 2019, among others

In the spirit of fostering social cohesion and communal harmony along the Right of Way, KPC sponsored the annual Thange Marathon for the second year in 2019. This was an exclusive event for the residents of Thange, in Makueni County. Participants included residents from all walks of life, among them children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

The company also funds the KPC ladies' volleyball team founded in 1984. The team remains the Company's signature initiative that has spanned decades of sporting excellence. It has not only galvanised the KPC family, but has also been a source of national pride for Kenya and Africa. The volleyball team is a brand ambassador for the company locally and internationally.

Continentally, the team has earned profound respect due to its sterling performance over the years. It has won Gold seven times at the Africa Club Championship: In 1995, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005. It was won Silver once (in 2015) and Bronze in 2018 and 2019.

Locally, the team has won the national league four times in row since 2014, missing the title only in 2018 and 2019.

Support to infrastructural development in schools

KPC supplements the efforts of the National and County Governments by investing in educational infrastructure across the country, allocating over 40 percent of its CSI budget to education programmes. Some of the notable beneficiaries of these investments are:

1. North Horr Primary School: Marsabit County

KPC appreciates that learners from disadvantaged areas face challenges in acquiring education, compared to their counterparts in better endowed areas of the country. It is against this background that the company sponsored construction of a school Library at North Horr Girls High School in Marsabit County at a Cost of Ksh5 million. The project was completed in 2021.

2. Silale Secondary School: Baringo County

KPC is constructing four classrooms, an administration block, two pit latrines, staff



Girls Dormitory at Simbi Mixed Secondary

quarters and a boys' dormitory at Silale Secondary School in Baringo County. The facilities, costing Ksh10 million and targeted for completion this year, will complement the existing infrastructure and improve the schooling conditions. Silale Secondary is the first high school in Silale Ward.

3. Simbi Mixed Secondary School: Migori County

To provide a conducive learning environment, KPC funded the construction of a girls' dormitory at Simbi Mixed Secondary School in Homa Bay County during the financial year 2020/21 at a cost of Ksh5 million. The improved living conditions for the girls are expected to boost their dignity and academic performance. Additionally, KPC funded a modern Science Laboratory in the school, which was completed in 2020.

4. Kapsisi Primary School: Elgeyo Marakwet

KPC approved a donation of Ksh5 million towards the construction of a dormitory at Kapsisi Primary School in Elgeyo Marakwet County. The multi-year project was completed in the last Financial Year.