



Mashujaa in the making

Umoja wa watoto - Unity for children

Impact report 2025



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mashujaa in the Making is a community-based organization supporting vulnerable children and youth in Nairobi, Kenya. In 2025, the organization supported over 70 children through safe housing, education, psychosocial support and structured activities.

Operating in a low-income urban area, Mashujaa provides stability and care to children who have experienced neglect, violence, and social exclusion. Many of the children we support have experienced trauma, making psychosocial support a central part of our work.

Despite significant challenges, including severe flooding and relocation, Mashujaa maintained continuous operations and ensured that all children remained in safe care.

Through a holistic approach combining care, education and emotional support, Mashujaa works to transform vulnerability into strength, stability and opportunity.



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ABOUT US

Mashujaa in the Making is a grassroots organization based in Umoja 1, Embakasi West, Nairobi. The organization works with children and youth aged 0–18, focusing on protection, development, and long-term support.

Mashujaa operates both as a children’s home and a community-based support system, addressing the complex needs of vulnerable children.

The organization works closely with local authorities, including the Children’s Office and community leaders, to ensure safe placement and follow-up.

Our work is grounded in the belief that every child deserves safety, care and the opportunity to build a better future.

Mashujaa works closely with local authorities, including the Children’s Office and local police, to ensure safe placement, protection and follow-up of vulnerable children.



THE NEED

Children growing up in low-income areas of Nairobi face multiple structural challenges, including poverty, violence, limited access to education, and lack of stable care.

According to UNICEF, many children in Kenya are exposed to violence, neglect and social exclusion, which significantly affects their safety, mental health and development.

Many children experience:



Exposure to violence and neglect



School dropout due to financial barriers



Limited access to healthcare



Unstable or unsafe living conditions

These conditions significantly affect children's mental health, safety, and future opportunities. There is a critical need for stable environments, trusted adult support, and access to essential services.



WHAT WE DO

Mashujaa in the Making provides a holistic support system for vulnerable children through protection, care, education, and psychosocial support.

Children's Home & Crisis Care

Safe housing, daily care, and emergency support for children without stable homes or in crisis situations. In collaboration with local authorities, including the Children's Office and local police, Mashujaa receives and protects children in urgent need of care and safety.

Family Reintegration

Active work to reunite children with extended family members, such as grandparents or relatives, whenever it is safe and in the child's best interest. This ensures long-term stability and family-based care.

Education Support

Payment of school fees, provision of uniforms and learning materials, and follow-up to ensure children return to and remain in school.

Psychosocial Support

Emotional support through trusted adults, structured daily routines, and access to a volunteer psychologist. This is a core part of our work, as many children have experienced trauma and require consistent follow-up.

Support for Young Mothers

Support for vulnerable and underage girls, including assistance during pregnancy, safe delivery, and reintegration into education, enabling them to rebuild their lives.



WHAT WE DO

Football Academy

Weekly sessions promoting discipline, teamwork, inclusion and joy, while providing a safe and structured environment.

Dance Academy

A space for expression, confidence-building and joy, helping children develop socially and emotionally.

Community Engagement

Monthly clean-ups and collaboration with local volunteers and families, strengthening community involvement and responsibility.



IMPACT 2025

78

Children supported across programs

23

Children provided with safe and stable housing

12

Children supported through education sponsorship

24

Children received school materials and uniforms

8

Young mothers supported through safe delivery and return to education

ongoing

Psychosocial support for children with traumatic experiences

weekly

Structured activities in football and dance



LIFE AT MASHUJAA

At Mashujaa, every child has their own story.

Many of the children we support have experienced difficult life situations, including loss, violence and instability. Through consistent care, structure and support, they are given the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

At Mashujaa, children find safety, stability, and a sense of belonging — allowing them to grow, return to school, and begin to see new possibilities for their future.



CHALLENGES

Towards the end of 2025, Mashujaa faced a major challenge when heavy rainfall and poor drainage systems caused flooding in the children's home.

Water entered the house, making it unsafe for the children to stay. This required an urgent relocation.

Within a short period, Mashujaa secured a new home, completed necessary adjustments, and ensured that all children continued to receive care without interruption.

Mashujaa also operates under continuous pressure, as children in urgent need of protection are regularly referred through local authorities, including the Children's Office and local police.

While this reflects trust in Mashujaa's work, it also places significant strain on available resources and capacity. With limited space and funding, the organization is often required to respond to more cases than it is structurally equipped for.

Access to clean and reliable water remains an ongoing challenge. The organization continues to rely on external water supply solutions, which increases operational costs and affects daily stability.

Despite these challenges, Mashujaa remains committed to ensuring that vulnerable children are not left without care and protection.



LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, Mashujaa aims to strengthen its support systems for vulnerable children.

Many of the children we support have experienced trauma and require consistent and professional psychosocial follow-up. Expanding access to trained professionals remains a key priority.

At the same time, Mashujaa is working to improve living conditions and ensure more stable access to essential resources, including clean water.

Key priorities moving forward:

Strengthening psychosocial support services

Increasing access to education and school retention

Improving living conditions and infrastructure

Ensuring stable access to clean water

Expanding capacity to support more children in need





THANK YOU

Mashujaa in the Making extends sincere gratitude to all donors, supporters, volunteers and partners who make this work possible.

Your support contributes directly to creating safety, stability and opportunity for children who need it most.

We welcome partnerships with individuals, organizations and foundations who share our commitment to improving children's lives.

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**Together, we turn vulnerability
into strength.**

