



IMPACT REPORT

MARCH 2026



New Routes
Foundation



INTRODUCTION

In 2019, Storm and Sophie Lindenberg founded New Routes as a response to God's call to serve the orphaned and vulnerable in Elgeyo Marakwet county, Kenya. In this county, only 1.3% of all high school students go on to complete a university degree. The opportunities for orphans are almost non-existent. Since our registration, we have been devotedly working with the orphaned and vulnerable ambitious young adults in this region.

Our aim is to provide **NEW ROUTES** for them - ones that break cycles of generational poverty, pain and most importantly teach them in the ways of The Lord. The main way we do this is through our holistic University Sponsorship Programme.



Our **University Sponsorship Programme** consists of a full university sponsorship, onsite discipleship and mentorship, skills courses, a fully funded personal project and an internship opportunity for each of our students. Our programme has now been running for five years. Each year brings its own joys, opportunities, and challenges. We are excited to share with you, in this Impact Report, how our year has been.

[Click to see more about the components of our programme on our website](#)



MEET OUR TEAM



Storm Lindenberg

Founder



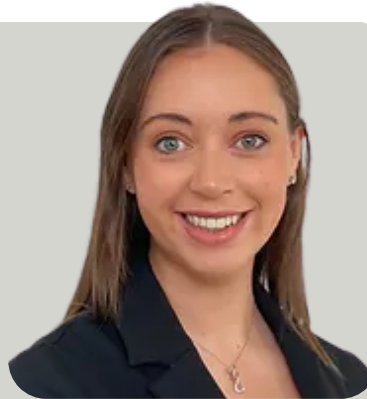
Sophie Lindenberg

Founder



Dave Wyborn

Chairman - UK Board



Bridie McGough

Trustee - UK Board



Arthur Childs

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Jen Hooper

Trustee - UK Board



David Basset

Trustee - UK Board



MEET OUR TEAM



Storm Lindenberg

Founder



Alfred Otieno

Director - Kenyan Board



Eutyclus Kimtai

Director - Kenyan Board



Hellen Githomboti

Director - Kenyan Board



Wilfred Ojwang'

Director - Kenyan Board



Mercy Obala

Programme Co-ordinator



Noel Maganga

Student Caretaker



WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

We believe orphans deserve the opportunity to access New Routes for their lives - ones that will enable them to reach their full potential.

OUR VISION

We envisage a world where orphans:

Receive **love** and **care** (James 1:27).

Have their **basic needs** provided for (Deut. 14:29).

Are not subjected to **inequality** or **injustice** (Isaiah 1:17; Psalm 82:3).

Are **lifted up** and **encouraged** (1 Thes. 5:11; Hebrews 10:24-25).

May come to **know God** and develop a **loving relationship with Him** (Prov. 8:17; John 17:3; Rev. 3:20).

Know their **true identity** (Gen. 1:27; John 1:12; 2 Cor. 5:17).

Know their **true purpose** (Matt. 22:37-39; Eph. 2:10).

Are filled with **hope** for the future. (Rom.15:13).

Have access to **new routes** in their lives (Psalm 37:23-24; Prov. 3:5-6).

OUR CORE VALUES



Integrity



Excellence



Empathy



Passion



Dedication



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Continued Partnership and Support

One of our major highlights this past year, is the immense encouragement, prayer, and financial support, that we have received from all our donors and sponsors; both new and long-term. Most of our financial support comes from individuals who give small amounts regularly because they believe in the work that we do. We also have churches and businesses that continue to give consistently towards the needs of our students. Some organisations have also partnered with us in the form of grants.

Our Christmas Appeal, which we run on our social media pages at the end of every year, has been a great financial support for our student and staff needs. We have seen our circle of support grow steadily over the years, and we are so grateful to everyone who has fully given themselves to champion our cause.



Our students, alumni and Wendy.

**“IT TAKES A VILLAGE”
-AFRICAN PROVERB**



Pastor Scott Parker and his wife DeAnna Parker from Calvary Chapel Festus praying for our students and Staff.



Dennis (A New Routes Alumni) and Wendy.



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visionary Founders

Looking back over our years of operation, we see the importance of maintaining our vision while adjusting to the dynamic needs of each season of our students lives. Our programme is unique because we don't just focus on education, but on all needs of our students. Their spiritual, emotional, social, mental, and physical well-being is important to us so prayerful consideration and desicion-making has been the core of our adjustments as we meet these needs.

In times of challenges and growth, our board members and staff have worked well together as a team to prayerfully come up with solutions with the best interests of our beneficiaries at heart. Strong support systems have been fostered overtime with our students ensuring that we work together to nurture and encourage them to achieve their best potential.



Home visit to Abisag's home with our founders and students.



Having Chai(tea) at Abisag's home



Home visit to Sharon's home with our founders and students.



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Circles of Impact



New Routes students, staff and support community during our 2025 Christmas dinner.

It is a joy to witness our students grow. Even as they visit home during the time they are still with us, we see how they identify opportunities to model and cultivate healthy, Godly ways of living to their families and communities.

Our mentorship approach involves nurturing the gifts and talents of all our students while also helping them develop new skills and personal attributes. It is our long-term hope that our students will contribute to lasting positive change in their families and communities. We also hope that their experiences on our programme will help shape who they become and how they choose to live their lives after graduating from our programme.

Our programme takes in a relatively low number of students with each intake (2-4 students). We spend a lot of time, energy, and resources, pouring into these students for a period of three to five years, depending on their course of study. This is because we are intentional to teach, train and encourage them to be agents of positive change as they grow in the programme, and even more, when they leave our programme.



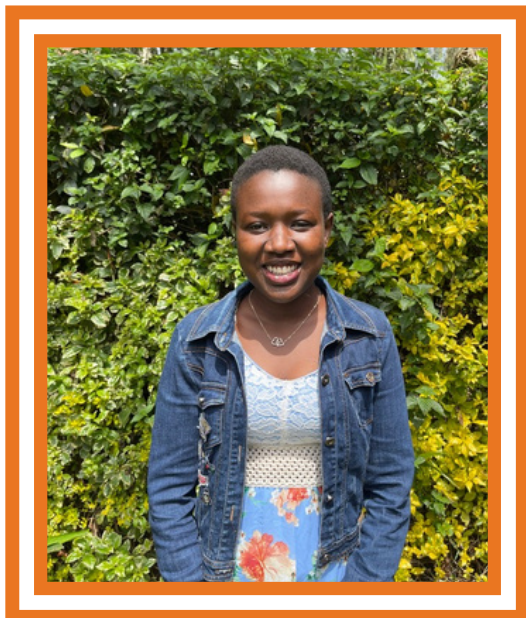
From Left: Orpah, Sharon, Mercy, Abisag and Caroline after a Bible Study session.



Our student Sharon with her mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.



STUDENT UPDATES



ORPAH
BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY
MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY

Orpah is in her final year at Mount Kenya University studying to be a teacher. She has been with us since 2023 and we have seen her grow exponentially in all areas of her life. In the past year, she has more specifically grown in her health management. Orpah has diabetes type 1 which for a long time, was difficult for her to manage. Through much encouragement and support, we have seen a positive turnaround.

She has also grown in discipline in many other areas of her life. She is in leadership positions in most of her classes at university and has developed a strong mental capacity to handle various challenges. She is so excited to practice her career as she prepares to complete her university life in a few months.



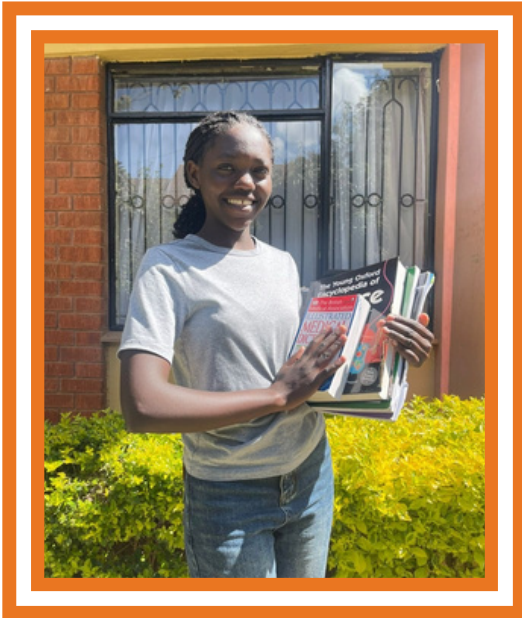
CAROLINE
GEOGRAPHY AND SWAHILI
THE UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET

Caroline also joined us in June of 2023, and is in her final year of university studying education. She is looking forward to being a teacher and has been proactive in seeking opportunities to practice her teaching skills around young people. She currently volunteers as a Sunday school teacher at church.

In the past year, she has grown in her ability to communicate clearly in and out of the classroom. She is also a leader at university in most of her classes, and has been a positive influence to our students and her peers at university. Her wisdom to apply what she is continually learning is evident and we all look forward to see her thriving outside of New Routes.



STUDENT UPDATES



**ABISAG
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
MOI UNIVERSITY**

Abisag Joined us in June of 2024. She has just completed her first year. Her university journey has been filled with ups and downs because of many strikes by her university lecturers. Although the strikes have shifted her academic calendar, she has experienced very hands on nursing training that she thoroughly enjoys.

Abisag has grown in confidence and being intentional around developing meaningful friendships within New Routes, at university, and even at church. Her faith has also grown so much and we have seen this in the way that she lives her daily life. She serves and loves other people humbly and wholeheartedly and has been a blessing to be around for both our students and staff.



**SHARON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SWAHILI
THE UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET**

Sharon joined New Routes in June of 2024. She is studying to be a teacher. She attends the same university as Caroline who has guided and supported her closely. Within the past year, she has grown in maturity in all areas of her life, it has been a joy to see her develop her own values and convictions for the betterment of her life.

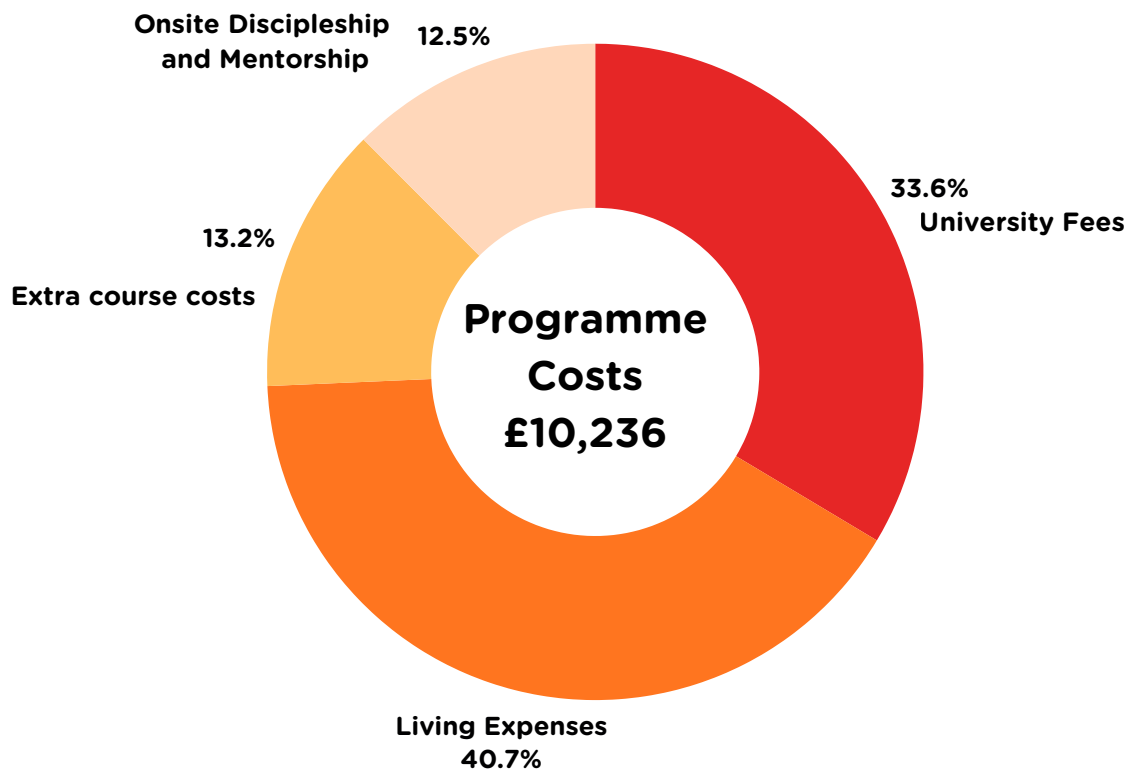
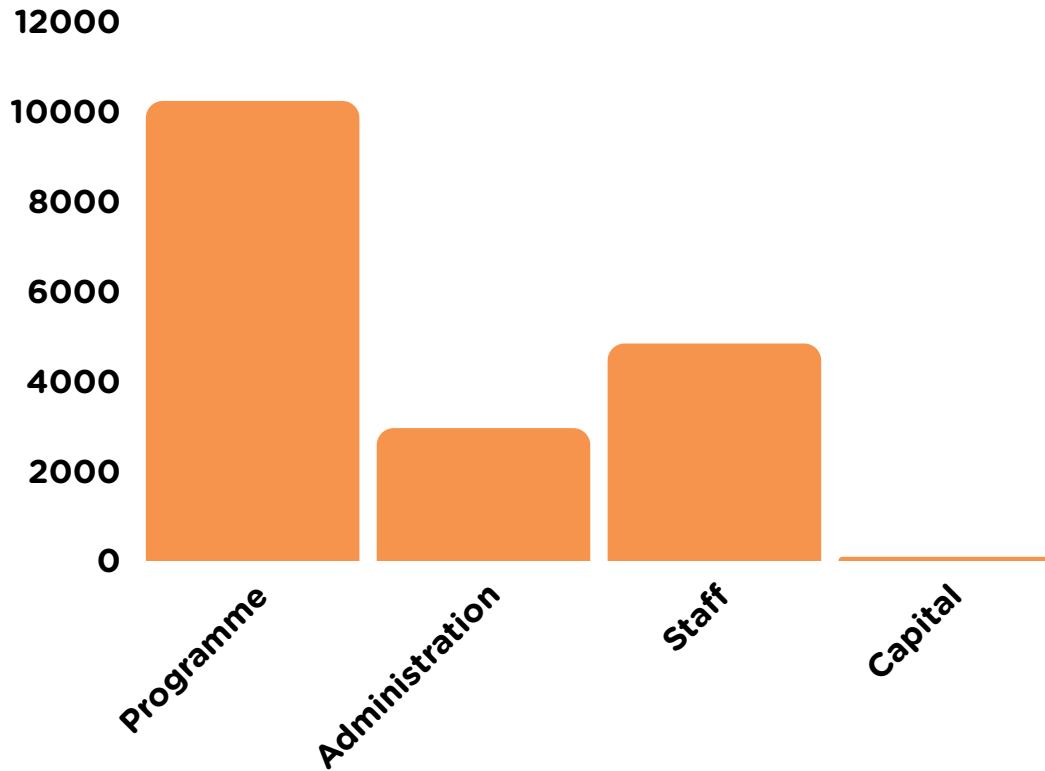
She also has been entrusted with leadership positions in different classes at university and this has seen her grow in problem solving, teamwork and stewardship. It is our joy to continue walking with her and supporting her through the peaks and valleys of university and life in general.



Finances (£)

Expenditure Breakdown

For the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026





NEW ROUTES ALUMNI'S

DENNIS

Dennis graduated in December 2024 with a diploma in Radiography from Kenya Medical Training College. Two years later, he works as a radiographer at Iten County Referral Hospital. In doing so, he is giving back to his home town whilst also working at the biggest hospital in Elgeyo Marakwet county.



RUTH

Ruth graduated in November 2023 with a diploma in Journalism and Digital Media. She now works as a media assistant at Great Commission Ministries - a ministry set up to help orphans receive water, food, education and a safe home they desperately need. We praise God that she gets to give back in this way.

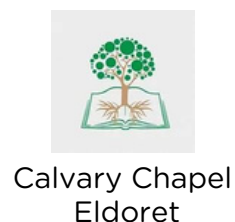


THANK YOU

This past year has been one of continuation, we have continued to mentor and disciple our students, we have continued to give them a safe space to live, we have continued to sponsor them through university, we have continued to teach them much needed life skills and life lessons, and we have continued to walk closely with them. This has all been possible because of all the people, churches and organisations who have chosen to continue to support us and give towards our work. Thank you all for your support.



**LIVING STONES
FELLOWSHIP**



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