



New Routes  
Foundation



# Impact Report

March 2025



# Introduction



Our dedication to creating opportunities for orphaned young adults has been steadfast since our inception in 2019. We work in Elgeyo Marakwet county in Kenya, a beautiful region where sadly 50% of the population lives below the poverty line. As a result, access to higher education remains a significant challenge for many orphaned young adults.

To address this need, we run a university sponsorship programme that provides Christian discipleship and mentorship, university sponsorships, various skills courses, internships, personal projects and other opportunities.

Our aim is to ensure that each orphaned young adult we support will not only access university education but also experiences love, care and personal transformation - ultimately discovering new paths that will enable them to reach their full potential.

This Impact Report highlights our past year of operation. We showcase our highlights, financial reports, and student updates. We love to share our progress with all our stakeholders so that they can keep updated on our activities every year. We hope you will enjoy reading our 2025 Impact Report.





# Meet The Team



Storm Lindenberg  
Founder



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Founder



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Director - Kenyan  
Board



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Director - Kenyan  
Board



Eutyclus Kimtai  
Director - Kenyan  
Board



Mercy Obala  
Programme  
Director



Purity Gitau  
Student  
Caretaker



Noel Maganga  
Student  
Caretaker



# Our Story

New Routes Foundation has upheld its mission and vision since 2019. Guided by our core values in every step we take, we are committed to making a positive impact on the community through our beneficiaries. This strong commitment keeps us working together to make an impact.

## Mission

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

## Vision

We envision a world where orphans:

- James 1:27 **Receive LOVE and CARE.**
- Deut 14:29 **Have their BASIC NEEDS provided for.**
- Is 1:17, Ps 82:3 **Are not subjected to INEQUALITY and INJUSTICE.**
- 1 Thes 5:11 **Are LIFTED UP and ENCOURAGED (Heb 10:24-25).**
- John 17:3 **May come to KNOW GOD and develop a LOVING RELATIONSHIP with HIM (Prov 8: 17, Rev 3:20).**
- 2 Cor 5:17 **Know their TRUE IDENTITY (Gen 1:27).**
- Eph 2:10 **Know their TRUE PURPOSE.**
- Rom 15:13 **Are filled with HOPE for the future.**
- Prov 3:5-6 **Have access to NEW ROUTES in their lives.**

## Core Values





# Highlights of the Year

## New Beneficiary Intake

During our third intake in June 2024, we had the joy of welcoming two new beneficiaries, Sharon and Abisag.

The selection process involved reading through applications, communicating with high school principals, interviewing potential beneficiaries and family members, visiting their homes, and finally hosting an induction day to welcome them. Our Kenyan and UK boards are involved in every step of our selection process.

Storm, our Founder and Dave our UK Board Chairperson, joined us for this process.

**“I am happy and thankful to God for giving me a chance to be part of New Routes as I am now pursuing my much-desired career and most importantly, growing in God.”**

**- Abisag**



Abisag and Sharon with their families and New Routes Foundation's staff at New Routes student and office residence on the induction day.



Abisag on the left, Sharon on the right.



From right; Storm, Mercy, Sharon's family, Sharon and Dave at Sharon's home.



New Routes team visit to Abisag's home.



# Highlights of the Year

## New Beneficiaries

When Abisag and Sharon joined us, they began our residential program which included learning our skill courses (Computer, Financial Management, Health and Well-being, Soft Skills) over three months before joining university. They were also mentored and disciplined which continued even after joining university.

In September 2024, Abisag joined Moi University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and Midwifery. Sharon enrolled at the University of Eldoret to study a Bachelor's degree in Education. The New Routes residence became a safe and loving home for them as they began their university journeys, offering a place they can call home.



Sharon on the Health and Well-being application day.



A Soft Skills session with Sharon and Abisag.



From right; Abisag, Sharon, Caroline and Noel (Student Caretaker) at the New Routes residence.



Abisag, dressed in her university practicals uniform.



# Highlights of the Year

## Moving into a New Residence

One of our highlights was finding a larger space to accommodate all our students. In April 2024, we moved into a new residence that offers ample space for our daily office operations. The new space comfortably accommodates both our ongoing and new students.

A living space for our students plays a huge role in the discipleship and mentorship aspects of our program, as this is where new, healthy patterns are learned. We also ensure to have live-in mentors whom we trust to model positive and healthy patterns for our beneficiaries.



Dennis and Orpah in the farm.



Students having a morning bible study session.



From left; Abigael, Eileen and Caroline in front of the new house.



Christmas lunch with our students, volunteers and staff at the NRF residence.



## Student Updates



CAROLINE

Caroline is currently at the University of Eldoret in her third year of studies, pursuing a degree in Education (Geography and Kiswahili). Her heart of service has shone through at our residence and also at the university. She is looking forward to going for her internship next year.

Her personality has blossomed throughout the time that she has been with us. She is joyful and empathetic; always ready to help and serve everyone around her. She is a class representative for most of her classes and her leadership skills have grown tremendously, showcasing humility and a heart of service.



ORPAH

Orpah is in her third year at Mount Kenya University, studying Education with a specialisation in Biology and Chemistry. She is looking forward to her personal project, which focuses on the sensitisation of the school community on how to handle students with chronic illnesses, something that is very close close to her heart.

Having been once a student struggling with a chronic disease, most teachers and school staff did not quite know how to handle her challenges. Through her personal project, she now looks forward to educate her colleagues on how best to support students with diabetes and other chronic illnesses.



ABIGAEL

Abigael is a final year student in her Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering course at East Africa School of Aviation. She will be sitting for her final exams in July 2025. Abigael is working hard in this final lap and we believe the internship opportunity we have provided has equipped her well for the job market.

We are happy to continue providing the necessary support that she needs to finish strong and graduate in December this year. She is so close to achieving what she has been dreaming of all her life, and we are very excited for her.





# Student Updates



ABISAG

Abisag is 21 years old. She is from the beautiful village of Katalel in Elgeyo - Marakwet County, Kenya. Her family consists of ten people, that includes eight siblings and their mother.

“I am happy and thankful to God for giving me a chance to be part of New Routes as I am now pursuing my much-desired career and most importantly, growing in God. I look forward to putting a smile on the faces of the patients I’ll treat when I’m a nurse.”

Abisag was successfully admitted into Moi University in September 2024 and is studying for a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing and Midwifery.



SHARON

Sharon is 19 years old, from the village of Tulyobei in Elgeyo- Marakwet County, Kenya. She is the oldest of two siblings. Sharon has lived with her grandmother ever since birth.

“I am deeply grateful for the assistance and possibilities you have provided through the sponsorship program. My stay in New Routes has been very beneficial to my life. The mentorship sessions and bible study are providing me with resources and direction that are benefitting both my academic and spiritual development.”

Sharon joined The University of Eldoret in September 2024 and is taking a Bachelor’s Degree in Education (BA).

If you would like to learn more about our students’ stories and why Abisag and Sharon were chosen to be a part of New Routes, please [email us](#) and we will send their profile.

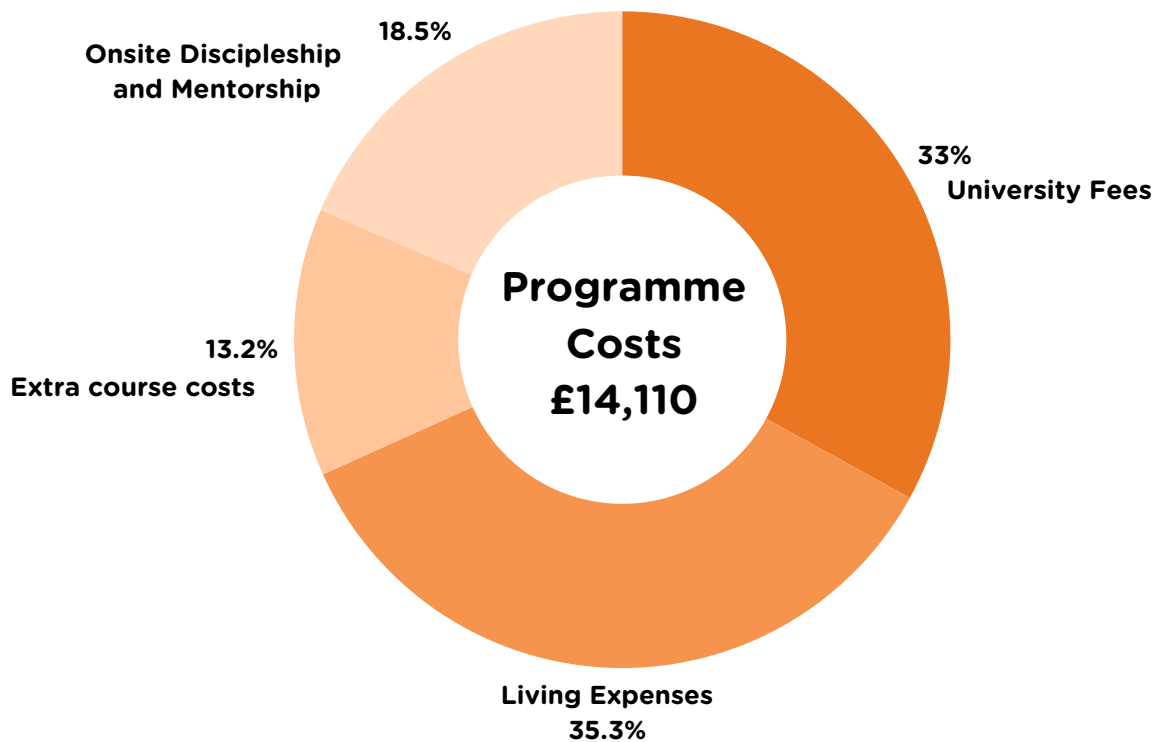
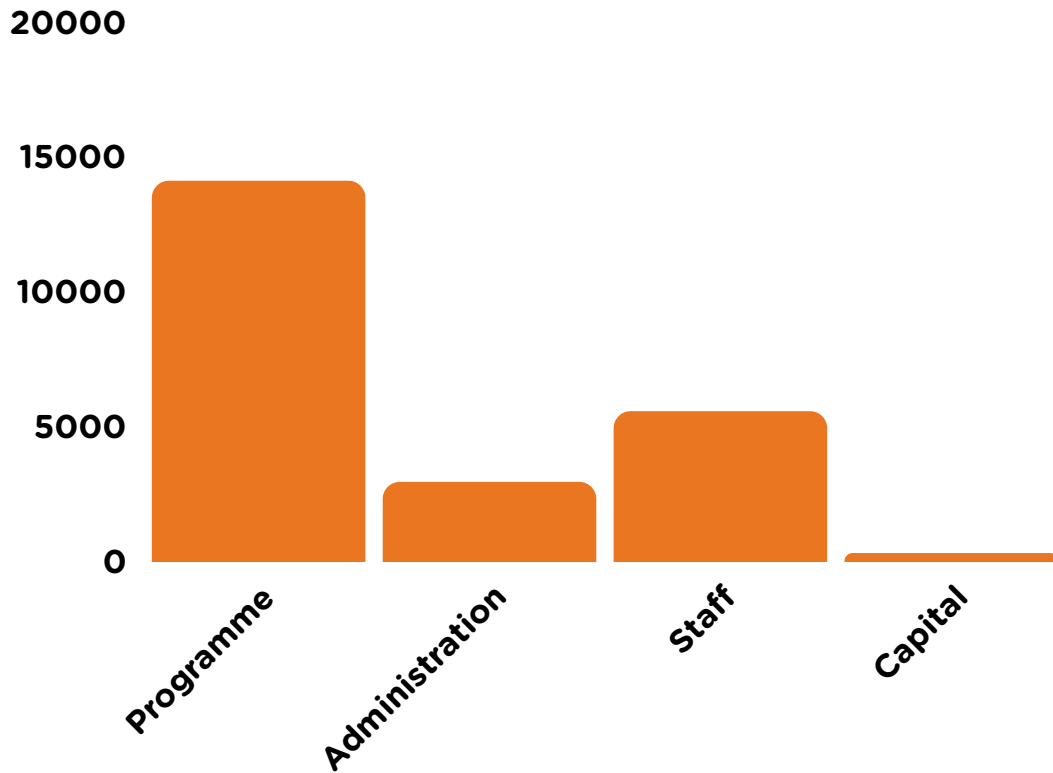
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# Finances (£)

## Expenditure Breakdown

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025





## Dennis' Journey



Dennis' first day at university.

Dennis joined us as one of our pioneering students in June 2021. His journey since then has been one of growth and resilience. It has been an honour to walk with him. We fondly look back on the journey he has had with us.

During the three-month discipleship period before he joined university, Dennis gave his life to the Lord, marking the beginning of his transformation. In September 2021, he began his university schooling at Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC) Kapkatet - about six hours away from our residence. After his first semester, Dennis started leading an Alpha group for his fellow students. This is one of the discipleship tools we used to teach him and other beneficiaries about God's word before joining university. He wanted to share this with other students.

His heart of service extended to his community and when the time came for his personal project, he partnered with New Beginnings Crisis Pregnancy Centre and his hometown hospital to offer free ultrasound services, diapers and pre and post natal education for his home village.



Dennis offering free ultrasounds as part of his personal project.



New Beginnings staff teaching the community during Dennis' personal project.



# Dennis' Journey

## Dennis Graduation

Dennis excelled in his education and continued to set an example to others in his faith throughout his time at New Routes. He graduated in December with a Diploma in Radiography and Imaging and has secured a job with the county hospital near his village.

For us, the greatest joy is when our students excel not only in their careers but more importantly, in their faith and service to others. Dennis came to us in need of guidance and hope, and we are thankful that he is now pursuing a New Route for his life - one that will enable him reach his full potential.



Dennis getting ready for his first job interview.



Dennis and Mercy on his graduation day.



Dennis and his classmates on their graduation day.



# Thank You From Dennis



As I sit down to reflect on my college journey, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and I would like to write a few words in sincere thanksgiving to all who have supported me. From the bottom of my heart, I am filled with joy and gratitude for the endless and unconditional love, support, and prayers that you have bestowed on me throughout my college studies.

After finishing high school, I wasn't sure about my future, but my life story changed after joining NRF in 2021. It was a great turnaround when Storm and Mercy visited my family. We had a conversation, and they later informed us that I was one of the selected beneficiaries.

The growth in my spiritual and livelihood aspects has been great through the support I have received from the NRF staff in bible study, mentorship and

other NRF programs. Indeed, many in my community and even my family have been touched by my life, for which I give God praise.

My campus life has been filled with highs and lows making great memories. Through all this you stood beside me, encouraged me and elevated my spirits each time I was overwhelmed. Your unwavering support constantly reminded me of my purpose and my walk with Christ. You were more than just friends; you were a family that I could always turn to. What I have learned in the past three years has been so much more than just academics.

My pastors, mentors, sponsor, other students have each played an integral part in my life, and my heart is full of appreciation for every correction offered and each encouraging word spoken. It has been a great time and stay here at New Routes, and as I transition to a career in Radiography and Imaging, all the things I have learnt will remain dear.

I pray that the Lord will hold your hands and bless you abundantly in all that you do. Thank you once again for everything (financial support, prayers and sharing Christ in my life). I will treasure and carry close to my heart the lessons we shared.

**With all my love and gratitude,  
Dennis**

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# Gratitude and Appreciation



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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to individuals, corporates, donors, volunteers and organizations who have partnered with us on this journey. Your support in making meaningful impact has been truly significant. Through your kindness in giving donations, time, skills, grants and other help we have been able to support our beneficiaries. Moreover, your generosity enables us to remain firmly rooted in our commitment. We look forward to growing together and making an even greater impact.

**Thank you for walking with us on this path.**

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