



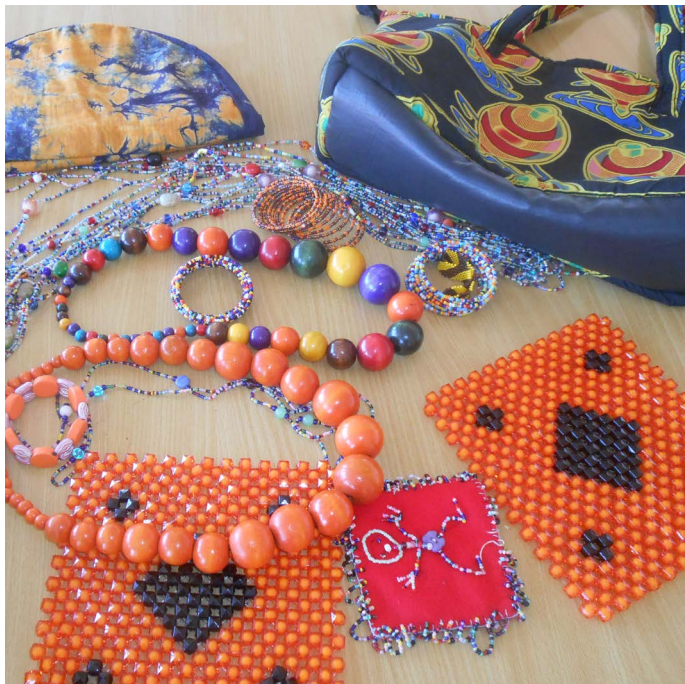
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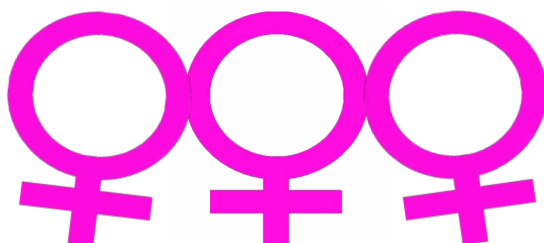
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International Women's Day



Jewellery and accessories made by WkW women group



Welcome^{to} this month's bulletin as we join with the whole world to mark and celebrate International Women's day. As Wanawake Kwa Wanawake organization, we celebrate this month in a special way. We join all the women around the world during this month of March and fondly remember all those who have enabled Wanawake Kwa Wanawake organization to touch the lives of women in Kibera. In gratitude, we say thank you, asanteni!

Wanawake Kwa Wanawake ♀ group

Wanawake Kwa Wanawake organization has provided different empowerment opportunities to the women of Kibera. Key among them is the women group which supports skills training and micro-finance activities. This women group has invested in supporting and improving the skills of women through tailoring, beading, embroidery and table banking. Table banking is a Micro finance strategy where women save and Loan immediately from their savings on the table. This has empowered them financially and consequently improved their livelihoods.

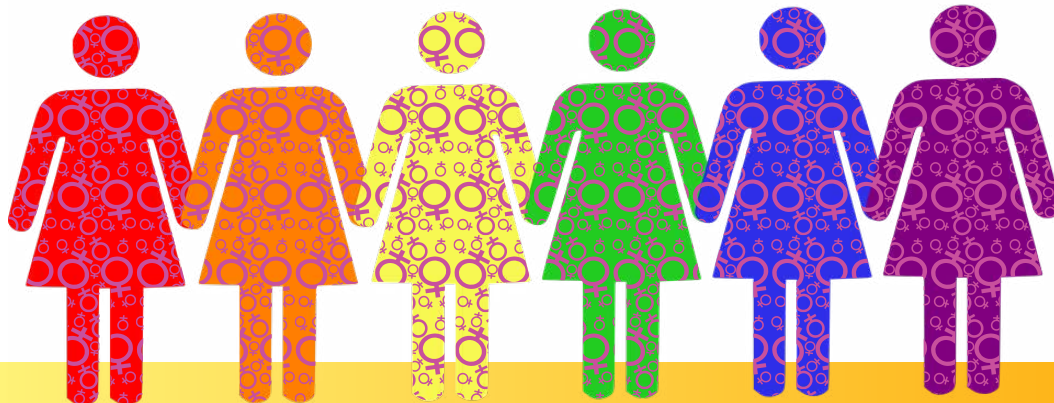
The purpose of women empowerment program is to give them capacity to become financially independent so that they can support their families. Through table banking project, women have been able to acquire loans to service and expand their small-scale businesses. It has also enabled these women to fight poverty, stay profitable and financially sound. Through the empowerment programs, the women have been socially and economically transformed within their families and in the society at large.

The women have expressed tremendous changes in their lives since they joined this group. This is because they can pay house rent, buy food and afford to go to the hospital.



Bags made by women group

We celebrate all the efforts of these women as we recognize their unique role in changing the society. Wanawake Kwa Wanawake would like to thank WFWIA, supporters and other partner who have touched the lives of these women from Kibera as we celebrate this special month



May the Lord
bless you abundantly as you partner with us and support the vulnerable children of Kibera get sustained education.



A story of Jane Atieno: a table banking beneficiary



Jane Atieno at her tailoring shop

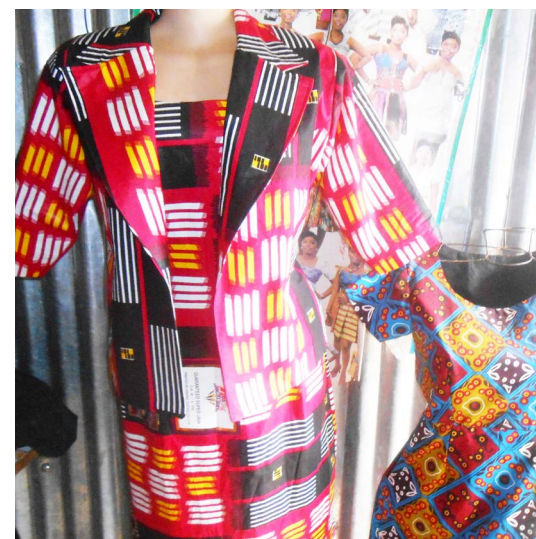
Jane is a small scale business lady right outside Wanawake Kwa Wanawake office perimeter wall. She runs a small tailoring shop. She earns her daily bread from this small business Jane is married to a polygamous man, and she is the first wife. Jane rarely sees her husband because the younger wife has taken all his time. Left alone with six children to take care of, the business has become her life.

Jane joined the table banking project at Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Organization in the year 2015 and she narrates how this program has helped her.

Before joining this group, Jane could not save even a single coin on her own because every time she tried to save some money, need would arise. She joined Wanawake Kwa Wanawake women table banking group and she says it's one thing that she is proud of. Every Friday Jane meets her group members for their weekly contributions and meetings. This group has changed her life for the better.

Her savings from the group has enabled Jane to cater for her needs such as; paying house

rent, paying school fees for her children, building and equipping her rural home as well as stocking her tailoring shop. All this has been made possible by the loans she enjoys from the group and her savings. Apart from this, Jane also is assured of the safety of her money unlike other saving groups where someone can easily run away with the group member's money. She says that she invests knowing well that her money is very safe. This group does not only provide her with material support but also social support. At the group she has people to talk and share with. They are able to talk as group members, find solutions for some of their problems and sometimes just being there for one another. Jane also narrates that she is now able to save money for later use since the money is not in her hands where she can easily reach out to and use for unplanned projects. This discipline has improved her planning and saving skills. Jane encourages other women who would like to enjoy the value for their saved money to loan and save with Wanawake Kwa Wanawake table banking women group.



Sample of clothes made by Jane