

2024  
Progress  
Report



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# the year in review

## 2024 – A YEAR OF POSITIVE GROWTH AND IMPACT

63

Primary  
School  
Students  
Supported

37

Secondary  
School  
Students  
Supported

34

Post  
Secondary  
Students  
Supported

104

Street  
Business  
School  
Graduates

### Jitegemee's Impact on Machakos and Beyond

Jitegemee plays a vital role in transforming the lives of children by providing comprehensive educational support. This includes not only covering school fees but also offering mentorship, guidance, and a nurturing environment that empowers students to thrive academically and personally. By making targeted investments in holistic education, Jitegemee provides not just academic instruction but also the tools, mentorship, and support systems children require to break the often-intergenerational chains of poverty and to confidently emerge as proactive agents of positive transformation within their local communities.

Additionally, the support Jitegemee provides extends beyond the students and into the community. This year, the Street Business School trained 30 youths from the community, 14 on-campus parents, and 60 parents from the Machakos Community. We also initiated the Re-Igniting Dreams Project in Mlongolo focused on educating children and the community on, and combatting the sexual exploitation of youth. This level of impact underlines Jitegemee's belief in a comprehensive ecosystem of support that benefits the entire community.



## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends of Jitegemee,

At Jitegemee, 2024 was a year of expansion! We expanded our economic empowerment program and set up a satellite office in Mlolongo, a few kilometers from the capital city, Nairobi. This was in a bid to stop sexual exploitation of children and youth within the Mlolongo-Malaba transport corridor, through the Re-igniting dreams project which was a great success. 50 project participants were trained in different vocational fields. We are proud that this new initiative was led by Peter Muasya, who is one of Jitegemee graduates and our Economic Empowerment manager.

When Segal Family Foundation graduated Jitegemee and put us in the Alumni Organizations, the management was devastated and feared for the worst. We reached out to our donors and especially the Wacker's who were so empathetic to Jitegemee, an Organization they have funded for decades. They agreed to reach out to their friends and their networks to vouch for Jitegemee support and resource mobilization. They bridged the gap left by Segal Family foundation and through their support the year was a success without which Jitegemee would not have made it in 2024. Our board members who couple as donors also doubled or increased their funding to Jitegemee and even gave earlier to support the programs.

Through the connections of the Jitegemee board members in 2024, we got a new partner, TDh Netherlands. A project to stop the sexual exploitation of Children and youth through vocational training and Rights Education, this partnership has been a great success. Friends raising has been one of the support systems for Jitegemee. A big thank you to the Machakos community for both in-kind and financial support. A shout out to Semara and Gelian Hotels, who have been quite supportive of Jitegemee's work.

It is through your support and belief in Jitegemee's work that many students who, without our assistance, would not be in school or would not complete their education. Jitegemee is a source of hope and an example of how grassroots organizations can bring continuous and consistent change for vulnerable communities.

With gratitude,  
Jenniffer Katiwa, Executive Director



## *Tubonge Tournament*

The Tubonge Soccer Tournament has become a match to look forward to each year at Jitegemee's annual Health Day event. In Swahili, "Tubonge" means "Let's talk" and is a key principle in clinic activities to promote healthy communication and dialogue about health matters.



## OVERCOMING THE ODDS

“Kaloki’s outstanding achievement offers a compelling reflection of Jitegemee’s deep-rooted and unwavering dedication to creating impactful opportunities and fostering a more secure, stable, and brighter future for vulnerable and deserving children.”

Kaloki’s story is one of overcoming significant odds. Raised by a single, unemployed mother, his family faced immense financial hardship, making access to basic necessities, let alone education, a constant struggle. Joining the Jitegemee family during his primary school years proved to be a turning point. His hard work culminated in a strong KCPE score of 373 marks, which paved his way to a top secondary school, where Jitegemee’s support continued to be a cornerstone of his education. With a heart set on making a difference in people’s lives, Kaloki now aims to pursue a medical degree at the university.

In a truly remarkable display of both inherent leadership and heartfelt gratitude, Kaloki made the commendable choice to spend his entire December holiday generously volunteering his valuable time to tutor his fellow secondary school students. This

thoughtful holiday initiative beautifully exemplifies the strong and nurturing sense of community that Jitegemee actively cultivates. It offers an essential platform for robust academic exchange amongst the students, enabling them to share insights, tackle difficult subjects collaboratively, and foster significant social bonding and peer support.

Kaloki’s outstanding achievement in the 2024 KCSE, attaining a remarkable mean grade of A- as the top candidate in his secondary school and among all Jitegemee beneficiaries, is a testament to the power of personal dedication coupled with unwavering support. This quiet yet resolute young man credits his success to hard work, the consistent backing of Jitegemee, and the guidance of his teachers. We commend Kaloki on his outstanding performance and wish him every success in his future endeavors.





## RE-IGNITING DREAMS IN MLOLONGO

“For many years, participants would come to Jitegemee, but 2024 proved it was possible for Jitegemee to take our services to them.”

2024 saw Jitegemee grow from one office in Machakos to setting up a satellite office in Mlolongo. This growth was made possible by our partnership with Terre Des Hommes Netherlands, in the Re-igniting Dreams Project.

The Re-igniting Dreams project aimed to contribute to the reduction of sexual exploitation of children and youth aged 11 to 24 years in Machakos County (Mlolongo). The 15-month evidence-informed project leveraged lessons learned from the previous Wezesha Vijana project in 2022-23 and had two actionable outcomes:

1. Youth at risk and survivors of sexual exploitation have expanded economic opportunities through acquisition of relevant vocational/technical, entrepreneurial, life skills and employability skills, and being aware of their rights
2. Local community, private sector and other key state and non-state actors have adequate capacity and better coordination to collaborate in active prevention, reporting and response to sexual exploitation of children and youth.

50 project participants were enrolled and trained in different vocational courses of their choice. They were provided with training on the job-market, relevant skills, and received psychosocial support. They were educated on sexual and reproductive health, children’s rights, and safeguarding. The project recorded a 94 % pass rate in the NITA examinations indicating the effectiveness of vocational training support and dedication of the Jitegemee team, trainers and the learners.

Additionally, Jitegemee empowered 1019 caregivers and community members on detection, prevention and reporting of sexual exploitation of children through community dialogues. 577 children were educated on child rights through child right clubs that encourage children’s participation in leadership.

The project also involved the private sector, including bar owners and managers. State and non-state service providers were capacity built to provide intersectional, responsive and trauma-informed care to survivors of child sexual exploitation. A major win was the development of a code of conduct by bar owners, lodges and brothels that sets forth standards and the responsibilities of private businesses in preventing sexual exploitation of children.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 GRADUATES

"I hereby send my gratitude to the whole Jitegemee family for always being my pillar throughout the journey. I don't take it for granted, it's such a blessing." - Veronicah Wanjiku

Our school support program provides sponsorship to very needy students living in Machakos. We select students on an annual basis to receive sponsorship for Primary through post-secondary Education fees. We provide books, stationery, uniforms, shoes, food, and tuition or examination fees. As students progress through the school system, we also provide boarding, school fees, and Holiday tuition support for students who are admitted to secondary schools, and then on to college or university.

In 2024, all our students performed exceptionally well, with seven candidates in primary scoring over 300 marks out of the possible 500. We had 16 candidates sitting for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE), and we are especially very proud of seven university graduates this year:

Mercy Nzaumi - Bachelor of Education Science, Meru University

Veronica Wanjiku - Bachelor of Education in Special Needs, University of Eldoret

Ian Mutinda - Bachelor of Business Information Technology, Multi Media University

Alex Kyui - Diploma in ICT, Wote Technical Training Institute

Noel Muema - Diploma in Community Nursing, Kenya Medical Training College, Wote

Ken Karani - Electrical Installation, Don Bosco Boys Training Institute

Richard Musau - Electrical Installation, Uwezo College



# Health Impact



## HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE MATTERS

Our Health Program supports healthy lifestyles and helps provide students and community members with access to health care.

This year's annual health day was held in August at the Jitegemee campus. We extend a special thanks to our partners Dr. Kilonzo, a practitioner at Bkay Healthcare Center in Machakos, and the Machakos Level Five health practitioners.

The one-day event provided students, caregivers, and community members with access to examinations, laboratory screenings, and to receive treatment. Over 200 students and 150 parents/caregivers received check-ups and medical treatment.

In addition to the health clinic, Jitegemee also hosted the annual Tubonge Soccer Tournament and field day.





# Rotary Club Visit

Rotary Club Member Joyce Graff and Jitegemee Board Member Shulamit Kahn visited the campus and celebrated with this years graduates.

# Our Jitegemee Family



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS — HAVING A GLOBAL IMPACT

Thank you to our Board Members in Kenya and across the globe. We are truly grateful to them for volunteering their time and expertise.

Your unwavering dedication, passion, and leadership have been the wind beneath our wings this past year. We wouldn't be where we are today without your expertise, strategic guidance, and unwavering commitment to our mission.

From guiding our vision to supporting our impact in the Machakos community, your contributions have been instrumental in driving Jitegemee's success. Thank you for believing in us and for constantly pushing us to make a positive difference.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of the Jitegemee family!

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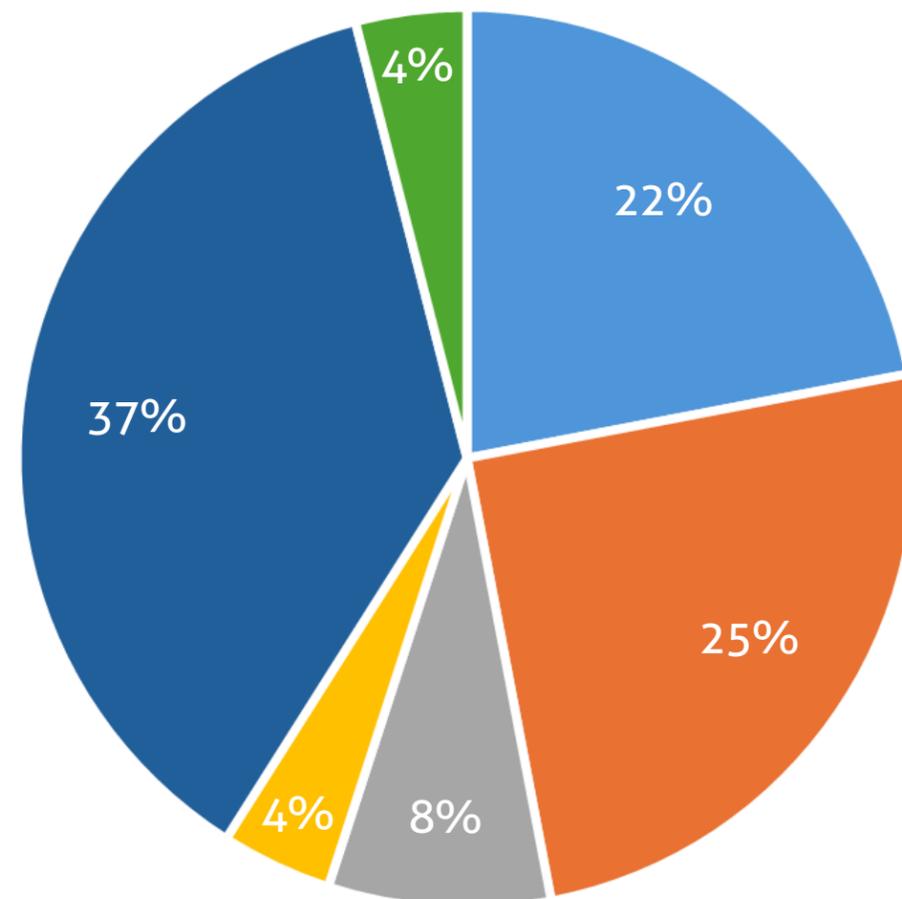
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# 2024 financial summary

## 2024 FINANCIALS

Our 2024 expenditure was 33,991,950 KSH / \$306,466 USD. Below is the breakdown of how we spent funds across our program.



2024 OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE  
39,603,078 KSH (\$306,466 USD)

### BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY:

Kenya Admin & Support  
8,909,582 KSH (\$68,946 USD)

School Sponsorship & Support  
9,836,178 KSH (\$76,117 USD)

Feeding Program  
3,301,025 KSH (\$25,545 USD)

Health & Wellness  
1,438,967 KSH (\$11,135 USD)

Economic Empowerment  
14,564,221 KSH (\$112,705 USD)

Non-Operating Expenses  
1,553,103 KSH (\$12,019 USD)



# A Big Thank You to All Our Donors in 2024:

## A Special Thanks to Donors of \$1,000 or More

Raymond Bonner	Ariella Kahn-Lang Spitzer	Shefali Rajpal
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## A YEAR OF STRONG SUPPORT

The year 2024 was another strong year of fundraising for Jitegemee. We received personal donations from over 125 individuals. Every single donation makes a difference, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our supporters.

*In addition to our individual donors, we would also like to thank:*

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Elma Philanthropies  
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Machakos University

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## DONATE TODAY

Every donation, whether big or small, makes a difference in the lives of our children, parents, and the Machakos community. Please help support Jitegemee by donating today.

Jitegemee's mission is supported in large part by the generosity of friends and family around the world who share our goal of improving lives through education.

You can join us in these efforts by donating today, or anytime throughout the year, using any of the following options. Your contributions will help ensure Jitegemee continues to provide children and their caregivers in Machakos access to education, healthcare, and financial empowerment.

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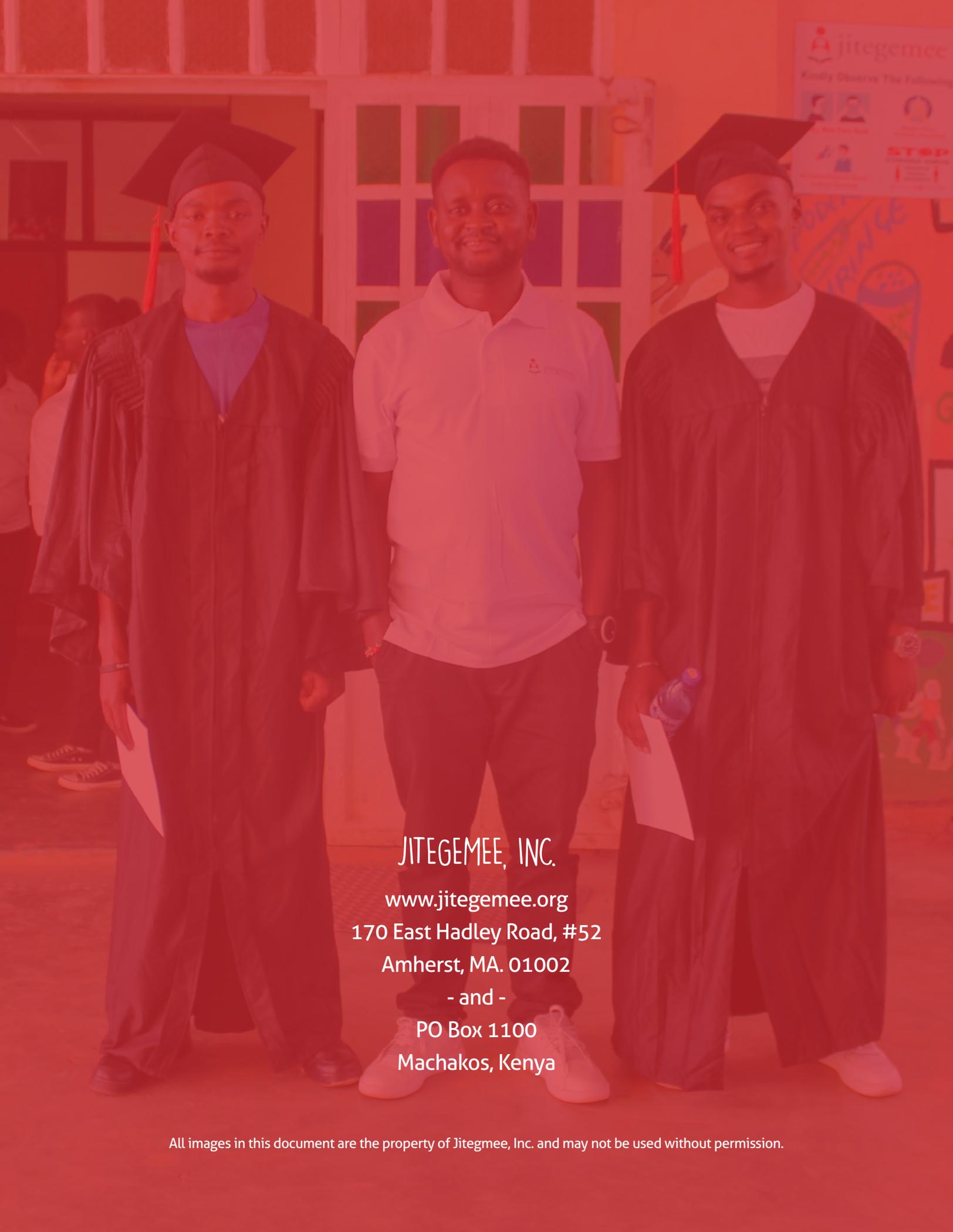
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