

Bike Project Report



Introduction

Nasio's Bike Project has provided engaging life skills activities and increased physical exercise for Nasio's young people. This Centre (the renovated original Noah's Ark building) provided positive engagement for **12** young people and a boost for local economy as well as a safe place for young people to meet. The training in how to fix bikes and the opportunity to use the bike track helps keep young people off the streets and supports the most vulnerable, all while teaching future young engineers valuable skills that will enable them to earn a living in future. They have been attending these classes since June last year

Project Aim

- Provision of a Centre with a bike track where young people can meet, spend time together, talk to a youth leader, or learn to fix and maintain bicycles.
- Work for the local community with an employed leader for the Centre
- Ability to provide hands-on skills for Nasio children interested in learning how to fix and maintain bicycles, a vocational skill that they can use once they finish school.

Achievement

- 12 pupils have gained the skills and experience with bicycle repair.
- Came up with the business plan for the project. Where we intend to stock the shop with bicycle spare parts and have one of our volunteer as shop attendant so that we can get some income from the sales profit.
- These boys already have the potential to become mechanical engineers in future as they can comfortably dismantle and fix a bike without any support. These skills mean they can repair their own bikes at home saving their families money.

Community Impact

- 50+ customers enjoyed free bicycle repairs by the young trainees for the past 2 Months there's now an increase in useable bikes in the community.
- These bikes serve a very practical transport use in this rural area but they are also increasing the health and wellbeing of the children who have enjoyed making use of the bikes and increasing their motor skills, balance and general body development. Show us pictures?
- The young people who meet at the Centre are also empowered by the clear 'Stop teenage pregnancy' message painted on the outside of the building which is a positive message for the whole community at a critical time when teenage pregnancy is high and while schools have been closed. Show us pictures with the sign?

Next Activities

- Implementation of the business plan which was shared with the CEO.
- Mobilizing and sensitizing the community on the importance of gaining technical skills.

- Stocking the shop with the right spares for sale to enhance sustainability.

Project Photos



Figure 1 Some of the Bodaboda opposite our bicycle shop in Mumias



Figure 2 Photo showing increase in the use of Bodaboda in Mumias town



Figure 3 A photo at our bicycle repair shop with teenage pregnancy message for the teenagers

Case Study



Meet Kelvin Wepo, a 17 year old boy residing in Shitukhumi village of Mumias town where he living with a well-wisher since 2017 after the death of his mother, his mother died in 2017 after short illness. Kelvin's father died in 2004 in the road accident when his mother was pregnant of him. Since 2017 he has been happily living with the guardian who also depend on making bricks to earn a living, and there are no indiscipline cases reported concerning him.

Kelvin enrolled with bicycle class in June 2020 after the closure of the schools due to Covid 19 pandemic. Since then he was gained so many skills and can now repair bicycles.

He is grade seven pupil in Mumias Township Primary School. Kelvin is now back at school to continue with his primary education following the pandemic school closure. He is very optimistic that during the school holidays he will be able to learn more technical bicycle skills so that he can repair bicycles and earn some income.

Kelvin is very optimistic that in future he will be able to open a bicycle shop. He likes reading story books, playing football and listening to music.