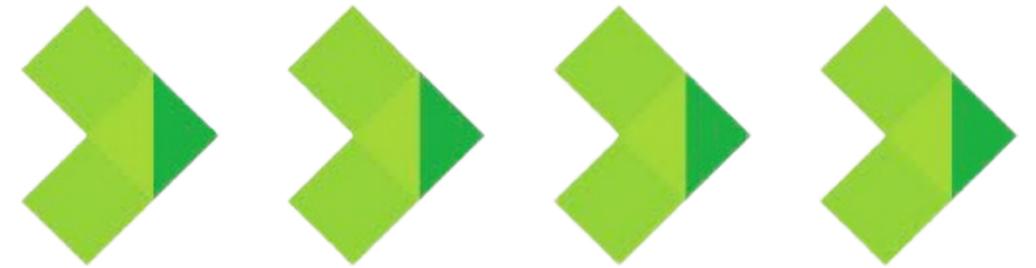




Impact Report 2020

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THE PANDEMIC YEAR

For all of us, 2020 was an year like no other. The challenges presented by the global Covid-19 pandemic were immense. We joined the world in protecting those most vulnerable among us. As an organization working with the Kibera community, we took quick action in responding to the pandemic. Through partnerships, we managed to supply families with food, hand sanitizers, cash transfers, face-masks and hand washing equipment with clean running water. We mobilized teams to ensure that these supplies were delivered door-to-door and the public facilities like hand washing points evenly distributed across Kibera.

Given that our programs require physical meetings, we could not continue holding group sessions to help curb the spread of the virus. While Covid-19 profoundly redefined the nature of work underlying the importance of internet connectivity, homes and low income areas like Kibera did not have the luxury of internet connectivity thereby limiting their options to engage.

Nevertheless, we must appreciate that, despite the myriad of challenges posed by the pandemic, young people remained resilient and focused. In the coming year, we aim to continue supporting young people to recover, reset and reengage in the 'new normal'.

Jennifer Sapitro
Executive Director



2020 AT A GLANCE



76,200

reusable face-masks distributed in informal settlements within Nairobi



121

female tailors participated in the production of face-masks



20

soccer players received scholarships



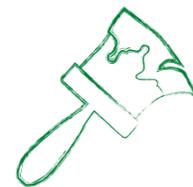
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food packs and vouchers



450

cash transfers to women and children



15

murals on Covid-19 painted across Kibera



5

new partnerships on Covid-19 response



50%

increment on women's income through production of facemasks



18%

of Uweza female soccer players enrolled for vocational training



75%

soccer players and their families received free soap donations through a door-to-door campaign

ABOUT UWEZA FOUNDATION

We are a non profit organization based in Kibera-Nairobi, providing support to over 300 youth annually.

We offer unique opportunities for youth in Kibera to pursue a path to a better future through the discovery and development of their talents and abilities.

We provide education opportunities for young people to pursue their dreams and ultimately earn incomes.

Our Programs

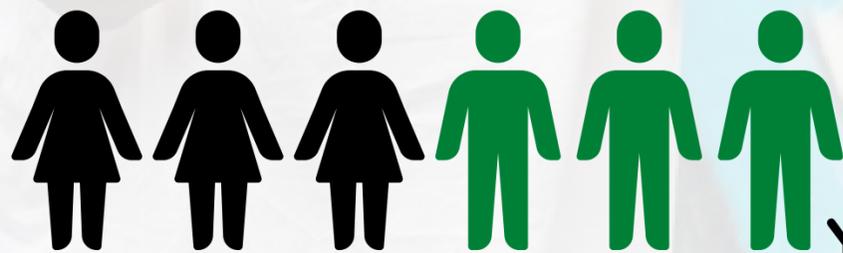
Uweza Soccer Academy

Bright Futures Program
(Young Mothers)

Uweza Art Gallery

Uweza Scholarship
Program

Golden Girls Program



300

Youth supported through
Uweza programs

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The global pandemic had devastating effects on people's livelihoods and consequently on the economy. Job loss was at all time high. Low income areas like Kibera were badly affected.

Like any other organization, we remained committed in ensuring that the lives of the most vulnerable were protected. By forging partnerships with different organizations, we supported families through food supplies, cash transfers for women and youth, distributed sanitizers, face-masks and hand washing soaps. We also donated hand-washing facilities that were strategically placed for the community to access clean running water



EMPOWERING WOMEN



The pandemic presented a unique opportunity for the women in the Uweza Bright Futures Program to produce reusable face-masks. In partnership with the UN Women, at least 121 women were trained in mask making, basic sewing and fashion design skills, and topics related to running and growing a small business. Uweza mobilized 12 Community Based Organizations (CBO) across 6 informal settlements in Nairobi.



12
CBOs



121
women trained

“ The training we received was helpful and I now feel even more confident at my work ”

-Osnat Mmbone

OPPORTUNITY IN A CRISIS



The spread of the pandemic created a high demand for sanitizers and hand wash. Women who had previously trained on soap making were contracted by partner organizations to make and package hand-wash. Through this they were able to generate some income to support their families during the difficult time.



units of liquid and bar soap distributed

SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT



As part of our goal to provide education opportunities to young people in Kibera, we awarded 12 scholarships to Uweza Academy Soccer players at the beginning of 2020. The different players are currently enrolled in different secondary schools across the country

We use sport not only for physical fitness, but as an avenue to unite Kibera youth while nurturing and developing talent.

The spread of Covid-19 put a halt on all social events and public gatherings. This affected our soccer calendar where all scheduled matches were cancelled in an effort to control the spread of the virus. We supported Uweza Soccer Academy families with food supplies and other sanitation supplies like soap and hand-wash.

130 Uweza Soccer Academy players

COVID-19 STREET ART & SHOWS

Artists from our vibrant art program took their skills and creativity to the streets of Kibera. To advance the discussion on the Covid-19 pandemic within the community, they painted street murals that encouraged the public to adhere to the Ministry of Health guidelines.

The murals communicated key messages around social distancing, wearing of face-masks, regular hand-washing and sanitizing.

15 street murals on Covid-19 were created by Uweza artists

In an attempt to adapt to the changing times necessitated by the pandemic, the artists treated the global market to a virtual art show where they showcased and marketed their artistic work.

60% of the sales is paid to the artist

