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A Journey of Hope, Courage, and 17 Graduates



This April 2026, we witnessed something extraordinary. Seventeen young mothers once told that motherhood had closed the door to their education walked across the stage as graduates of Vicktel Institute of Hospitality and Business Studies.

For us at Rafikistry, this was more than a graduation. It was a celebration of resilience, courage, and the belief that becoming is better than being.



With our partners at Vicktel Institute, they then pursued one-year, hands-on courses in fields ranging from hospitality to business. Vicktel's adaptive approach made space for their dual roles as mothers and students recognizing that childcare responsibilities don't pause for lectures. The institute didn't just teach, it embraced them, creating relationships that nurtured both skill and spirit.

And now, 17 graduates stand as living proof that transformation is possible. Their certificates are not just pieces of paper, they are symbols of hope, determination, and the power of community. At Rafikistry, we continue to walk alongside them, offering mentorship and support as they launch businesses, raise children, and inspire others. This milestone is a testament to what happens when we invest in potential, not just circumstances. To our graduates: we are proud of you. To our partners and supporters: thank you for believing in the journey of Becoming.



These young women, aged 16 to 22, joined our Becoming program after facing the harsh reality of economic hardships that kept them from returning to school. Over 7–8 months, they immersed themselves in life-skills training: financial planning, parenting, mental health, and entrepreneurship. They built confidence, community, and the vision that they could rise beyond their current circumstances.

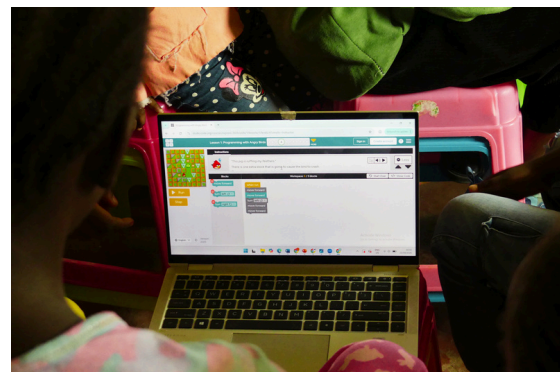
Girls Code Day at Kisima Community Library

At Kisima Community Library, we believe every child deserves a space where they feel seen, valued, and inspired.

On Girl's Library Day, held in partnership with Code Yetu CBO, we opened our doors with one clear mission: to remind girls that the library belongs to them too.

For too long, boys have been the majority in our reading sessions, study groups, and even casual visits. This day was about shifting that balance, about saying to every girl in Roysambu and beyond, your voice matters here, your dreams belong here, and this library is your home too.

Girls explored coding basics, shared stories, and found joy in learning together. It wasn't just about technology, it was about confidence, belonging, and possibility. With Code Yetu CBO alongside us, we showed them that women are thriving in tech and leadership, and that they too can step boldly into those spaces.



We saw girls begin to imagine futures where they are not just participants, but leaders, coders, creators, and changemakers. At Kisima, we are committed to making sure this isn't a one-time celebration. Girl's Library Day is a journey toward equity, inclusion, and empowerment.





Achievement of the Month

We celebrate the dedication of our volunteers and staff, the commitment of our children, preteens, and teens who engaged in structured learning every single week throughout April holiday

At Kisima, learning and growth happen every day. Our volunteers have been faithfully delivering sessions that nurture children, preteens, and teens in both academics and life skills

Kisima Kids Plant Trees, Grow Futures

Just before schools reopen, Kisima Library children set out on a journey to Brackenhurst. It isn't only a trip but a chance to plant hope. Together, with small hands and big dreams, they plant 33 young trees into the soil.

For the children, each sapling becomes more than just a tree. It is a lesson in care, patience, and responsibility. As they dig into the earth, they learn why forests matter, how a healthy environment protects human life, and how destroying it leaves scars on both land and people.

There is pride as they pat the ground around each sapling, and wonder as they imagine the trees growing tall alongside them. The day is not only about conservation. It is about shaping minds, giving children the chance to see themselves as protectors of the future. It is about joy, community, and closing the April holiday with fresh energy as they prepare to begin a new school term. At Kisima, every book opens a door, and now every tree planted tells a story. These children carry both, knowledge in their hands and hope in their hearts.





Photo of the Month



Rafikistry MD walks hand-in-hand with one of our Becoming graduates, April 2026. Their shared smile tells the story of resilience, mentorship, and the joy of new beginnings.



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