

# MLANGO FARM FOUNDATION



## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Mlango Farm Foundation is a non-governmental organization based in Ngecha, Kenya. The main objective of this organization is to give city children the opportunity to visit a farm, have a practical experience of what they learn in school and to generally appreciate nature.

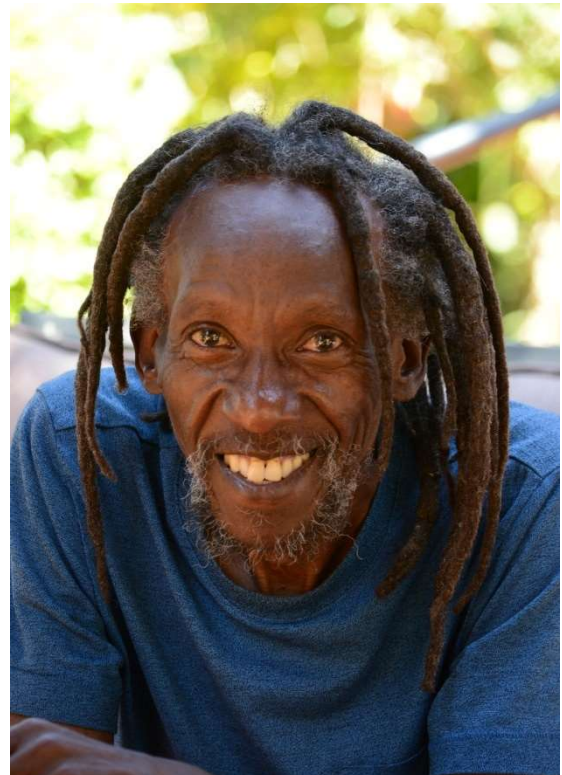
### In Memoriam: Sir Kamande

The year 2023 was a particularly difficult and emotional period for the Mlango Farm Foundation due to the passing of Kamande Njenga, founder of Mlango Farm and chairman of the Mlango Farm Foundation.

Throughout the previous years, 2021 and 2022, Kamande battled a serious illness. He maintained a strong belief in life and was determined to recover. His unwavering positivity and deep love for life were, and continue to be, a source of inspiration to all who knew him.

Kamande passed away on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The passing of Kamande has deeply affected many. His absence has created a profound void for his wife, family, friends, colleagues, and all who worked closely with him at Mlango Farm. In accordance with his wishes, family customs, Rastafarian beliefs, and Kikuyu traditions, Kamande was laid to rest on the family land, surrounded by the love and respect of relatives, friends, employees, and the surrounding community. For family and friends abroad, and those unable to attend, the ceremony was recorded and made [available online](#).



*Kamande*  
1960 – 2023

Kamande's spirit remains rooted in the soil of Mlango Farm, serving as a guiding presence as his mission continues.

## School visits

The year 2023 was a year with new records. With schools that liked to revisit the educational tours and new schools adding a tour to their program. There has again been an increased number of school visits compared to 2022 with a total of 5,480 students and 729 adults. This is an increase of 79% more visitors compared to the previous year 2022.

| School                           | Date        | Number of students | Number of Adults |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Nairobi Academy                  | 17-jan-2023 | 19                 | 2                |
| Ar Risalah Academy               | 19-jan-2023 | 36                 | 6                |
| Braeburn International School    | 31-jan-2023 | 27                 | 5                |
| Braeburn International School    | 2-feb-2023  | 30                 | 5                |
| French School Nairobi            | 7-feb-2023  | 24                 | 4                |
| Swedish School Nairobi           | 9-feb-2023  | 7                  | 3                |
| Montessori Learning Centre       | 10-feb-2023 | 55                 | 15               |
| Nairobi Waldorf School           | 16-feb-2023 | 96                 | 9                |
| Arya Vedic Academy               | 21-feb-2023 | 70                 | 14               |
| Riara Group of Schools           | 23-feb-2023 | 81                 | 8                |
| Riara Group of Schools           | 24-feb-2023 | 86                 | 8                |
| Nomy, students from Denmark      | 2-mrt-2023  | 36                 |                  |
| Little Havard Kitengela          | 3-mrt-2023  | 50                 | 5                |
| Sabis International school Runda | 4-mrt-2023  | 46                 | 7                |
| Bright Sparks School             | 6-mrt-2023  | 35                 | 5                |
| Bright Sparks School             | 7-mrt-2023  | 44                 | 6                |
| Kenton College                   | 8-mrt-2023  | 52                 | 6                |
| Bright Sparks School             | 8-mrt-2023  | 45                 | 7                |
| Rosslyn Academy                  | 9-mrt-2023  | 20                 | 3                |
| Rusinga School                   | 9-Mar-2023  | 50                 | 7                |
| Bright Sparks School             | 9-Mar-2023  | 39                 | 7                |
| ICE Montessori                   | 10-Mar-2023 | 64                 | 16               |
| Bright Sparks School             | 13-Mar-2023 | 72                 | 10               |
| Bright Sparks School             | 14-Mar-2023 | 27                 | 7                |
| Bright Sparks School             | 15-Mar-2023 | 32                 | 6                |
| Nairobi Academy                  | 16-Mar-2023 | 22                 | 5                |
| Bright Sparks School             | 16-Mar-2023 | 34                 | 7                |
| Nairobi International School     | 17-Mar-2023 | 33                 | 5                |
| Darul Arqam                      | 19-Mar-2023 | 40                 | 7                |
| Bright Sparks School             | 21-Mar-2023 | 36                 | 6                |

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----|----|
| Banda School                         | 22-Mar-2023   | 46  | 5  |
| Maxwell Adventist Preparatory School | 23-Mar-2023   | 108 | 16 |
| Braeburn International School        | 29- Mar- 2023 | 68  | 6  |
| Nurture Gardens Learning Center      | 3-Apr-2023    | 18  | 2  |
| Hill Brook School                    | 5-Apr-2023    | 37  | 12 |
| Waridi School                        | 14-Apr-2023   | 45  | 5  |
| Tassia School                        | 18-Apr-2023   | 90  | 8  |
| St. Bakhita                          | 24-Apr-2023   | 58  | 5  |
| St. Bakhita                          | 25-Apr-2023   | 60  | 4  |
| Oshwal Nursery Academy               | 27-Apr-2023   | 41  | 6  |
| St. Bakhita                          | 27-Apr-2023   | 55  | 6  |
| St. Bakhita                          | 28-Apr-2023   | 55  |    |
| Juja HappyLife Childrens' home       | 2-May-2023    | 60  | 8  |
| Juja HappyLife Childrens' home       | 5-May-2023    | 58  | 6  |
| Shadel Montessori                    | 17-May-2023   | 49  | 15 |
| Peponi House School                  | 17-May-2023   | 39  | 4  |
| St Anne's Girls Nairobi              | 18-May-2023   | 47  | 2  |
| Ar- Risalah Academy                  | 18-May-2023   | 29  | 5  |
| French School Nairobi                | 22-May-2023   | 56  | 8  |
| Shadel Montessori                    | 23-May-2023   | 57  | 12 |
| Riara Springs Kindergaten            | 24-May-2023   | 51  | 6  |
| Nairobi Jaffery                      | 25-May-2023   | 18  | 4  |
| The Riara Group of Schools           | 25-May-2023   | 53  | 6  |
| Braeside International School        | 26-May-2023   | 25  | 5  |
| Samaj School                         | 26-May-2023   | 99  | 5  |
| Kilimani Junior School               | 5-June-2023   | 54  | 4  |
| Royal Brains School                  | 6-June-2023   | 24  | 3  |
| Maxwell Adventist Preparatory School | 6-June- 2023  | 34  | 3  |
| School Of Nation                     | 7-June-2023   | 16  | 2  |
| Nairobi Jaffery                      | 7-June-2023   | 45  | 4  |
| KinderWorld                          | 8-June-2023   | 53  | 5  |
| Mt. Kenya Academy                    | 9-June-2023   | 29  | 2  |
| Carlin Kindergaten                   | 9-June-2023   | 24  | 5  |
| Little Flock Academy                 | 14-June-2023  | 57  | 7  |
| Kilimani Junior School               | 15-June-2023  | 64  | 4  |
| Golden Bridge Academy                | 15-June-2023  | 40  | 3  |
| Carlin Kindergaten                   | 16-June-2023  | 19  | 3  |
| Netherlands School                   | 19-June-2023  | 40  | 9  |
| HillCrest School                     | 20-June-2023  | 30  | 3  |

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----|----|
| School Of Nation                  | 21-June-2023 | 22  | 5  |
| Two Giraffes School               | 21-June-2023 | 37  | 11 |
| French School Nairobi             | 22-June-2023 | 48  | 10 |
| French School Nairobi             | 26-June-2023 | 35  | 5  |
| Briar Rose Academy                | 29-June-2023 | 77  | 6  |
| Starshine Academy                 | 30-June-2023 | 109 | 5  |
| French School Nairobi             | 3-July-2023  | 38  | 4  |
| Damacrest School                  | 4-July-2023  | 94  | 4  |
| Damacrest School                  | 5-July-2023  | 64  | 3  |
| German School                     | 6-July-2023  | 54  | 4  |
| Carlin Kindergaten                | 6-July-2023  | 29  | 3  |
| Damacrest School                  | 7-July-2023  | 99  | 4  |
| Damacrest School                  | 11-July-2023 | 66  | 3  |
| Tassia School                     | 13-July-2023 | 106 | 7  |
| Carlin Kindergaten                | 14-July-2023 | 19  | 3  |
| Midas School                      | 17-July-2023 | 24  | 3  |
| Angels International School       | 17-July-2023 | 16  | 5  |
| Montessori School Ruaka           | 18-July-2023 | 25  | 5  |
| St. Bakhita Utawala               | 25-July-2023 | 65  | 9  |
| Play Street Academy               | 2-Aug-2023   | 89  | 10 |
| Fortune School                    | 8-Aug-2023   | 36  | 7  |
| Cornerbrook Academy               | 9-Aug-2023   | 36  | 1  |
| Living Faith Academy              | 9-Aug-2023   | 28  | 5  |
| Bright Horizon Academy            | 10-Aug-2023  | 20  | 5  |
| Wale Wale Children                | 25-Aug-2023  | 18  | 2  |
| Kilimani Junior School            | 7-Sep-2023   | 60  | 4  |
| Providence Academy                | 8-Sep-2023   | 72  | 3  |
| Swedish School Nairobi            | 15- Sep-2023 | 31  | 7  |
| Providence Academy                | 15-Sep-2023  | 46  | 3  |
| Nairobi International School      | 20-Sep-2023  | 47  | 2  |
| Royal Brains School               | 21-Sep- 2023 | 22  | 2  |
| Royal Brains School               | 27 Sep 23    | 60  | 7  |
| School of Nation                  | 28 Sep 2023  | 28  | 7  |
| Prestigious Vineyard Academy      | 5 Oct 2023   | 18  | 3  |
| St Christopher School             | 6 Oct 2023   | 40  | 5  |
| Cavina School                     | 9 Oct 2023   | 21  | 3  |
| Kapu Chapel Children Centre       | 9 Oct 2023   | 23  | 5  |
| Crawford International            | 12 Oct 2023  | 41  | 12 |
| Lavington Montessori Kindergarten | 13 Oct 2023  | 12  | 5  |

|                                 |             |       |     |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------|-----|
| Mizizi Learning Center          | 13 Oct 2023 | 24    | 5   |
| Agakhan Junior School           | 19 Oct 2023 | 70    | 9   |
| St Joseph Catholic Academy      | 25 Oct 2023 | 64    | 8   |
| Agakhan Nursery                 | 31 Oct 2023 | 55    | 8   |
| Manarat Internatinal School     | 2 Nov 2023  | 39    | 9   |
| Kids Fun Factory                | 7 Nov 2023  | 8     | 4   |
| Light International School      | 8 Nov 2023  | 31    | 6   |
| St Austines Academy             | 9 Nov 2023  | 63    | 17  |
| Woodland Star School            | 16 Nov 2023 | 14    | 5   |
| Kirinjago Childrens Home        | 16 Nov 2023 | 87    | 12  |
| Royal Haven International       | 17 Nov 2023 | 14    | 8   |
| Terra Moyo International School | 20 Nov 2023 | 18    | 11  |
| Hillcrest School                | 24 Nov 2023 | 27    | 7   |
| Alicia Kids Club                | 29 Nov 2023 | 14    | 2   |
| Rosslyn Academy                 | 5 Dec 2023  | 18    | 2   |
| <b>Total:</b>                   |             | 5,480 | 729 |

## School activities

The schools mostly asked for a morning program with general information about farming, environmental care, appreciation of nature, knowledge of different vegetables and animal care. School groups that stayed for a whole day mostly chose for the ‘farm to fork’ program. During this program the students prepare their own lunch with fresh farm produce. About 40 – 50% of the students visiting Mlango Farm have never been to a farm before. Usually the main purpose of the visit is to experience farm life, get an understanding of healthy food and where our food comes from and the importance of caring for the environment.

## Ongoing Development and Projects

The Mlango Farm Foundation continues to grow and evolve. In 2023, several new developments were realized:

- The office was relocated and installed in the bus located on the farm compound.
- A new outdoor kitchen was opened, expanding the hospitality facilities.

Mlango Farm Foundation also had the pleasure of welcoming several dedicated and skilled individuals, who contributed to its further growth and development, just as in previous years:

- **Lynn and Otto** (The Netherlands) supported the practical setup of some educational programs.
- **Sheena** (from Nairobi’s *Gardening for Good East Africa*) introduced several permaculture and gardening courses on-site.
- **Hannah** (United Kingdom) produced a series of professional photographs for use on social media.
- **Carol** (Switzerland), as artist-in-residence, supported the Mlango Farm Football Club, painted the new outdoor kitchen, and led an art workshop in collaboration with the renowned [Ngecha artists community](#).



- **Marta** (Poland) provided social media expertise, revamped the [YouTube Channel](#) of the farm and supported the daily management of the educational visits.
- **Mwangi** (Naivasha) offered hands-on help with cob building; the first test projects using ecobricks are underway, paving the way for larger sustainable construction projects in the future.
- **Vereleyn and Jasper** (The Netherlands) contributed to the strategic development the [Mlango Farm Foundation](#). Their work has focused on improving animal housing and strengthening educational partnerships.



## Boardmembers

Sylvia Njenga stepped in to be part of the board of the Mlango Farm Foundation.

The board of Mlango Farm Foundation currently consists of;

- Els Breet (chair)
- Carolyne Narocho (secretary)
- Njee Muturi (treasurer)
- Sylvia Njenga (art & development)



*Board Mlango Farm Foundation*

## International Support and Stichting Mlango Farm

A key milestone, long envisioned by the board of the Mlango Farm Foundation, was the formation of a support group in the Netherlands to strengthen our work in education and community development. Thanks to the efforts of Jolanda, Nick, Kim, and Cissy, this vision has now become reality with the official launch of [Stichting Mlango Farm](#).



*Ngecha artists workshop*

## Strategic Plan Mlango Farm Foundation (2024 - 2026)



# MLANGO FARM FOUNDATION



### VALUES

Nature, land stewardship, diversity and curiosity



### CURRENT FIGURES

90 school visits (2022)  
 3.050 children visited (2022)  
 70 employees,  
 40 of whom are women



### VISION

We envision a world where sustainable agriculture is the norm. We aim to let youth fall in love with nature, thus sowing the seeds for a sustainable future and generations to come.



### MISSION

The mission of Mlango Farm Foundation is to inspire youth through education, 'our love for nature' and by being a model for land stewardship, community building and organic farming.

## SOME OF THE THINGS WE WILL FOCUS ON THE COMING YEARS



**DEVELOP A FUN & NATURAL PLAYGROUND AREA FOR CHILDREN AND AN ENJOYABLE SPACE FOR TEACHERS (AND PARENTS)**



**CREATE AN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM WITH LOCAL ARTISTS**



**ENHANCE & EXPAND OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, AIMING TO INSPIRE CHILDREN**



**REVAMP THE ANIMAL SECTION INTO AN INTERACTIVE AND ANIMAL-FRIENDLY SPACE FOR CHILDREN**

## Acknowledgment and thanks

We warmly thank all the schools, teachers, and students who visited Mlango Farm in 2023. Your presence, curiosity, and enthusiasm brought life to the farm throughout the year. Each visit helped foster greater awareness of nature, farming, and sustainability.

To the educators and coordinators who made these visits possible: thank you for your commitment to experiential learning. Your efforts ensure that thousands of young people are given the chance to connect with the land and understand where food comes from.

We also wish to thank the many individuals who offered their time, energy and talents to support the foundation. Whether through education, construction, communication, hospitality or creative expression, every contribution helped strengthen the mission of Mlango Farm Foundation.

Together, we are building more than programs, we are growing a community rooted in care, learning, and shared responsibility.

We thank the management of Mlango Farm for their continuous support, both financially and in-kind by offering all their facilities to us, both on the farm and from their private home.



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