



# MLANGO FARM FOUNDATION

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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.



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## School visits

Mlango Farm Foundation once again reached a wide range of schools through its educational programs this year. Many schools continue to include the educational tours as a valuable part of their curriculum. In 2024, Mlango Farm welcomed 4,488 students and 786 adults. The total is a 15% decrease in visitors compared to the previous year, 2023.

School	Date	Number of students	Number of Adults
Rusinga School	29 jan 2024	71	7
Braeburn International School	30 jan 2024	32	7
Braeburn International School	31 jan 2024	32	5
French School	1 feb 2024	23	7
Braeside International School	2 feb 2024	24	7
Banda School	5 feb 2024	42	2
French School	6 feb 2024	27	5
Montessori School	8 feb 2024	15	5
Ubuntu Junior School	9 feb 2024	41	7
Hekima School	9 feb 2024	14	5
Tuwatunze learning support center	14 feb 2024	10	4
Cathsam School	15 feb 2024	62	4
Goodrich Academy	16 feb 2024	41	8
Braeside International School-Thika	20 feb 2024	27	8
Homeschool	22 feb 2024	8	4
Elena Montessori	5 mrt 2024	25	6
Nuru Nest pre school	5 mrt 2024	22	9
Royal Brains school	6 mrt 2024	29	5
Nairobi Academy Kindergarten	7 mrt 2024	28	5
Stepping Stone Academy	7 mrt 2024	88	8
Stepping Stone Academy	8 mrt 2024	87	8
Little Harvard	11 mrt 2024	30	6
Brook House School	14 mrt 2024	24	5
Stepping Stone Academy	14 mrt 2024	88	9
Stepping Stone Academy	15 mrt 2024	88	9
Aga Khan Academy	19 mrt 2024	65	9
Olerai Primary school	21 mrt 2024	70	5
chriswood school Kindergarten	22 mrt 2024	29	5
Olerai Primary school	22 mrt 2024	73	5
Alley Pathway School & Kindergarten	27 mrt 2024	31	4
litte Steps Academy	28 mrt 2024	48	12
st Nicholas School	2 april 2024	120	13

Nairobi Accueil French		0	11
French School-Runda	23 mei 2024	31	9
Kenton College	24 mei 2024	38	8
Lilly of the valley	29 mei 2024	70	14
Riara Road School	30 mei 2024	83	6
Pearl Hearts School	31-mei-2024	18	3
Lily of the valley	3-juni-2024	78	16
Royal Brains school	4-juni 2024	51	6
Peponi House School	5 juni 2024	27	5
Braeburn School	6 juni 2024	80	11
French School	7 juni 2024	44	3
Yari School	7 juni 2024	31	6
Ascend International School	10 juni 2024	37	7
Riara Springs	11 juni 2024	85	9
Premier Academy	12 juni 2024	37	7
Offspring School	13 juni 2024	22	5
Lily of the valley	14 juni 2024	100	11
Royal Brains school	18 juni 2024	23	3
KCB Latia, Young African Works	18 juni 2024	0	49
Braeside Thika	19 juni 2024	19	5
German school	19 juni 2024	9	4
School of the Nations	24 juni 2024	19	4
German school	3 juli 2024	22	4
Prestigious vineyard school	5 juli 2024	18	4
Wisdom Tower Junior School	10 juli 2024	84	12
Radiance Premier Academy	11 juli 2024	27	4
Sunrise Academy	12 juli 2024	43	4
Diwopa Catholic School	15 juli 2024	142	16
Sunrise Academy	19 juli 2024	32	5
Thika Education centre	19 juli 2024	43	5
Creative Intergrated	22 juli 2024	45	11
Cupie Dolls Child care centre	22 juli 2024	6	4
Creative Intergrated	24 juli 2024	99	14
Fun School Daycare & Kindergarten	25 juli 2024	30	6
Jasmine Little Angel Academy	26 juli 2024	47	9
Briar Rose Junior	30 juli 2024	49	7
White Star Academy	31 juli 2024	106	10
Harven of Peace-Mwangaza Group	2 aug 2024	36	24
Soma siri	9 aug 2024	12	5

Markaz Al uluoom	15-aug-2024	67	8
Life care Africa	21-aug-2024	29	7
Mustard seed	13-sept-2024	23	3
West Nairobi School	17-Sept-2024	23	4
Mustard seed kitengela	20-sep-2024	30	4
Life international school	23-sep-2024	28	5
Maple click kindergardten	25-sep-2024	14	4
Shamiri Junior School	26-sep-2024	48	4
School of the Nations	3-okt-2024	23	3
The Ark Play School	3-okt-2024	16	4
Woodland Star	4-okt-2024	14	3
Kavina School	9-okt-2024	25	3
Tawi School	9-okt-2024	9	3
St. Christopher internatonal	10-okt-2024	32	4
woodcreek International	1-nov-2024	65	8
German school	1-nov-2024	10	3
Fun School Daycare & Kindergarten	5-nov-2024	30	6
Jaffery Academy	6-nov-2024	47	5
Spur Talanta	7-nov-2024	11	3
Woodland Star	13-nov-2024	11	2
German school	13-nov-2024	33	5
Africa kids Book Club	13-nov-2024	24	3
kids Fun Factory	14-nov-2024	29	6
Brookhouse International School	22-nov-2024	30	6
TerraMoyo	26-nov-2024	20	19
French Lycee International School	9-dec-2024	21	4
French Lycee International School	10-dec-2024	22	5
German school	11-dec-2024	31	7
Kenswed Mentorship and Entrepreneurship programme	12-dec-2024	79	4
Aga Khan Academy	14 jan 2025	68	7
German school	29- jan- 2025	19	3
The Banda School	3-feb-2025	51	5
Royal Brains school	4-feb-2025	19	2
Braeburn School	5-feb-2025	28	7
Braeburn School	6-feb-2025	29	7
Tuwafunze School	7-feb-2025	10	6
Royal Brains school	10-feb-2025	41	5
Trintas International School	10-feb-2025	65	12
Trintas International School	11-Feb=2025	54	8

Nairobi International School	12-feb-2025	47	4
Trintas International School	13-feb-2025	29	9
Darul Arqam Integrated International	14-feb-2025	27	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.488</b>	<b>786</b>

### 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.



5R's on Sustainability education

## Ongoing Development and Projects

During the year 2024, several changes and improvements have taken place in the programs and trainings offered by the Mlango Farm Foundation. These developments reflect the ongoing commitment to sustainable farming, education, and community involvement.

### Infrastructure Improvements

Mlango Farm has continued to enhance its facilities to better support educational programs and group visits.

- A part of the outdoor kitchen has been completed and is currently in use to better accommodate larger groups and separate family and business activities. Upgrades to the remaining section are still pending.
- Accommodations are expanded to improve living conditions and welcome students to stay for a multiple day learning experience.



COB building in progress

## Educational and Creative Initiatives

A variety of educational and cultural programs have been implemented to engage children, families, and volunteers in meaningful learning.

- A [Leap Learning 'Creativity Lab'](#) was launched to host schoolchildren and families for creative, hands-on educational experiences.
- In collaboration with [Harvesting for Good East Africa](#), several Permaculture courses were held, focusing on sustainable design principles and farming practices.



*Education on Permaculture*

*Opening Creativity Lab*

- Art workshops were organized in partnership with the Ngecha artists. A nature printing workshop was led by Annemarie.
- Multiple cooking classes were held, including a Chinese cooking session, promoting cultural exchange through food.
- Other engaging group activities included [Artemisia courses](#) (focused on natural malaria remedies), [Ocarina making](#) workshops, and scarecrow competitions. Many of these were featured on the Farm's [youtube channel](#), curated by volunteer Marta.
- A new training program for smallholder farmers on organic farming was introduced. In partnership with [Cosdep Kenya](#) and funded by the [Koppert Foundation](#), 200 farmers will be trained in sustainable agricultural practices. This initiative is expected to benefit both the health of farmers and the environment.



*Farmers training on organic farming*

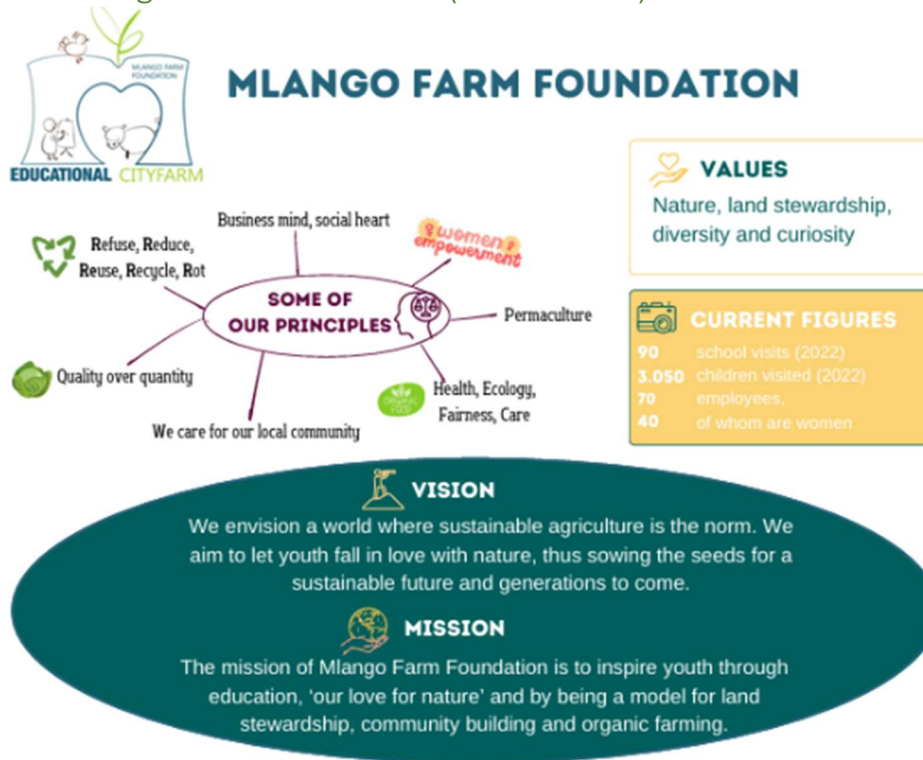
- In collaboration with *Mlango Farm*, [Stichting Mlango Farm](#), and project manager Jurian, a development [campaign](#) was launched to support future improvements. If you would like to support our projects financially, [please follow this link](#) to learn more about them.



*Future developments on education*

# Looking Ahead to 2025

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



### 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

In 2023, a strategic plan was developed to guide the growth and development of Mlango Farm Foundation over the coming years (see picture above). During the past year, several notable developments have taken place in alignment with this plan:

- The animal section has become more interactive, enhancing the educational experience for visitors. By letting the animals go to the pasture in the afternoon, it has become more animal friendly.
- The forest area is step by step transforming into an educational play forest for children from Nairobi, with a strong focus on indigenous plant species and nature-based learning.

## Upcoming Highlights

The Mlango Farm Foundation is looking forward to several exciting developments, including:

- Mlango Farm will be featured on *Kameme TV* in January
- The play forest project will be expanded, including the development of new environmental education programs
- A fishpond will be installed as part of improved water management systems
- An educational corner focused on mushroom cultivation will be created
- Educational courses on cob building will be offered
- The four elements (water, air, fire and earth) will be artistically represented in the forest



*Forest area*

## Acknowledgment and thanks

The Mlango Farm Foundation would like to express heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the growth, creativity, and success of our programs in 2024.

We extend a special thanks to the numerous volunteers who brought their energy, talents, and commitment to the farm. Each of you played a valuable role in improving our infrastructure, supporting activities, and enriching the learning experiences of our visitors. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Marta, Frida, Jutta, Lilly, Jurian, Stein, Carol, Becky, Monty, Janthe, Joshua, Meike, and Grethe for your time, effort, and inspiring contributions throughout the year.

To our partners and collaborators, including Harvesting for Good East Africa, Cosdep Kenya, Stichting Mlango Farm, Mlango Farm and the Koppert Foundation, thank you for sharing your expertise, resources, and vision. Your partnerships have helped us expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and provide training and opportunities to hundreds of farmers and students.

To our donors and supporters, thank you for believing in our mission. Your financial support fuels every initiative, from educational visits to infrastructure upgrades and community training programs. Your generosity helps us grow and reach those who benefit most.

We are also deeply thankful for the expertise and guidance of Kagwe, whose work in implementing new Permaculture design principles, especially in water management, has significantly enhanced the farm's sustainability and educational value.

Finally we like to thank the schools that chose to visit Mlango Farm Foundation. We thank you for making our farm a part of your learning journey. Your presence brings energy and purpose to all that we do. We are honored to be a place where young people experience nature, agriculture, and environmental care, often for the very first time.

Together, we are sowing seeds for a more sustainable and connected future. Thank you for being part of the Mlango Farm community.



*Educational team*

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