

# WEMA CENTRE BULLETIN (AUGUST 2025)

## FORMAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

All schools reopened for Term 3 between 26th and 27th August 2025. Our learners returned refreshed from the holiday and with their holiday homework assignments completed. During the month, two learners exited the program through family reunification while we also welcomed a new beneficiary who was enrolled in Grade 8 (see photo below).

The program currently supports 106 children and youth:

- 82 children in Pre-Primary, Primary, and Junior Secondary School
- 12 children in Secondary School
- 6 students in University and College
- 6 learners in our Remedial Class



## FAMILY REUNIFICATION

In August, we successfully reunified **three children** (two brothers and one girl) with their families.

### Siblings – Shawn and Peter

Shawn and Peter were rescued by the police and referred to Wema in April 2024. They faced physical violence at home, and the offending parent has undergone time in prison with rehabilitation. The parent was granted visitation rights at the Centre, and the first meeting was deeply emotional. Our counsellor initiated family therapy sessions to help rebuild trust and strengthen the parent-child bond.

Visitations continued for many months, until a safe reunification was deemed possible in August 2025.



## Temporary Shelter

On **23rd August 2025**, we received a **2½-year-old girl** from Bamburi Police Station for temporary shelter, due to parental abandonment. Her short stay enabled the Children's Officer to organize a safe transfer for long-term care to an organization specializing in care for infants and toddlers.

## SPORTS

On **22nd August 2025**, our Under-13, Under-14, and Under-16 football teams participated in competitions at Nyali.

- **Under-13 Team**
  - Wema vs Coastal Kickers: 1–1 (*draw*)
  - Wema vs Simba Grounds: 2–1 (*win*)
- **Under-14 Team**
  - Wema vs Simba Grounds: 0–1 (*loss*)
  - Wema vs Coastal Kickers: 1–1 (*draw*)
  - Wema vs Steplink: 2–1 (*win*)
- **Under-15 Team**
  - Wema vs Chui: 1–0 (*win*)

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received a **Certificate of Merit** for surpassing the minimum national mark, along with **Certificates of Participation** for every performer.

This remarkable journey from local preliminaries to the national spotlight not only celebrated the children's musical and cultural talents but also highlighted their resilience, teamwork, and passion for the arts.

As earlier reported, the Wema Choir and Traditional Dance Troupe proudly participated in the Kenya National Music Festivals, a journey that began at the Sub-County level and culminated at the Nationals in Meru on 8th August 2025.



The journey started between **4th May and 6th June** at a Primary School where the troupe presented ten items, ranging from choral music to traditional and modern dances, as well as wind instrument performances. Their talent shone brightly, earning them victories in all categories and opening the door to the County Level.



From **18th to 21st June**, the children represented Wema at the **County competitions**. Here, they competed in ten items once again and emerged winners in eight of them, securing top positions that advanced them to the Regional Level.



At the **Regional Festival**, held from **30th June to 6th July** at **Kenyatta High School in Taita Taveta**, the troupe showcased eight items. Their dedication and artistry were rewarded with wins in five categories, placing them in the top two positions and earning them official certificates of achievement.

Finally, the team reached the **National Stage in Meru** from **5th to 8th August 2025**. They competed in seven items, although one could not be presented due to a scheduling conflict. Even so, their performances stood out, **earning them national placements at positions 2, 6, 8, and 9**. In recognition of their effort and excellence, the group