



**HELPING BRIGHT KIDS
TAKE THE NEXT STEP**

Hatua is an independent charity which offers talented children from the slums of Nairobi a first-class education and the opportunity to become leaders in their communities and beyond.

THE STORY SO FAR

Hatua – meaning ‘the next step’ in Swahili – is an independent UK-registered charity which sponsors bright children from the slums of Nairobi to attend the finest Kenyan secondary schools. Our goal is to nurture the next generation, one child at a time.

Primary school in Kenya is free but secondary school fees, as well as the cost of boarding, uniforms, books and equipment, are not affordable for those living in Nairobi’s slums – typically a daily income for these families will be less than one dollar. This means talented students are unable to fulfill their full potential and make a difference to their communities and the wider world by continuing their education.

Hatua was set up in 2011 to help break this cycle of deprivation. By working with primary schools in some of the most challenged areas of Nairobi and secondary schools with a proven ability to place students in Kenya’s leading universities, Hatua gives students the opportunity to build a brighter future.

The **five core aims** of Hatua are to:

- 1. Motivate all students** in our selected primary schools to do as well as they possibly can
- 2. Identify the best students** clearly and accurately
- 3. Secure admission** for these students to the top secondary schools in the country
- 4. Cover the cost** of tuition, board, books, uniforms, and any other necessary expenses
- 5. Encourage, monitor and mentor** students to help ensure their ultimate success

Hatua is unable to help every disadvantaged child in Kenya, but we do try to radically change the lives of those we can reach. By offering continued support on their academic journey, Hatua works hard to help gifted students achieve a university place, and ultimately to gain meaningful employment.

Hatua is currently supporting 86 children through secondary education. This number will continue to grow.

In addition to the direct support we offer individual students, we have established a career centre in Nairobi. This centre works to engage children, parents and schools on how Hatua can help more children into further education and bring hope to their communities. Hatua graduates are able to access additional facilities such as computers and the internet and they also receive basic training in Office software so they can prepare for their university courses and look for employment.

TOMORROW'S STORY

We want to continue to make a real difference to children’s lives. Our next step is to see Hatua expand across Kenya and potentially into other African countries and beyond.

Our ultimate goal is for Hatua to be run by people whose education it has funded. The first group of Hatua scholars will graduate from university in 2019 and we hope to turn the charity over to them shortly after. Hatua graduates and our network of volunteers would then work in partnership to set ten year plans and targets for operations across different regions and countries.

OUR STUDENTS

So far Hatua has been able to help 86 gifted children from Nairobi's slums secure secondary school placements. Many of these kids have moving stories to tell...

Hatua offers hope, not only to the children it sponsors, but to the whole classroom and the wider community. The fact that there are opportunities for talented but very underprivileged children to progress and attend secondary school gives others in the slums the chance to believe that they too can improve their life through education and inspires them to work hard at primary school to improve their own grades.

Here are a few of our current students:



ALEX'S STORY

Alex comes from Mukuru slums where he lives with his single mother. His father abandoned the family when Alex and his only sister were only young. He now studies at Mang'u High School, loves Mathematics and has ambitions of becoming a pilot.

CHRISTINE'S STORY

Christine lives with her two brothers and four sisters in Mathare, one of Kenya's most deprived slums. Her father passed away a few years ago due to liver problems which the family didn't have the money to treat. Her mother doesn't work due to her age so one of her elder sisters has to provide for the family.

Christine is at State House Girls where she enjoys superb facilities and a better diet than she could ever hope for at home. She always scores as a top performer in her class and hopes to become a lawyer.



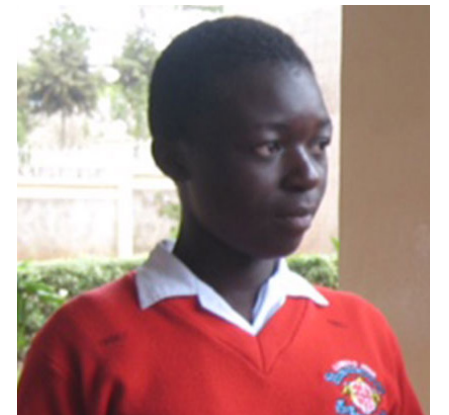
DOLPHINE'S STORY

Dolphine's positive outlook on life was sparked by the promise of the Hatua programme. She worked hard to become the top performing girl at her primary school and gained a place at her dream secondary school, Alliance Girls – one of Kenya's highest ranked secondary schools for girls.

Dolphine has a relatively stable home life compared to some of the other Hatua students, but her mother doesn't have a job and her father earns less than 3,000 Kenyan shillings per month. This wouldn't be enough to pay her school fees and feed the family without the support of the Hatua programme.

FAITH'S STORY

Faith is popularly known as the Hatua musician, gifted with a superb singing voice and a passion for music. Her family lives hand-to-mouth and spoke passionately about how Hatua had inspired her to work hard to gain pursue a good education. Faith now attends Loreto High School, loves poetry and would like to become a doctor when she grows up.



GRIFFINS'S STORY

Griffins lives in Mukuru slums with his guardian and six siblings. Despite the many difficulties he experienced in his young life he was optimistic about the opportunity to earn a Hatua scholarship. Griffin's persistence paid off and he now studies at one of the top schools in Kenya, Moi Forces Academy.

