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Foundation**
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NICE PLACE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2023

REPORT HIGHLIGHT

In its second year of operation, Nice Place Foundation continues its dedicated pursuit of empowering girls and young women through a unique blend of safe shelter facilities, offering scholarship opportunities and a transformative leadership academy.

The foundation remains committed to eliminating harmful cultural practices, providing education, and fostering dignified lives for its beneficiaries.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

CRAFTING SOLUTIONS, DELIVERING SUCCESS

Our journey embodies dedication, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to empower marginalized girls. Our mission for education, protection, and leadership is making a real impact. Your contributions and belief are a testament to our dedication to change, transforming statistics into lives touched and futures reshaped. Together, we are creating a nice future for every girl to dream, learn and lead.



As we reflect on another impactful year at Nice Place Foundation, I'm deeply grateful for the collective journey we've undertaken. From our humble beginnings with a bold mission, we've grown into a reality that touches many lives.

Our commitment to uplifting underserved communities through education, mentorship, and community-building has been unwavering.

I extend heartfelt thanks to our generous donors and partners whose support has driven our success, enabling us to make a tangible difference.

Looking ahead, our commitment remains strong as we continue to maximize every contribution to sow seeds of change and hope. Thank you for your ongoing partnership on this transformative journey.

Nice Leng'ete

Founder,
Nice Place Foundation.



INTRODUCTION

Nice Place Foundation is a charitable non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Loitokitok – Kajiado Kenya. It was founded to empower young girls through education and advocating to end female genital cutting (FGC) and early marriages.

ABOUT US

Nice Place Foundation is a source of hope and transformation for girls and young women. Serving as both a safe shelter and a leadership academy, the foundation stands as a testament to its mission: empowering girls to attain the education they deserve, unlocking their potential, and paving the way for dignified lives.

Nice Place Foundation is a sanctuary and an academy dedicated to breaking down barriers and empowering the future leaders of the community. The foundation's existence is rooted in the aspiration to eliminate harmful cultural practices that impede girls' access to quality education, including early marriages, Female Genital Cutting, and sexual gender-based violence.

In a society where women are often confined to caregiving roles, the foundation challenges these norms and actively promotes gender equality and leadership roles for women.





FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

THE FOUNDATION RELIES ON
THREE PIVOTAL PROGRAMS TO
REALIZE ITS MISSION;

Safe Shelter

- Providing refuge, psychosocial support, education, and mentorship for girls escaping harmful cultural practices.
- Emphasizing reconciliation and reintegration into families and communities.

Leadership Academy

- Equipping out-of-school girls with skills in leadership, advocacy, personal development, computer coding, agriculture, entrepreneurship and environmental conservation.
- Striving to create grassroots ambassadors capable of advocating for change at the community level.



Scholarship

- Supporting vulnerable boys and girls from disadvantaged backgrounds in their educational journey.
- Recognizing the unique challenges faced by children impacted by harmful social norms.

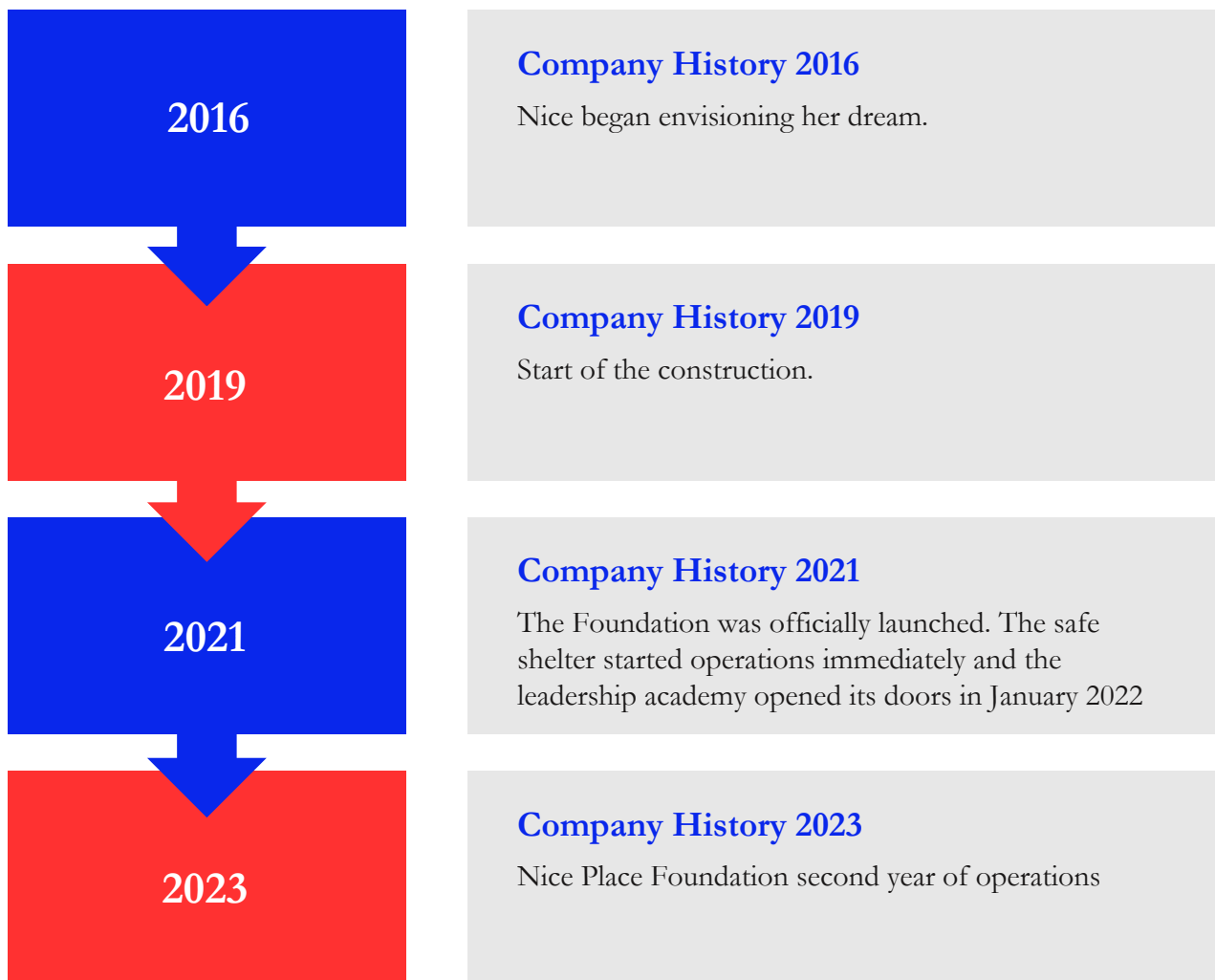
FOUNDATION HISTORY

OUR HISTORY

Born in Noomayianat, Loitokitok, Nice Leng'ete's early years were marked by the rich tapestry of Maasai culture. However, at a tender age, she found herself faced with a harrowing choice - to undergo the painful and life-altering rite of female circumcision. Refusing to accept this destiny, Nice decided to flee her parental home, setting in motion a courageous odyssey that would shape her life's purpose.

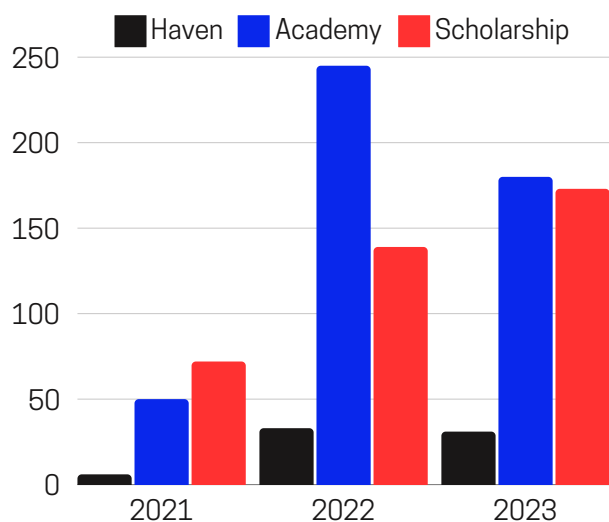
Today, Nice Leng'ete, alongside her dedicated colleagues from Amref Flying Doctors, stands as a formidable force against the ancient practice of female genital mutilation. Their weapon of choice: the "alternative rite of passage" – a safe, healthy, and educational ritual introduced within her own Maasai community. Through relentless dedication, this alternative rite has spared over 23,000 girls in Kenya and Tanzania from the horrors of female circumcision.

Drawing inspiration from her own experiences, Nice's dream for the girls of Kenya took shape in 2016. She envisioned a sanctuary – a haven where girls could seek refuge from the threat of FGM and early marriage, a place where they could find empowerment and hope.



NICE PLACE FOUNDATION DATA

Description



The bar graph illustrates the substantial impact of Nice Place Foundation's programs from October 2021 to December 2023.

Each bar represents the number of girls supported through various initiatives, including programs, safe shelter provisions, enrollment in the leadership academy, and recipients of scholarships.

The ascending bars reflect the increasing positive influence, showcasing the organization's commitment to empowering and uplifting the lives of girls within this timeframe.

This visual representation underscores the tangible outcomes of Nice Place Foundation's dedication to education, protection, and leadership development for girls in marginalized communities.



2023 ACTIVITIES



Empowering Futures: Nice Place Foundation's Transformative Initiatives and Impactful Milestones in 2023

In the course of the year, we accomplished significant milestones, garnered invaluable lessons, and encountered inevitable setbacks; however, our unwavering spirit propelled us forward.

01. Leadership Academy

Held 3 leadership training cohorts in January, May and August training a total of **182** girls. **19** Girls were trained in leadership communication by Speech Republic. 38 girls were trained in different digitally enabled jobs at the organization through AjiraForShe program.

03. Scholarship

Supported a total of **173** students in different levels of education from Primary school to tertiary level. Held parents' clinics to engage the parents of scholarship students. Held a Career open day in collaboration with Masai Technical and Kenya Medical Training Institutes

02. Safe Shelter

Rescued a total of **25** girls from FGM, child marriages and other forms of sexual gender-based violence. 11 girls were successfully reintegrated into the community. Hosted different charitable children institutions for training on CPIMS.

04. Community

Reached a total of 7,345 community members through events held at the centre and celebration of international days. Held meetings with a fellowship of pastors and local national government leaders. Held a football tournament to mark the 16 days of activism against gender based-violence.



Cummulative Achievements

TIMELINE: October 2021 - December 2023

ACADEMY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 425 Girls Trained and graduated from the 7 Trainings cohorts held since 2022.• 240 girls trained on online work and gigs by Ajira Digital at the academy.• 18 girls as Trainer of Trainers.• 19 Girls trained on Leadership Communication and Speech Training• 50 women from 5 women groups trained on beadwork and advocacy.• 50 girls targeted by school-based leadership training.• 38 girls trained on digitally enabled jobs through apprenticeship at the foundation.• 50 men and women trained on consent, family planning and contraceptives.
SAFE SHELTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 64 Girls rescued from FGM, Early marriages and other forms of sexual gender-based violence.• 6 in 2021, 33 in 2022 and 25 girls in 2023.• 54 of the children were destined for Early marriage and some FGM, 4 neglect, 4 orphans and 2 other forms of Gender -based violence.• 4 below the age of 10, 30 from 11 to 15 and the rest 11 to 19 years old.• Safely reconcile 39 girls with their families and are continuing with the education.
SCHOLARSHIP	<p>Our Scholarship Program is a commitment to nurturing talent among bright girls and boys from vulnerable backgrounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary 13 girls• Secondary 97 boys and girls.• Tertiary (35 MTII, 11 KMTC, 17 in different Universities)• Held parents clinic twice at Nice Place Foundation.• Organized a career open day for the youth in Kimana
COMMUNITY	<p>Engaged and Educated 11314 community members through;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nice Place Foundation events such as graduations.• Celebration of International Days.• Football Tournament.• Workshops and barazas such as pastors fellowship, national and county government leaders in the region.

‘What they said.’

“You are true to the cause. We are looking forward to working with you and realizing an environment free from all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls.”

Teresa Njue, Deputy Principal at Masai Technical Training College



A young mother at 15, I found refuge at Nice Place Foundation Safe Shelter. I was saved from undergoing the cut one month after giving birth as a preparation for me to be married off. Today, I am pursuing a technical course at Masai Technical College. When I finish, I will be able to provide for myself and my son.

Ninayo, safe shelter beneficiary.



When I finished my primary exams, I passed well and I was called to join a national school. I did not join because we never had enough money. I reported to Oloitokitok Boys with half a sack of maize. I was uncertain of my secondary education. Nice Place supported me and I excelled with a A- in my KCSE and now I am pursuing a degree in pharmacy.

Michael Somba, Scholarship beneficiary.



I was lucky to have been selected to be trained as a Trainer of Trainers after the leadership training at Nice Place Foundation. As a result of the eye opening training, I am now a peer educator at Kajiado West educating the youth and community on Health and Hygiene under USAID project. I am now able to provide for my needs.

Grace Reson, Alumni and ToT Training Beneficiary



I joined the leadership academy back in May 2022 and while at the training I had a chance to be trained on online work and gigs. Due to that I was picked as an apprentice under the AjiraForShe apprentice program by Ajira Digital working as a social media manager at Nice Place Foundation and earning income. I have also recieved a few offers for the job from other organizations. I will be able to earn income while pursuing my studies.

Angel Nashipai, alumni and beneficiary of AjiraForShe apprenticeship Program.



Through the training that we underwent at Nice Place Foundation, we can make more money from our beadwork that will help us support our families and education of our girls. We will also be able to defend our girls from harmful cultural practises and be the champions of the girl child in the community.

Meoshi Lemurua, chairperson Noomayianat Self Help Women Group



We have seen the fruits of Nice efforts in the community. Our girls are now confident and can engage elders in conversations that previously they were denied to say. We have seen girls go to school. We are now aware and we commit to support our girls. Thank you Nice for this initiative.

Laisa, Community Elder.

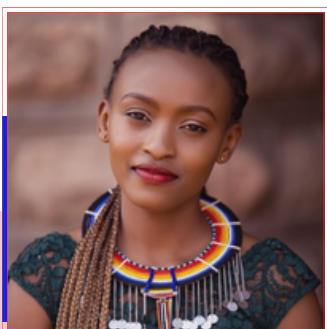
LEADERSHIP TEAM

Meet the Compassionate Minds Steering Change: Nice Place Foundation's Dynamic Leadership Team Dedicated to Empowering Lives. Supported by 17 staff members.



Nice Leng'ete
Founder and Board Vice Chair

TIME 100 Most Influential 2018 | End FGM/C Amref Health Africa Global Ambassador | Post Code Lottery Group Ambassador | Experienced project manager and philanthropist.



Elizabeth Soila
Co-Founder and Scholarship Coordinator

Has a deep understanding of the importance of education in empowering young girls to achieve their dreams. She has helped countless girls to overcome the obstacles they face and gain access to the education they deserve. Her tireless efforts to empower young girls to reach their full potential have had a transformative impact on the lives of countless individuals, and her dedication to the cause serves as an inspiration to all who know her.



Mwende Kelly
Project Officer, Safe Shelter

Kelly is a health services manager with a strong knowledge in organizational, financial planning, budgeting, operations, staffing and health care management. She has demonstrable skills in peer education, facilitation, community mobilization and coordination of medical outreaches. Passionate about improving the quality, efficiency and delivery of health care services.



Jancan Limo
Lead Instructor

Has over 10 years of experience in education. Passionate about facilitating impactful moments and driving transformative training that bridge the gaps in educational instruction and create positive change in the lives of both students and educators. He has extensive experience in teacher training, student leadership development, parent engagement, and social-emotional learning.

OUR PARTNERS

In 2023, Nice Place Foundation proudly acknowledges the invaluable collaboration with our esteemed partners, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in realizing our mission and fostering positive change in the lives of girls from marginalized communities



Amref
Health
Africa

Continued to support our programs through Erripo Ontoyie projects and fundraising efforts for the foundation.

Post Code
Lottery
Group

- Appointed Nice Place Founder as Post Code Lottery Group Ambassador.
- Donated Euros 250,000/- to Nice Place Foundation



Steering the leadership of Nice Place Foundation board and raising funds for the foundation to support its programs.

Investing in courses for social good is not just an investment in knowledge; it's a commitment to building a better world. Education becomes a powerful catalyst, shaping minds, and equipping individuals to drive positive change, creating a ripple effect that uplifts communities and societies.

OUR PARTNERS OUR HEROES

Generosity has the power to transform lives. In the act of giving, we not only contribute to the well-being of others but also sow seeds of hope and create ripples of positive change that extend far beyond the act itself



Stitching Benjamin

Scholarship Support

Generous contribution towards supporting girls under the scholarship program. The funds were directed to paying school fees for secondary school students supported by Nice Place Foundation. At least not one not two but more girls will not have to worry about losing study time because of being sent for school fees.



Stitching Virtutis Opus

Generous contribution towards supporting Nice Place Foundation programs.



Maasai Girl Fund

Paul and Avery

Collaborated in holding training of 50 community members in Amboseli on Consent, Family Planning and contraceptives.



Ajira Digital

Collaboration in AjiraForShe Apprentice Program

Ajira Digital offered 2 days training on online work and gigs during every leadership training cohort we had and out of that, they provide stipend for girls that Nice Place Foundation will engage as apprentice performing digitally enabled jobs. So far 240 girls have been trained and 38 given apprentice opportunities.

Our Partners: Our Heroes 2023



We extend heartfelt gratitude to our partners, both big and small, whose contributions, whether in financial support or in-kind donations, have collectively played a significant role in making a substantial impact through Nice Place Foundation's initiatives. Your generosity, regardless of size, has been a cornerstone in our shared journey towards empowering and uplifting the lives of girls in marginalized communities

CHD Conservation Kenya

Developing and facilitating the curriculum on Wildlife and Environment Conservation at Nice Place Foundation Leadership Academy

Elewa Company Ltd

For engaging the girls at the leadership academy on computer coding and general landscape of software engineering.

Goralse France

Donated funds to support Nice Place Foundation initiatives.

Community Members

Heeded our call when we need them. The advisory committee, the parents of students attending the training, the women and men who turned up for training and participated in our events

KCNRN

Member of kajiado County Natural Network aimed at amplifying conservation efforts in the county

Friedrich Naumann Foundation

Facilitated the training of 18 alumni of Nice Place Foundation Leadership Academy on leadership communication.

Selected and sponsored training of 2 Nice Place Foundation Training staff conducted in Cape Town South Africa

KGP Film Production GMBH

While filming a movie on femicide they selected to capture the story of Nice Place Foundation as a solution to femicide, recorded videos of art pieces performed by the girls at the foundation and contributed some cash to support the foundation.

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Amboseli Ecosystem Trust

For believing in our mission and supporting us to host the 2023 International Women's Day at Nice Place Foundation Center

Maasai TTI

Offering scholarship opportunities to some of students from the leadership academy and helping us to host Career Open Day

KMTC Loitokitok

Helping our students apply for different courses in different KMTC campuses and helping us hold Career Open Day in Kimana Town

KWS Amboseli

For always waiving park entry fees for the girls at the leadership academy and providing us with the transport. So far 350 girls have had the opportunity to visit the park.



Childrens' Office

For believing in our foundation and referring children in distress to our facility. They have been there during placement, reconciliation and reintegration journey of the girls at the foundation. Provided training to the staff on child care and protection and reforms in the sector.

Ministry of Education

Being quick to guide on which level and where to place the girls under our safe shelter who at times are far behind their peers academically. And mentoring the girls and their parents in the leadership academy

PROGRESS IN PHOTOS

Marvel at the remarkable strides made in
advancing towards achieving our goals.

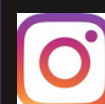
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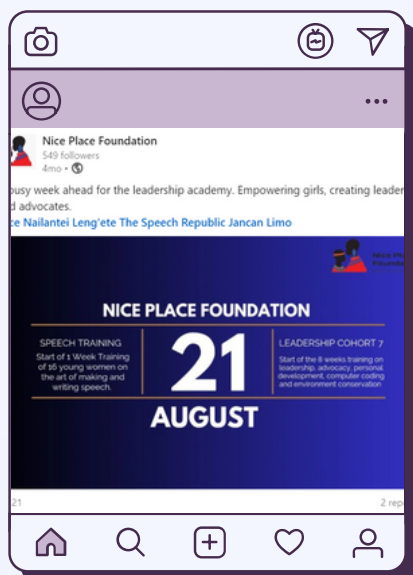
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 923

 4.4k



 1.1k

 242

 118

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MORE ABOUT US

More than an organization, we are a force for positive change, driven by a shared commitment to empower, uplift, and transform lives.



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