

# THE MILGIS TRUST STUDENTS REPORT 10/2024

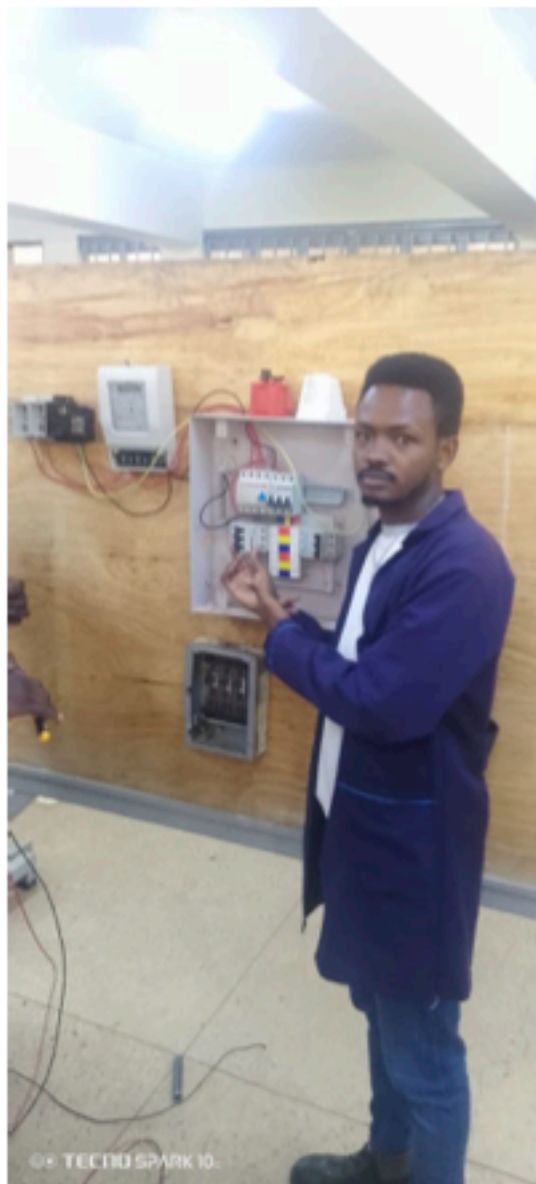
## Introduction

We are delighted to share the incredible journeys of the scholarship students whose lives you are transforming through your generous support. Each student brings a unique story of resilience, ambition, and growth. Thanks to this scholarship program, they now have access to opportunities they once only dreamed of.

This past term, we've witnessed remarkable progress not just in their academics but also in the ways they are growing into confident, compassionate young adults who are eager to give back to their communities. With your support, they are building the skills and character that will empower them to become future leaders.

Below, are highlights of each student's progress, challenges, and achievements. We hope their stories inspire you as much as your support has inspired them.

## Loibotoong'u Saul



Saul, from Nkwe Entome village near our headquarters, has always been passionate about his education. Raised by his elderly mother, he faced tough financial struggles that nearly prevented him from continuing past primary school. But with his strong academic record, he qualified for our scholarship program, which has supported him through high school and now college.

Currently, Saul is in his **second year** of a **four-year Electrical and Electronic Engineering course** at **Meru National**. He's doing well in both theory and practicals, with a special interest in technology. His big goal is to work on sustainable energy solutions for his community.

With his impressive progress and ambition, Saul stands as a promising example of how education and community support can empower.

## Antonella Lekalgitele



Antonella grew up in a polygamous family, where her father had left her mother to fend for her family with only a few livestock to support the family. After finishing primary school, it seemed unlikely she'd get the chance to continue her studies. Fortunately, we were able to sponsor her through high school, where she worked hard and achieved a mean grade of C-. Seeing the impact of wildlife in her community, Antonella developed a real passion for tourism and was determined to pursue it.

With continued support, she enrolled in a **three-year diploma program in Tourism Management at the African Institute of Research and Development Studies**, and she's now in her **final semester**. For the Latakweny community, her upcoming graduation is a significant milestone, as Antonella is among the few young women to reach this point, inspiring many Samburu girls to pursue their own educational journeys.

## Alfred Lekuyie Lekadaa



Alfred is from Nkunit village and grew up in a single-parent family with his father, who struggled with addiction and often left the family without support and in challenging circumstances. With very limited resources, continuing his education after primary school seemed almost impossible. Thankfully, we were able to step in and support not only Alfred but also his sister due to the tough situation at home.

With this support, Alfred finished high school and is now in his **third year** of a **four-year program in International Relations and Diplomacy at Pioneer International**. He's excited to use what he's learning to help build connections between communities and encourage understanding across borders.



## Thomas Kimani Lekanapal



Thomas, from Nkwe Entome, comes from a separated family and lives with his mother, who has a tough time making ends meet while also paying for another child's school fees. Thanks to sponsorship, he completed high school, allowing him to pursue his dream of studying agriculture at the college level. He's now in his **second semester** of the **first year** of a **four-year General Agriculture and Extension course** at **Eldoret Training Institute**. Thomas is passionate about improving food security and sustainable farming in his community. His dedication shows in his great performance in practical fieldwork, where he consistently demonstrates both skill and passion.

## James Lerakole



James is a tenacious young man from Loikumkum with a story of resilience. He grew up in a poor family that didn't initially value education, which made his journey through school difficult. Although he faced challenges in high school and didn't achieve the grades he had hoped for, his drive to continue learning was strong. After finishing high school, he didn't give up but instead, he started at the certificate level, looking for help from well-wishers to support his studies with no support from his family.

Seeing his dedication and perseverance, we decided to support him through his diploma and bachelor's degree. James worked hard and overcame many obstacles, and now he's set to **graduate with a bachelor's degree in Development Studies from Mount Kenya University** on December 6th this year.

He is not only ambitious but also a natural leader, demonstrated by his election as a student leader during his university years. His drive to uplift his community marks him as a promising figure in community development. We are proud of his accomplishments and confident in the positive impact he will make in his community.

## Emerson Lengees



Emerson comes from a humble household in Uwaso Rongai, where his family has always faced financial challenges. His father works as a manual laborer, but it's often hard to meet the family's basic needs. Seeing Emerson's determination, we supported him through high school and into university.

Now in his **second year** studying **Animal Health and Production** at **Mount Kenya University**, Emerson is doing well both in practical skills and class work. He's excited to give back to his community by using his training to improve animal health services. Emerson's hard work and dedication make us confident he'll make a real difference in his field and his village.

## Simon Meshack Lewongu



Simon is from Nkerded in Lkerei, where he was raised by a single parent who is elderly and faces financial hardships. Due to his parent's age and limited resources, including only a small number of livestock, supporting Simon's education was nearly impossible. After completing primary school, Simon qualified for our sponsorship, allowing him to continue his studies through high school and now into college.

Currently a **second-year** student in **Land Survey and Mapping** at **Eldoret Technical Training Institute**, Simon demonstrates exceptional skill in surveying and analysis. He is passionate about using his knowledge to promote sustainable land management practices, and he looks forward to making a positive impact in his field.



## Secondary-Level Sponsorship Student



*Our secondary students posing for a picture*

**Andrew Lepulote**



Andrew, a young man from Loidongo, has faced many challenges. His mother was married to an elderly man who can no longer provide for the family, leaving her to support Alois' sibling through secondary school with only a few livestock to rely on. Through sponsorship, Andrew was able to pursue his secondary education, a journey he approached with remarkable dedication. Now he is sitting for his **final exams at Maralal High School**, demonstrating resilience and determination to achieve his educational goals

## Mathew Lentooko



Mathew comes from a challenging background. His father, struggling with addiction, has sold all their livestock to fund his habit, leaving the family in a difficult financial situation. Despite these hardships, Mathew's mother has worked tirelessly to support her children, including putting another child through school. With sponsorship support, Mathew has persevered through secondary school and is now sitting for his **final exams at Seyia Boys**. His dedication and hard work over the years have positioned him well for this crucial milestone, and his determination to make a better future for himself remains strong.

## Remusha Lentukunye



Remusha comes from a single-parent household in Swari. After being attacked by a crocodile, he injured his hand and could no longer care for the livestock. This turned out to be a turning point for him, as he decided to focus on education instead. We supported him in this decision, and now he is sitting for his **final exams at Goshen School**. Remusha is excited to see where his hard work will take him.



## Andrea Lekeesio



Andrea is a determined young man from Urura. After his parents separated, his father became a drunkard and offered no support. His mother, with no livestock, runs a small market business to support Andrea and his siblings—two in secondary school and one in university. We made a choice to help the mother with the burden by supporting Andrea.

Now in **Form 2** at **Baawa Boys Secondary School**, Andrea has made steady progress and stays focused on his studies. He ranks second in his class of 54 students with a mean grade of **B-**, a big improvement from his KCSE score of 275. Geography is his top subject and he's showing strong dedication to his education despite the challenges he faces at home.

## Simon Loltolo



Simon comes from a single-parent household in Nkwe Entome village, where his mother struggles to make ends meet with very few livestock. Despite these challenges, he was lucky to continue his education after finishing primary school, thanks to your support.

Now in **Form 2** at **Wamba Boys**, Simon has built a strong academic foundation and is eager to keep working hard and building on what he's learned.

### **Lucy Dmonic**

Lucy is from Nkurnit and comes from a single-parent household. She's currently in **Form 2** at **Goethe Girls** and is dedicated to finishing her education. After a complicated operation, we decided to help her continue her studies. Lucy has shown great determination and continues to push forward in her academic journey.

### **Elizabeth Leyopoko**

Elizabeth is a young girl from Nkwe Entome, currently sitting for her **final exams** at **Tipito Girls** in Samburu East. Her parents are very old, and the recent drought wiped out all their livestock, making life even more difficult for the family. Despite these challenges, Elizabeth has remained focused and worked hard to reach this point. She's well-prepared for the next step and is determined to make her mark.

### **Joel Lemacheria**

Joel is from Oromodei and is currently in **Form 2** at **Kirisia Boys**. He comes from a single-parent household, and his late father, who had very few livestock, was our scout. Despite the challenges at home, Joel has made steady progress in his studies, showing both dedication and potential. He is focused on his education and determined to keep moving forward.