

Upendo School – Kenya

Update 2018



Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of the Global Child Care Services staff and families, Elimu was able to successfully complete the building of Upendo School in 2013. The new school provides educational facilities for Sabaki Village’s youngest members. Originally begun as a nursery school with only kindergarten, with its new building, it quickly grew to an early childhood education centre hosting up to Grade 3. Today, with an additional classroom added by the community itself, Upendo is up to Grade 5 and now boasts the name: Upendo Sabaki Academy.

Thanks to Global Child Care Services’ ongoing support since 2013, Elimu has managed the following achievements at Upendo School:

- **Signage.** The school’s new name is now visible from far with a new school sign painted by one of Elimu’s beneficiaries – Ibrahim, a high school graduate from our Nyumbani Kwetu Home for Children. Ibrahim is pursuing interior design at college and the painting of the Upendo sign was his first job in Malindi. The sign also honours the support of Global Child Care Services in helping to make the school possible.
- **Digital Reading Program.** Elimu representatives visit Upendo School weekly since 2017 with digital books on our World Reader Kindles and with a laptop and projector to display educational videos.
- **Teacher training.** The class teachers have been trained in handling the digital tools and assist in delivering the program to their students.
- **Mentorship of the Management Team.** Elimu continues to mentor the Upendo school management team providing management advice and business support as needed. The Upendo team have actively participated in key Elimu events including the 2017 Digital Fashion Show, showcasing the creativity of the students from our sewing project and the 2018 Grand Opening event at the new Elimu Resource Centre. A representative from Upendo School also sits on the Elimu Resource Centre advisory committee.

