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Program Coordinator's Foreword:

Dear Partners, Community Members, and Stakeholders,

This quarter we celebrated the power of united voices and the gift of reliable water.

In a major boost for girls' education, we convened over 70 journalists from Manyara and Arusha regions in two energising "One Voice, Stronger Impact" workshops. These media allies are now powerfully amplifying school re-entry after pregnancy and zero tolerance for gender-based violence across northern Tanzania.

In the drought-prone west of Kilindi District, Tanga Region – specifically the Kwediboma area where families still walk up to 5 km for unsafe water – we continued our longstanding Water to Thrive shallow wells programme. On the ground this quarter we saw once again that where village water committees truly own and manage their wells, clean water flows reliably and health transforms overnight. In villages where ownership is still taking root, we moved swiftly with repairs, heavier-duty pumps, protective fencing, and renewed training.

Every litre saved is an hour returned to school. Every voice raised is a future protected.

Water saved is time gained for school. Voices raised are futures secured.

My deepest gratitude to Water to Thrive, every journalist who spoke up, village water committees, local leaders and all of you who stand with us.

Together we are turning dry earth into hope and silence into progress.



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PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

**Thank You for Being the Heart of Our Work
Every drop of clean water in Kilindi and every girl
walking back into a classroom carries your name
on it.**

**Your support turned journalists into megaphones
for girls' rights and turned dusty village pumps into
sources of health and hope.**

STORIES OF CHANGE:

Success Story: Nasinyari – Stitching a Future for Herself and Others



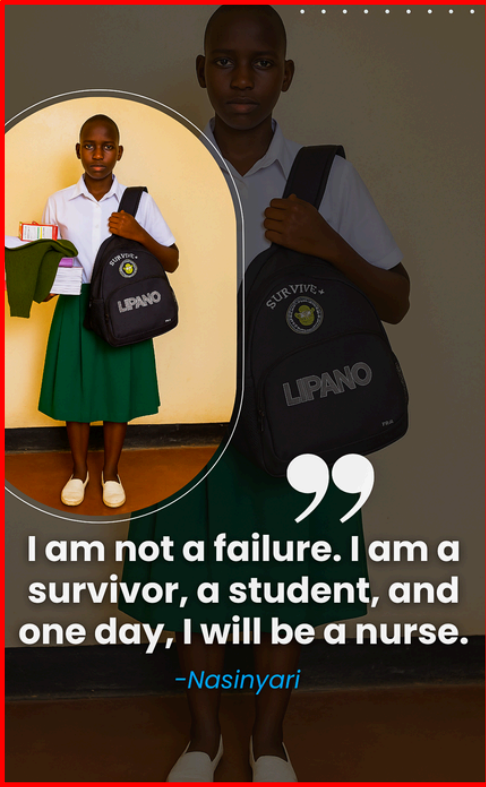
📍 Simanjiro-Manyara

Today, the hum of her small sewing machine fills her family’s courtyard. Uniforms, kitenges, and school dresses flow out steadily, earning enough to keep all her siblings in class and put food on the table every night. Nasinyari herself continues to top her Form Five class while running the business.

Her little shop now supports five neighbouring families who bring cloth for her to sew. Even more powerful, fifteen girls from Simanjiro have watched Nasinyari balance books and business and have now enrolled in KINNAPA’s tailoring and entrepreneurship programme. For them, poverty is no longer the end of the story—just the spark that starts their own.

Nasinyari grew up in the dry plains of Simanjiro, one of eight children in a family that often slept hungry. When her mother died, the burden fell on her young shoulders. “They told me school was over. I had to fetch water, cook, and find any work to feed my brothers and sisters.

Dropping out seemed inevitable, until KINNAPA stepped in with a full scholarship and enrolled her in tailoring classes after school hours. Nasinyari learned to work the sewing machine with the same determination she once used to carry 20-litre jerrycans at dawn.



GOAL 1: One Voice, Stronger Impact: Manyara and Arusha Journalists Unite for Girls' Rights and Social Change.



Manyara-Babati

KINNAPA convened over 40 journalists from television, radio, print, and digital platforms across Manyara and Arusha regions in a strategic one-day forum. The session broadened collaboration, allowed participants to exchange practical experiences on gender-sensitive reporting, and reinforced the media’s central role in driving national transformation.

Through lively discussions and group action-planning, a powerful shared commitment emerged, to speak with One Voice on keeping girls in school, championing Tanzania’s school re-entry policy for pregnant girls and young mothers, and relentlessly exposing and combating gender-based violence.



Core belief:

Real change begins when communities own the solutions.

 Manyara-Babati



This passionate plea aligns with KINNAPA's ongoing Nipe Nafasi ("Give Me a Chance") project, funded by the Malala Fund, which has successfully re-enrolled over 200 children—mostly girls—across districts like Kiteto, Babati, Simanjiro, Siha, and Hai

The initiative has also established more than 20 school-based anti-dropout clubs and trained traditional and religious leaders as education ambassadors, fostering community buy-in for the policy.

In Babati alone, out of 85 students who dropped out, 21 (10 girls and 11 boys) have returned to school between 2023 and 2025, a direct win from heightened awareness and support, as reported by Babati District Council's Secondary Education Officer, Judith Materu.

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Babati District Council's
Secondary Education Officer

GOAL 2: Kilindi WASH Phase III: The Story So Far – “Five Wells Rising, Fifteen More to Follow.”



The Kilindi WASH Improvement Program – Phase III, proudly funded by Water to Thrive and led on the ground by KINNAPA Development Programme, set out with one clear promise: bring safe, reliable water to 20 rural communities through 19 hand-dug wells and 1 protected spring box.

This is not just a construction project. It is a partnership with people who have walked miles for dirty water their entire lives.

The district officers, ward leaders, and village chairs have all sat together in lively stakeholder meetings, nodding in agreement: “This time, the water will stay close and stay clean.”

Ten brand-new community WASH Committees – balanced with women and men – have been elected, trained, and handed the keys (literally) to their future water points. They already know how to collect monthly contributions, call a technician, and keep records. Ownership started the day they were chosen.

On the ground, the sound of shovels and laughter fills the air:

- Five wells are fully dug, lined, and covered. The concrete rings are cured; only the pumps and strong fences remain before the first bucket is pulled.
- Another five wells are actively under excavation – villagers contributing labour side-by-side with skilled artisans, because this is their water.

Every evening, children who used to leave home before dawn to fetch water now play a little longer. Mothers whisper to each other: “Soon we will cook, bathe, and still have time to sell tomatoes at the market.”

Fifteen more sites are already surveyed and marked. Pipes, pumps, and fencing materials are on the way.

 Kilindi - Tanga

This is not a new project, it is the determined continuation of bringing lasting hope to families who have suffered too long fetching water. In Kwediboma, western Kilindi, the dry season of waiting is finally coming to an end.

When the final pump handle is bolted on and the last fence post driven in, more than 20 villages will wake up to a new reality: water that doesn't make them sick, water that doesn't steal their time, water they control themselves.



That day is coming soon. And when it does, Kilindi will have a story worth telling the whole country.



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