

Quarterly Newsletter 4 - 2024

CELEBRATING MILESTONES AND FACING CHALLENGES TOGETHER

We as RIEKO community are happy to share the success we have had over the past three months. It has been a year full of progress and yet challenges were part of what made us come this far!!

Second Graduation Ceremony

This quarter, we celebrated a significant milestone as we held our second graduation ceremony. A total of 32 children successfully graduated from our intergenerational school and are now moving on to Grade 1. Their smiles and achievements are a testament to the power of community support and quality education.



RIEKO elderly team during graduation

Rieko graduates with the grandparents

Innovation Recognition

We are glad to announce that one of the children of the elderly in our program has been awarded the Innovative Award of the Year by Tech the future for her groundbreaking work on post-harvest loss. Monica's achievement highlights the incredible potential of intergenerational knowledge transfer and innovation.



Monica who won the innovative award

Floods at RIEKO in Nyando

Our Founder's Visit to Pallium India

During Eltrud's time at Kanthari in India as a catalyste, she had the privilege of visiting Pallium India. The exchange of ideas and best practices during this visit was immensely valuable, inspiring new ways to approach our mission of restoring dignity and respect to the elderly at RIEKO.



Eltrud with one of the caregivers of pallium India

Eltrud, Sijo and a staff at pallium India

Special Visit from Dr. Evans and Support for Our Children and staff

Dr. Evans, along with his family and friends, visited RIEKO and brought joy to our children by providing learning materials and Christmas gifts for the entire team. Their generosity has made a lasting impact on our community, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their kindness.



ORIEKO children receiving books

Dr. Evans with his family and friends at RIEKO

Challenges and Resilience

This quarter also brought significant challenges as floods devastated our crops and affected the homes of many elderly families in our care. Despite these hardships, our spirit remains unbroken, and we are working towards sustainable solutions to mitigate future flood impacts.

Looking Ahead: Plans for a Safe Ground

In light of the flooding challenges, we plan to establish a new RIEKO branch on raised ground. This initiative aims to provide a safe space for our community during flood events, ensuring continuity in our services and protection for our elderly and children. We are currently raising funds towards purchasing land of ten hectares at a total of 69,000 USD and your contribution is much appreciated.

Dear Friends,

We are immensely grateful to all our supporters, volunteers, and partners who continue to stand by our side. And you can help by spreading the word by sharing the links below in your network: Your contribution transforms lives! You can make a donation into our organization's account, for details see: <u>https://riekowise.org/donate/</u>

Wishing you ALL the very best for 2025! with warmest regards from Kenya,

the entire Rieko team, Eltrud