



Quarterly Newsletter 1 - 2026

HOPE IN ACTION

This quarter has been one of growth, collaboration, and meaningful community impact for RIEKO Organization. We are excited to share some of the highlights that continue to shape our journey in advancing climate resilience and community wellbeing.

DEEPENING OUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

We were privileged to join the Community Leadership Initiative (CLI) program by the Isarroff Family Foundation as part of a cohort of 19 grassroots leaders from across the region. Through this program, 4 members of the RIEKO team are receiving intensive mentoring, governance training, and peer learning support, strengthening our capacity to serve over 170 children and their families more effectively. And we were equally humbled to host Dorothy from Sawa-Africa who is also an alumnus of CLI program.



Eltrud and CLI partners during the Naivasha convening



RIEKO team together with Dorothy and Tinny

CLEAN WATER, HEALTHIER CHILDREN

This quarter, we were honored to receive guests from LifeStraw, who donated 2 institutional filters to our center. These filters are already serving approximately 200 children and 40 caregivers every day, reducing the number of reported waterborne illness cases at Okana dispensary. For years, many children frequently fell sick, and some parents believed their families were bewitched; now, parents are beginning to link better health to access to clean, safe drinking water instead of fear and stigma.



Jijii taking the purified water



Teacher Ceffas refilling the filter during the training session

STANDING UP TO AGEISM IN NYAKACH

We held a powerful community session on ageism in Nyakach that brought together 35 participants, including youth, caregivers, elders, community health volunteers, and local leaders. During the dialogue, participants shared 18 real-life examples of age-based discrimination and jointly identified practical actions such as intergenerational mentorship and shared decision-making spaces. This process not only increased awareness but also strengthened commitment to treat both older persons and youth with dignity and respect in community processes.



Ohula sharing during the discussion session



RIEKO children in the hall attending PPI

REUNITING WITH OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

We were more than humbled to reunite with our long-term friends and partners Andrea and Joo, together with Ecoalchemy, WA-WA, and Okiri, during a 2-day learning and reflection visit at RIEKO. The visit included field time with our children and caregivers, a roundtable on wayforward, and joint visits to the other three organizations. These moments reminded us that RIEKO's work is held by a wider global family that believes in climate justice, children's rights, and community resilience.



Jo, Andrea and Philgon enjoying the dance



Andrea and the children during a poem presentation

LOOKING AHEAD

We have completed the roofing, windows and doors and only left with final finishing of our multi-purpose building that will serve as a cafeteria and, during the floods offer a safe space for our beneficiaries. To better serve our growing community, we are in the process of purchasing land where we can expand our programs and impact more lives.

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:

<https://riekowise.org/donate/>

Wishing you ALL the very best for 2026!

with warmest regards from Kenya,

the entire Rieko team, Eltrud

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