

DECEMBER 2022 INTERNSHIP REPORT



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OUR CURRICULUM

Our high-achieving students study a normal secondary school curriculum, in addition to our custom-created curriculum for vocational training in sustainable tourism.

We blended VETA course content for housekeeping, food & beverage preparation, front office, and computer studies with our own topics: health and wellness, permaculture, soft skills and sustainability.

INTERNSHIPS

Hands-on experience is a curriculum requirement, and each student must complete an average of 5 weeks' internship per year in order to graduate.

In Aug 2022, 27 students were hosted by 7 different companies. It was our first round of internships in the midst of a busy peak season - and it was a wonderful success.

In Dec 2022, we had more students and more hosts: 37 interns went to 10 companies, and it went beautifully.

We can't thank our industry partners enough: we actually had more places offered than students to fill them this time. Isn't that wonderful?

Huge thanks to our
incredible hosts

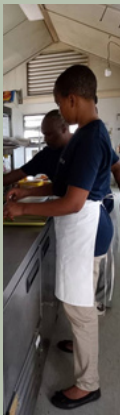


What they said...

The students were VERY disciplined, respectful, active and very eager to learn the operations of the hospitality industry.



The clients definitely enjoyed their company and were most impressed with their general demeanour.



ABSOLUTELY amazing. I love how you have shaped them to have so much confidence.

What our students said...



We held a meeting where each student shared their experience

INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE

There is only so much that can be taught in a classroom, and what our students learned in the field is impossible to quantify. One thing they appreciated was learning how to manage situations – and people – when things don't go according to plan... a crucial skill in hospitality!

INSPIRATION

Mentorship from a French-speaking safari guide made one of the girls consider a new career path, and one of our boys is now determined to be a hot air balloon pilot. Another student requested a bigger variety of herbs in the school garden after cooking with new ingredients in camp, and many came back with new recipes to share.

SHARING SKILLS

One of our boys surprised the bar staff by carrying a tray on his fingertips – so he taught them how! On a walking safari, a guest asked about a certain plant; while our student didn't know its scientific name, he shared his knowledge of its traditional medicinal usage – and the guest was delighted.



CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS

Staff and guests were often amazed by what our students' skills. Because of their youth, it was often assumed that they didn't know what they were doing. This was the experience of girls more than boys – but the girls learned how to advocate for themselves and ask for opportunities to prove their capability. They are proud of what they have learned, and they enjoyed proving just how much they can do!

Welcome, new students!

OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

In January this year we welcomed 40 new students to the school, and each was paired with a mentor.

Each of the new Form 1 students wrote a letter about themselves, and their Form 2 colleagues selected the letters out of a hat - and this is how we paired mentors and mentees!



This way, all that the Form 2 students learned during internship gets passed to the next generation, creating a foundation of knowledge that they will build upon with their own experiences yet to come.

Looking ahead...



2023 INTERNSHIPS

This year, we're looking for places for 80 students in June and December, and look forward to reaching out to partners old and new to seek hosting opportunities.

INTERNSHIP SCHEDULE

- 2 - 30 June 2023
- 10 December 2023 - 2 January 2024

Let us know if you'd be interested in hosting our interns!

OPEN DAY

We hosted our first Open Day in May 2022, inviting industry stakeholders to visit the school and enjoy lunch under the tree, prepared and served by our students.

It was such a success that we are planning another one over 25th & 26th March. Lunch at the school will be followed by a complimentary overnight stay at Africa Amini Original Maasai Lodge. Get in touch if you'd like to join!

See you at KiliFair

We are proud to announce that Africa Amini Secondary School in Sustainable Tourism will be attending KiliFair from 2-4 June 2023!

Our stand will be providing delicious food cooked and served by our students, so be sure to visit in time for lunch.

The students are beyond excited to meet so many industry players, and to be practicing their networking and marketing skills.



Come by and get to know us!

Wall of Fame

We set up our school aiming to provide opportunities to children from underprivileged backgrounds. We give them an education that will allow them to walk into gainful employment upon graduation, so that they can change their circumstances and uplift their communities.

Our school is completely donor-funded, and all of our students are sponsored. For this reason, we are deeply grateful to the hosts who absorbed the costs that arose from hosting interns: transport, uniforms, park fees... It allows us to focus our funds on their education, and that means everything.

Our Wall of Fame is where we pay tribute to all those who have contributed to our journey. We're going to run out of space soon! Thanks to all the wonderful people up there.

Can you spot your name?



Get involved!

HOST INTERNSHIPS

Let our students join your camp and lodge crews for a month of intensive work experience, giving them the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice and learn from the best.

SEND GUESTS FOR LUNCH UNDER THE TREE

By sending your clients to enjoy lunch under the Africa Amini tree, you are supporting our students by providing valuable experience in catering for and hosting guests.

SEND GUESTS TO AFRICA AMINI HOMES

Your clients will enjoy a stay hosted by our students in the heart of the Africa Amini projects - and our students will gain hands-on experience, taking their lessons from theory to action.

GIVE A SATURDAY SEMINAR

Pick a topic and give a Saturday morning seminar to our students! Follow this with Lunch Under the Tree, a site inspection of Africa Amini Homes and Africa Amini Hillside Retreat, and finish up with a complimentary night at our Original Maasai Lodge.

Become a partner

Since its inception, our school has been a collaborative engagement with tourism partners and stakeholders.

We aim to build a symbiotic community of support and mutual learning.

We invite you to be part of what we are creating, in whatever way you wish. Your partnership means everything.

Contact us on:
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We can't wait to hear from you!

