

DEC 2024 NEWSLETTER



FORM III EXAMS

We have made some exciting upgrades to set our Form 3 students up for success in their upcoming national VETA exams. Thanks to a generous donation, we introduced new computers that students are now using to master an online reservation and guest management system. Our kitchen has also seen a major improvement with culinary equipment kindly donated by Four Seasons, and we completed and equipped our new laundry facility, which has become an essential part of the students' training.



They sit their exams in early December, we know you'll join us in cheering them on and wishing them success. Next year, we plan to expand the curriculum with additional specialisations and classes, and we'll focus on their secondary education to ensure our students graduate ready to excel in your high-end hospitality teams.

Recycling

Next to our new laundry facility, we have introduced a dedicated recycling room—a hub for students to explore creative recycling initiatives. At its core, our approach to recycling is about fostering creativity and encouraging students to think innovatively about environmental solutions.

We encourage them to define what recycling means to them and experiment with their own ideas.



This freedom has sparked impressive ingenuity: students have crafted baking moulds from cardboard to explore unique shapes and repurposed old fabrics into decorative pieces. By linking environmental awareness with hands-on creativity, our students are turning waste into opportunity.

Charcoal Briquettes

We are proud to pioneer an innovative charcoal briquette project that links sustainable energy practices with practical education. Using a newly sponsored incinerator, organic material is recycled and burned under low oxygen conditions to produce biochar, which is then mixed with a special sand, compressed in a briquette machine, cut, and dried to create fuel-efficient briquettes.



These briquettes fuel the kitchen oven used in the school's culinary lessons and to prepare meals for students, showcasing a powerful connection between energy efficiency and sustainability. This process teaches students the principle of storing energy through recycling—turning organic waste that would otherwise decompose or burn inefficiently into a reliable energy source.

For many students, this project is a revelation: they learn that briquettes function as a kind of 'energy battery,' capturing energy for use when it's needed most. By combining sustainability, hands-on learning, and practical applications, we are helping students to understand and embrace innovative solutions for energy conservation and environmental stewardship.

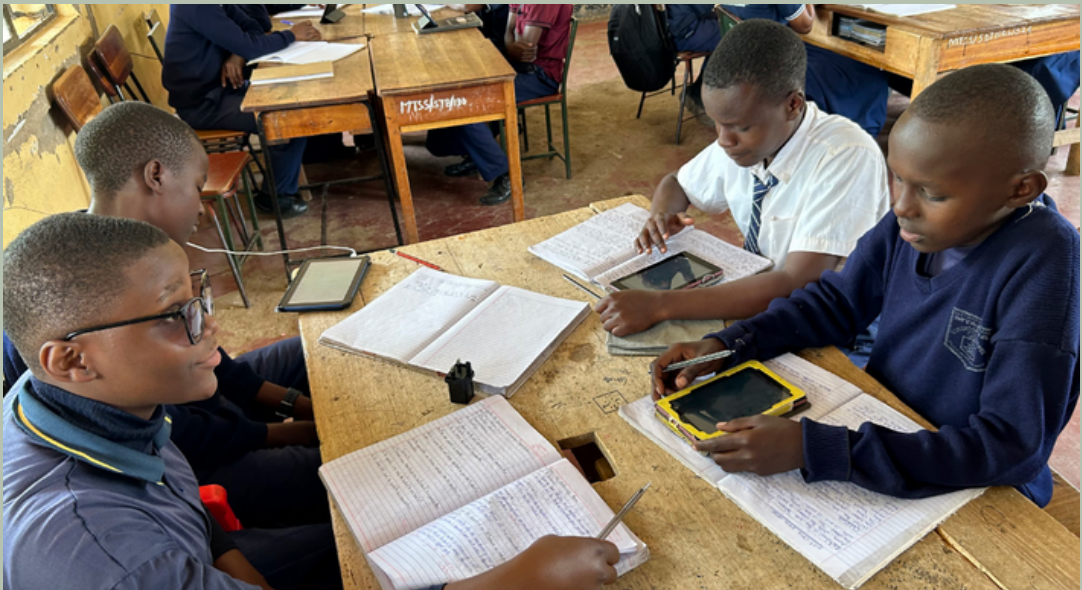


What Else is Cooking?

As you can see, we never stop innovating and are constantly looking for new ways to expand our students' horizons and skillsets. This is why we introduced special trainees and volunteers to share pastry and bakery skills, teaching all our children how to make sourdough. Delicious!

Teach Me Tablet

We are excited to launch TeachMeTablet, a transformative project aimed at introducing modern, tablet-based learning solutions to our secondary schools in Maasailand. Starting in 2025, we plan to equip four of our secondary schools with tablets, beginning with one Form 1 class of 40 students in each school.



This initiative, implemented in collaboration with Opportunity Education—an NGO based in Moshi with a proven track record of success in 35 Tanzanian schools—will provide students and teachers with the tools and training needed for a comprehensive, curriculum-based digital learning experience. Opportunity Education will support the program by training teachers, supplying software, and offering ongoing guidance.

Alongside tablets, we will establish the necessary infrastructure, including WiFi, charging stations, and intranet capabilities for interschool communication. The project will initially focus on Form 1, with plans to expand to additional grades over time, gradually incorporating tablet-based learning across the schools.



By equipping students with tablets, we aim to improve the quality of education, enhance digital literacy, and introduce vocational teaching tools that prepare students for a technology-driven future. The potential impact is profound—early results from other schools show measurable improvements in learning outcomes and high enthusiasm from both students and teachers.

We believe TeachMeTablet will revolutionise education in the region, and we invite supporters to join us in making this vision a reality by contributing to the purchase of 40 tablets for AASSIST, one of our first pilot schools.

How You Can Support

Our main goal with this project is to equip every student and teacher with a tablet.

This technology will not only transform how students learn, but will also prepare them for a world where digital literacy is a key to success



150 USD PER TABLET

Your donation can make a difference. It's about building the foundation for a better future for young people who otherwise would not have the chance to learn these essential skills.

Scan for more information and support.
Asante sana!

Want to assist AASSIST?

Support comes in many shapes and sizes:

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.

STAY AT 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

We want our students to have direct contact with the people who shape the tourism industry - and to give YOU the opportunity to teach them what you think they need to know.

1. Choose a topic: anything you feel would benefit our students.
2. Book a Saturday that suits you.
3. Give your seminar in the morning.
4. Follow with Lunch Under the Tree.
5. Check out Africa Amini Homes and
6. Africa Amini Hillside Retreat.
7. Spend a night at Original Maasai Lodge, free of charge.

Want to bring the family? We would be delighted to offer them complimentary lunch and accommodation at Original Maasai Lodge too. Karibuni!

Contact Us

Get in touch on assist@africaaminialama.com, or come and visit us for a tour of the school - our students would love to meet you.



We are located just outside Arusha National Park's Momella gate, and we'd be delighted to host you for lunch.