

Sitawi+ Child Programme

Strengthening school-based violence prevention



REGION

Kenya, Catholic primary schools

PARTNER

KCCB – Commission for Education and Religious Education (CERE)

YEAR

2024

STATUS

Ongoing

PROJECT OVERVIEW

KCCB-CERE engaged Evidence & BEYOND to strengthen its existing Watoto Watunzwe safeguarding programme into a more comprehensive, evidence-informed approach to preventing violence against children in Catholic primary schools.

Through sustained technical accompaniment, we worked with the KCCB Secretariat and Malindi Diocesan Child Protection Team to strengthen prevention knowledge, revise the theory of change and co-create **Sitawi+**, a multilevel programme connecting work with learners, teachers, caregivers and school leadership. The partnership now supports pilot implementation in Malindi Diocese, alongside trainer preparation, monitoring and learning.

PROGRAMME GOAL

Equip KCCB and diocesan teams with the knowledge, practical tools and implementation capability to prevent school-related violence.

Support safe, caring and non-violent learning environments through evidence-informed programme design and delivery.

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levels reached: learners, teachers, caregivers, schools

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practical resources developed for delivery

2024

pilot launched in Malindi Diocese, ongoing

How We Worked



Understanding the Programme and School Context

Reviewed Watoto Watunzwe with KCCB and Malindi teams to identify strengths and opportunities to broaden its prevention focus. Children's accounts of school safety and teachers' perspectives grounded the work in school realities.



Building Shared Prevention Knowledge

Facilitated learning sessions that brought research evidence on violence drivers and effective prevention into dialogue with the teams' programme experience.



Revising the Theory of Change and Co-Creating Sitawi+

Clarified the changes sought for children and how the programme would contribute to them, then co-created connected components addressing learner skills, teacher practice, caregiver engagement and school safeguarding.



Preparing Practical Materials and Trainers

Translated the programme design into learner facilitator manuals, teacher training and parent sensitisation materials, children's storybooks and radio scripts, alongside a training-of-trainers package.



Supporting Implementation, Monitoring and Learning

Supported pilot implementation in Malindi Diocese and development of a monitoring and evaluation framework. Feedback from children, teachers and programme teams informs refinement, delivery and future adaptation.

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

- Stronger prevention capability
- A co-created multilevel programme
- Pilot implementation underway
- Trainer preparation and a TOT package delivered
- A clearer theory of change
- Practical delivery resources produced
- A monitoring and evaluation framework in development

CONTRIBUTION TO PRACTICE AND FUTURE LEARNING

The partnership has helped KCCB move from a safeguarding programme towards a comprehensive, multilevel approach to preventing school-related violence, supported by stronger team capability and practical delivery resources. The pilot will generate learning about how teachers use the approaches, how children experience the programme and what schools need for consistent implementation.

WHAT THIS DEMONSTRATES

Prevention programmes are strongest when evidence, co-design and practical delivery move together.

This partnership shows Evidence & BEYOND's capacity to accompany partners from evidence review and programme design through to **practical resources, trainer preparation, implementation learning and adaptation.**