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SHE IS STILL MY MOM

A Special International Day of Families Celebration

Dear Friends,

May brought some very delightful and heartwarming moments. On **International Day of Families**, we gathered at **Lang'ata Women's Maximum Prison** for a simple but powerful reason: **every child deserves to remain connected to their mother.**

When a mother is incarcerated, the sentence often extends beyond prison walls. Children experience separation, confusion, and loss. Yet research and lived experience continue to show us that maintaining family connections strengthens children, supports rehabilitation, and improves successful reintegration when mothers return home.

Through our **#SheIsStillMyMom campaign**, we wanted children to laugh with their mothers, hold their hands, share a meal, play together, and create memories that remind them that love remains stronger than prison walls.

For a few precious hours, mothers were not defined by their incarceration. They were simply mothers. Children were simply children. Families were reunited.

Thank you to every partner, volunteer, donor, prison officer, and supporter who helped make this day possible.

Together, we are proving that justice can be family-centred, compassionate, and restorative.

With gratitude and purpose,

Miriam Wachira

Founder & Executive Director
Justice Nest

THE DAY IN PICTURES



The Reunion

Children travelled from different parts of Kenya for a moment they had been waiting months to experience.



📷 :The first hugs. The first smiles. The first tears. Moments that reminded us that family bonds endure despite separation.



Celebrating Family



📷 :Families gathered to celebrate International Day of Families and the power of staying connected.



Creating Joy Together





📷 :Children and mothers coloured, drew, laughed, and spent precious time together creating new memories.

🎈 A Playground of Hope



📷 :For many children, this was more than a prison visit. It was a day filled with play, friendship, and happiness.

🎵 Music, Dance and Celebration





📸 Music brought everyone together. Mothers, children, caregivers, prison officers, partners, and supporters all joined the celebration.

🌟 Voices of Hope

Messages of resilience, family, and second chances inspired everyone present.



Our chief guest, Hon. Henry Wanyoike, did not disappoint as he encouraged mothers that, despite their challenges, they too can overcome, just as he overcame his blindness to become a top athlete in the world.



Justice Nest Founder and Executive Director Miriam Wachira told the crowd how the organization was born to support families, and children in particular.



Prison Management, who are incredible supporters and partners in this journey, have been invaluable.



One of our supporter companies, Javans Coffee Ltd., is our good neighbor that ensures we get our morning cuppa.

🎁 Restoring Dignity



📷 :Mothers received hygiene packs and children returned home with food packages, extending the impact of the day beyond the prison gates.

🤝 A Community That Cares

Thank You

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Kenya Prisons Service, Lang'ata Women's Prison, our partners, donors, volunteers, and everyone who contributed to making this day possible.

Together, we are keeping families connected and building a more compassionate justice system.

#SheIsStillMyMom





WHY OUR WORK MATTERS

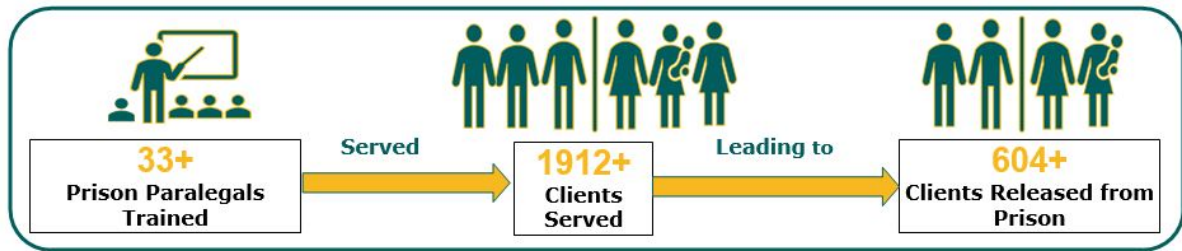
At Justice Nest, we believe that justice should not break families apart. Through our Mending the Nest Programme, we support incarcerated mothers, their children, and caregivers to maintain meaningful family relationships, strengthen wellbeing, and prepare for successful reintegration.

Every reunion matters.
Every child matters.

Every family matters.

OUR IMPACT

Through our **Prison Paralegal Programme**, Justice Nest provides legal empowerment, court support, mediation, and access to justice services for imprisoned individuals.



Through our **Children and Mothers Diversion and Restorative Justice Program- Mending The Nest**, we support family reunification, psychosocial wellbeing, reintegration, and family-centred interventions that strengthen relationships between mothers and their children.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Trial Advocacy Training

In June, Justice Nest will partner with the **National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA)** and **Jones Day** to host a **Trial Advocacy Training at Shimo la Tewa Prison**. This training will focus on strengthening legal representation and enhancing practical courtroom skills, contributing to more effective and fair justice processes.



📷: During the 2025 Trial Advocacy Training at Shimo La Tewa in Mombasa

👩👦💛 **International Day of the African Child**

Later this month, we will join the rest of Africa in commemorating the **International Day of the African Child on 16th June, 2026**, a day that originated from the 1976 **Soweto Uprising** where children marched for their right to quality education and equal treatment.

As we mark this important day, we will reflect on the rights, welfare, and protection of children, particularly those affected by imprisonment and family separation within the justice system, while continuing to amplify their voices and advocate for child-centered support and protection.

❤️🤝 **Show Your Love and Support** ✨

We're so grateful to have you with us on this journey and excited for what's ahead. There's so much more to be done. Here's to more growth, creativity, and success!

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