



“Lighting Hope”



ABOUT US

Globally 258 million children are out of school, 129 million girls are denied education due to poverty, cultural norms, early marriage, or lack of menstrual support. Over 50% of school-going children fail to meet basic literacy and numeracy standards. Millions lack mentorship, emotional support, or a safe learning environment. This crisis is worse in developing countries where poverty, conflict, and harmful practices create barriers that no child can overcome alone. This is the problem we tackle every day.

For thirteen years, Chalan Foundation has been a lifeline for children in public day secondary schools whose potential was at risk of being lost. Through life skills, education scholarships and access and community empowerment, we have watched futures transform and hope take root in places long defined by hardship. Today, Chalan is a growing movement partnering with schools, families, and communities to give every child the chance to learn, lead, and thrive.

At the heart of our mission is a deep commitment to SDG 4 — Quality Education for All. We believe that education is not only a human right, but also the most powerful pathway out of poverty and inequality. Through life skills, scholarships, psychosocial support, STEAM education, and sustainable economic empowerment, Chalan advances inclusive, equitable learning environments where every child can thrive.

PROGRAM PILLARS

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Life Skills & Leadership Development

We equip adolescents with life skills, mentorship, emotional resilience, and leadership training that helps them make healthy decisions and step into their potential with confidence.

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Scholarships & Educational Access

To reduce vulnerability to early marriage, child labor, and lifelong poverty we pay school fees, reintegrate out-of-school children and work closely with school administrations to restore the right to education for children who would otherwise be left behind.

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Community Health & Psychosocial Support

From counseling sessions and emotional support to menstrual hygiene interventions and health awareness campaigns, we ensure children feel safe, supported, and mentally equipped to learn.

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Economic Empowerment & Community Strengthening

We strengthen families and communities by empowering women with sustainable income-generating skills and business training

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STEAM Education

Millions of public-school learners lack exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, fields that shape future economies. Chalan brings STEAM learning directly into public day secondary schools, ensuring equity in access to innovation.

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NextGen 360° (Post-secondary transition)

NextGen 360° is Chalan's flagship, a youth empowerment model built to shape future-ready young leaders. It integrates life skills, education access, mentorship, STEAM, psychosocial support, leadership training, and community service into one powerful, holistic program.



MESSAGE FROM THE COO

At Chalan Foundation, our responsibility is to ensure that vision is matched with strong systems, accountable leadership, and effective delivery. Over the past year, we focused on strengthening governance, operational structures, and partnerships to support sustainable growth and deeper impact.

Looking ahead, our priority is clear: to steward resources with integrity, empower our teams, and scale programs in ways that create measurable, lasting change for children, youth, and communities. With a strong foundation in place, we are ready to move forward with confidence, purpose, and ambition.

~ Ms Mary Ziri

2025 IMPACT

Chalan Foundation's work in 2025 went beyond programs, sparking momentum, dignity, and renewed possibility for boys, girls and families once left behind. Across communities, brighter classrooms, restored hope, and renewed belief in bigger futures reflected an impact that was not only seen, but deeply felt.

A Reclaimed Childhood for Vulnerable Learners

Children once excluded from school are now learning with confidence, dignity, and a renewed sense of belonging.

Restored Dignity and Confidence Among Girls

Menstrual support and dignity kits enabled girls to attend school consistently, participate fully, and walk with confidence.

Stronger Families, Stronger Communities

Economic empowerment strengthened households, reduced vulnerability, and protected children from exploitation and early marriage.

Youth Who Can See Possibilities Beyond Their Environment

Life skills and education access helped young people discover their voice, leadership potential, and hope for the future.

Classrooms Filled With Innovation, Curiosity, and Joy

STEAM learning opened young minds to creativity, technology, and innovation, inspiring learners to see themselves as future problem solvers.

Communities That Stand Together for Their Children

Teachers, leaders, and caregivers united to champion child protection, education, and collective responsibility.

A Foundation Stronger, Smarter, and Ready to Scale

Strengthened governance and systems positioned Chalan for sustainable growth and long term impact.

GENERAL OUTCOMES

This year Chalan Foundation experienced exceptional growth in both scale and depth of impact:

- * Reached 10 counties through Life Skills Education programs.
- * Strengthened governance through a fully onboarded Board.
- * Delivered targeted anti-pregnancy campaigns addressing teenage pregnancies.
- * Launched the Foundation officially and unveiled the Strategic Plan.
- * Supported over 527 learners with school shoes.
- * Hired a new Chief Operating Officer, enhancing operational excellence.
- * Retained 398 learners in school.
- * Developed a robust Life Skills Curriculum.
- * Expanded women's economic empowerment initiatives.
- * Built partnerships with corporate organizations, communities, schools and individuals.
- * Set the stage for Next Gen 360, a flagship post-secondary model for 2026.

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Counties reached through Life Skills Education programs

527

Learners supported with school shoes

398

Learners retained in school.

Chalan Foundation moved from program-level impact to institutional strengthening, ensuring sustainability, consistency, and professionalism in how we serve communities.

CHALAN OFFICIAL LAUNCH

Chalan Foundation's Official Launch marked a pivotal moment signaling our transition into a stronger, Board-led institution ready to scale its impact across the region.

The event brought together government officials, partners, stakeholders, educators, philanthropists, beneficiaries and community voices who affirmed our role in advancing SDG 4: Quality Education for All.

It also unveiled our 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, an ambitious roadmap designed to transform the lives of thousands of children, youth, and families across multiple counties. This plan sets bold targets to expand our program pillars, roll out STEAM initiatives, scale NextGen 360° holistic youth development and economic empowerment positioning Chalan as a leader in child-centered innovation on a continental scale.

The launch mattered because it formally introduced our governance structure, strengthened credibility with partners and donors and showcased the impact of thirteen years of work.

It was a declaration of intent: that no child should be left behind, that communities deserve the tools to thrive, and that Chalan is ready to lead with vision, innovation and a commitment to transforming generations.





VOICES OF OUR BENEFICIARIES



Before Chalan came, no one talked to us about our feelings or future. Now I know I can be someone great

A STUDENT FROM TURKANA

The business support restored my dignity. I can feed my children without begging



A WIDOW FROM THE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



Your life skills program has transformed our school. The learners have a shift in mindset and are ready for the bright future

A TEACHER IN SAMBURU

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The impact of 2025 was powered by strong partnerships. We appreciate:



Schools and teachers who embraced our program



Individual donors



Community and religious leaders who championed Life Skills advocacy.



Parents and caregivers who trusted us with their children.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD & EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP











2025 has been a defining year for Chalan Foundation, a year marked by transformation, growth, resilience, and renewed dedication to empowering vulnerable children, youth, and communities across Kenya. This year, we transitioned into a fully Board-led institution, a significant step in building long-term accountability, strengthened governance, and sustainable impact.

We are honored to lead an organization whose heartbeat continues to be young people, each with a story, a dream, and a future worth investing in. Through strategic partnerships, strengthened structures, and deep community engagement, we expanded programs, reached more beneficiaries, and laid a foundation for even greater impact in 2026 and beyond.

2026 PRIORITIES

In 2026, Chalan Foundation will focus on:

 <p>Publishing & rolling out the Life Skills Curriculum</p>	 <p>Strengthening M&E and data systems</p>	 <p>Scaling women's empowerment initiatives in 10 counties.</p>	 <p>Deepening community and corporate partnerships.</p>
 <p>Conducting a Baseline Survey to provide a reference point to guide program design, monitor progress, and measure impact.</p>	 <p>Expanding scholarships for needy learners.</p>	 <p>Rolling out STEAM Labs in 10 counties.</p>	 <p>Launching Next Gen 360. A holistic youth empowerment model integrating mentorship, leadership, STEAM, mental health, and life skills.</p>

2026 will be a year of innovation, scaling, and deeper community transformation.

CLOSING REMARKS

As we celebrate the journey of 2025, we extend heartfelt gratitude to every partner, donor, school, community leader, and friend of Chalan Foundation. Your trust and collaboration fuel our mission.

Together, we are not just helping children, we are shaping futures, strengthening families, and transforming communities. Together, we are lighting hope and empowering generations.

Thank you for walking this journey with us



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