

Undugu's Mathare School Renovation Project 2015

Reactions to their new-look school...

When one of female learner visited the school over the weekend, just before the opening day, she asked where she and her colleagues would be relocated to. This is because she could hardly recognize the school after the significant transformation of the place! She thought that some other organization had taken over the school and it was no longer for her class of people. *It was too good to continue being for disadvantaged children like her!* Unfortunately USK staff were not there to record her first reaction, only the construction workers were there, racing against time to complete the work before the opening day.

Below are pictures of the assembly activity around the refurbished flagpost area, on the first day the school opened. This was on 11th May 2015. The children could hardly wait to start enjoying their new classrooms.



The Undugu Learners' Reactions to their new-look school...

The Head teacher, Mr. Danes Makori, addressing learners, before lessons began.



Learning has begun in the next class but some children are unable to concentrate on what the teacher is telling them. They are looking around the classroom, admiring the new developments.





Trying out the new chalkboard. Most of them had never seen the modern type green chalkboards before!



The available desks have no storage (they are actually more like benches) and they are old, hence, not in very good shape. Hopefully new ones can be fabricated in phase two of the project.



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Undugu's Executive Director visited the school on the third day after the school opened for the 2015 second term. She was accompanied by Undugu's Patron, a former Ambassador of Kenya to New York, Ambassador Dennis Afande (back row, third from the left). Ambassador Dennis Afande is a member of Undugu's Board of trustees. The Head Teacher (back row, extreme left) joined in the photo session. It was lunch time at the time of the visit, and the children displayed obvious joy and elation!





Squeals of excitement are evident.