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## **LEWA EDUCATION PROGRAMME REPORT**

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Ten schools supported under the Lewa Education Programme (LEP) were the lucky beneficiaries of the Boopy Eco-Sys funding. These are Ntugi, Subuiga, Munanda, Karimba, Mutunyi, Lewa Downs', Leparua, Ntalabany, Rugusu and Kanyunga primary schools'.

### **PREPARATIONS**

All the schools' were busy practicing for the tournament during the month of June. Every school was mandated to have a team of 15 players and 2 teachers'. Different colors of t-shirts bearing the Boopy mascot and Lewa logo were printed out for each player.

### **SPORTS DAY**

There were 150 girls escorted by 20 teachers from the 10 schools who participated. They were transported from the various schools by 5 vehicles as early as 7am. After warm up exercises and introductions, the various teams were paired before commencement of the first match at 9am. . The weather proved a bit chilly in the morning but warmed up as the day wore on.

### **OPENING CEREMONY/WARM UP**



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There were only 2 goals scored throughout the days as the matches went on. The day was saved by penalties. Despite this the girls put their best foot forward and played enthusiastically, cheered on by the spectators including Lewa staff that turned up to support and cheer them on.



**PENALTIES**



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## MEALS

Morning tea, refreshments and hot lunch were provided for both participants and spectators present at the event, with most teams taking their meals in between matches.



**LEWA STAFF**

Lewa’s CEO Mike Watson led staff in cheering the girls on as they played. He was very grateful for the opportunity accorded giving the girls a chance to compete and participate in the organized soccer tournament and play the game at school but also as a much greater opportunity for the children to learn more on what Lewa does in conservation through the game drive they took after. He was very impressed by the branding done on the T-shirts depicting both Eco- Sys Action and the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy logo. Mike hopes that we will soon be able to have a boys tournament similar to the one held for the girls.

Staff also had an opportunity to socialize and engage with the girls, encouraging them not only to excel in sport but in their academic and future career choices. The tournament provided a forum for the girls to mingle and meet with different role models from different walks of life and careers including; engineers, tour guides, conservationist, accountants, pilots, marketers and many others.

Ephantus the Lewa Conservation Education Co-coordinator took all the teams on a game drive after the excitement tournament. At the end of the day, each student received a copy of the PACE book, which covers how different communities in Africa have tackled conservation challenges in their areas. We hope that the schools and students will use the knowledge and practices contained and explained in the book to address the various challenges in their own agricultural and pastoral communities.



**GAME DRIVE**

The girls were pleasantly surprised by the - after each match as each team was taken on a game drive organized by the Conservation Education Centre, where they got to see Lewa’s resident wildlife, such as black rhinos, elephants, Grevy’s zebras, common zebra, bird life, buffalo and many more. A pride of lions decided to stay visible all day and the teams got to see them, which was a special treat as lions are usually more active in the evenings and are not always easy to spot during the day on Lewa. During the game drive they were educated on the benefits of conservation, the preservation of species, sustainable developmental practices at both in school and home.



The best part of the day other than the surprise game drive were the take home prizes of male goats and trophy for the over all winner. Munanda and Karimba schools emerged the winners of the day’s tournament. . It was definitely a day to remember for all in attendance whether spectator or participant with the unanimous view that the LEP should organize similar events annually involving more schools ‘and engaging boys.



Second best team- Munanda



Best Team- Karimba

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The day ended at 5.30 pm with a word of prayer and group photos.

The Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and the participants remain grateful to Eco-sys Action for the funding given in support of the girls soccer tournament.. The event is one of the few of its kind that has allowed and succesfly displayed first hand the importance of conservation efforts on Lewa’s part and the benefits that emerge by linking and partnering with organisations such Eco-Sys Action.



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TEAMS	WINNER	ELIMINATION	SCORE	SQUAD
NTUGU VS BUKUSU	BUKUSU	1-3		OVERALL WINNERS KARIMBA
LUSA IJANI VS MUMANDA	MUMANDA	0-1		
KANUNGA VS LEPANZA	LEPANZA	2-3		
MUTENZI VS NTAABANYI	NTAABANYI	1-2		
SUBUSA VS KARIMBA	KARIMBA	0-1		
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>				
KAGUSU VS KARIMBA	KARIMBA	1-0		
MUMANDA VS NTAABANYI	MUMANDA	2-1		
<b>FINAL</b>				
KARIMBA VS MUMANDA	KARIMBA	1-0		



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