OMBOGA
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT · 2026

A year of learning, together.

How Omboga Community Resource Centre served Kanyaluo, Homa Bay County in 2026: the people we reached, the programmes we ran and what comes next.

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FOREWORD

A message from the board

This year the centre stayed what the community built it to be: a free, open place where anyone can read, study, get online, draw clean water and meet.

So far this year the front desk has recorded **3** visits, and **1** person now holds a free membership card. Students revised for KCSE in a quiet room, adults learned to read and use a computer, traders kept their first books of account, and young people met employers at our job fair.

None of it would be possible without our staff and volunteers, the partners who fund books, computers, power and water, and the families of Kanyaluo who keep coming back. On behalf of the board, thank you.

This report sets out what we did in 2026, using the centre's own front-desk and programme records, and what we plan for 2027.

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Board Chairperson

Peter Otieno
Centre Manager

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01 · THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

2026 in numbers

3 Visits this year	**1** Active members	**4** Computer hours this year	**1** Books lent this year
2 Different visitors	**1** New members this year	**823** Books on the shelves	**796** Titles in the catalogue
5 Free services	**6** Programmes	**7** Activities and intakes	**3** Spaces for hire

Counted from the centre's front-desk system on 17 November 2026, for 1 January to today.

Highlights of the year

15 AUGUST 2026
Youth job fair and CV day
Local employers met job seekers, and volunteers helped young people write and print their CVs.

JULY 2026
Savings group and bookkeeping clinic
Traders learned simple record keeping and how to start a savings group.

MAY TO JULY 2026
Term 2 adult literacy class
Adult learners completed the term's reading and numeracy course.

3 NOVEMBER TO 12 DECEMBER 2026 · ONGOING
November to December vocational intake
Computer packages and tailoring classes for the current intake.

OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2026 · ONGOING
KCSE revision sessions
Extended quiet hours and past-paper practice for candidates sitting exams this term.

02 · OUR SERVICES

Open, free and used every day

Five core services ran throughout the year, free for every member.



Library

Borrow from a growing collection of fiction, textbooks and reference books.

All opening hours

Study spaces

Quiet tables, good light and a calm room for reading and revision.

All opening hours

Clean water

Safe, solar-pumped drinking water from a six-tap standpipe for Kanyaluo households.

Daily, 6:30 to 18:30

Agribusiness

Practical farming and agribusiness support for local farmers and youth groups.

Training days announced at the desk; advice during opening hours

Computer library

Public computers with internet for study, applications, email and online services.

All opening hours; last session starts one hour before closing

How members use them

Members sign in at the desk with their code. Books are scanned out and back, and each computer session is timed, which is how the figures in this report are kept.

03 · PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Programmes that ran this year

PROGRAMME	WHAT IT OFFERED	WHO IT SERVED
Vocational studies	Short practical courses such as computer packages, tailoring and dressmaking, hairdressing and beauty, and basic solar installation, with a certificate on completion.	Youth and adults out of school
Study hub for students	Quiet study hours, past papers, group revision and homework help from volunteer tutors.	Primary and secondary students
Adult literacy programmes	Reading, writing and numeracy classes in Dholuo, Kiswahili and English, plus everyday skills like filling in forms and using mobile money safely.	Adults who want to read, write or count with confidence
Labour market and job readiness clinic	CV writing, online job applications, interview practice and up-to-date information on local jobs, internships and the skills employers want.	Job seekers and school leavers
Entrepreneurship clinics	Business planning, simple bookkeeping, pricing, selling online, savings groups and how to apply for youth and women enterprise funds.	Traders, farmers and young entrepreneurs
Mentorship programmes on bursaries	Mentoring and step-by-step help to find and apply for NG-CDF, county and other bursaries and scholarships, with follow-up through the school year.	Students and their parents or guardians

Activity log

ACTIVITY	WHEN	STATUS
November to December vocational intake	3 November to 12 December 2026	Ongoing
KCSE revision sessions	October to November 2026	Ongoing
Term 3 adult literacy class	September to December 2026	Ongoing
2027 bursary application support	November 2026 to January 2027	Ongoing
Youth job fair and CV day	15 August 2026	Completed
Savings group and bookkeeping clinic	July 2026	Completed
Term 2 adult literacy class	May to July 2026	Completed

04 · COMMUNITY, EVENTS AND STORIES

In their own words

> "Before the centre opened, I had nowhere quiet to revise after school. Using the study room and past papers every afternoon helped me qualify for university."
>
> Kevin Omondi · Secondary student, Kanyaluo

> "I learned how to use a computer, open an email account and type my CV at the Tuesday digital skills sessions. Three months later I secured my first administrative job in Homa Bay."
>
> Faith Akinyi · Digital skills graduate

> "My two children look forward to the Saturday reading club every week, and our household draws safe drinking water from the 6-tap clean water kiosk right outside the gate."
>
> Beatrice Awuor · Parent and market trader

Coming up

20 Nov — Entrepreneurship clinic
14:00 to 17:00 · Training room

4 Dec — Entrepreneurship clinic
14:00 to 17:00 · Training room

Spaces the community books

Main hall	150 seated, 250 standing
Meeting room	20 seated
Training room	40 seated

Hire income goes back into running the centre.

05 · PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Thank you to those who made it possible

Partners, friends and well-wishers covered the cost of books, computers, power, water and the people who run them.

Kanyaluo Teachers SACCO

Victoria Solar Clean Energy Kenya

Rachuonyo Book & Literacy Trust

Where support goes

Books and learning materials

Fiction, textbooks, past papers and children's books.

Computers and internet

Public PCs, laptops for training and a reliable connection.

Solar power & 6-tap clean water

Solar panels, inverter and our 6-tap borehole water kiosk so lights, PCs and clean water stay on.

Hall and furniture

Chairs, tables and equipment for events and training.

Programmes

Facilitators and materials for the six programmes.

Running costs

Staff, cleaning, security and maintenance.

Gifts in kind we still need

- ✓ Laptops and PCs
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Solar panels and inverter
- ✓ Water filtration and kiosk fittings
- ✓ Projector and PA system

06 · GOVERNANCE AND FINANCES

Run by the community, for the community

Community board

Grace Adhiambo	Board Chairperson
Samuel Owino	Treasurer
Mercy Anyango	Community Representative

Centre team

Mary Achieng	Librarian
Peter Otieno	Centre manager
David Odhiambo	Digital skills facilitator
Esther Akoth	Reading club & youth coordinator

Financial summary

The board oversees the centre's income and spending. The full statement of income and expenditure for 2026 is prepared by the treasurer, Samuel Owino, and is available on request.

INCOME	AMOUNT
Partner and donor grants	Available on request
Individual donations (M-Pesa and bank)	Available on request
Hall and room hire	Available on request
Gifts in kind (valued)	Available on request

SPENDING	AMOUNT
Staff and facilitators	Available on request
Books, learning and programme materials	Available on request
Power, internet and water kiosk	Available on request
Maintenance and equipment	Available on request

Receipts

Every gift receives a numbered receipt and is used for the cause chosen.

Assets register

Donated equipment is tagged and tracked by room, condition and holder.

Certificates

Programme certificates carry a code anyone can verify online.

07 · LOOKING AHEAD

Our priorities for 2027

1. **Carry on what is working**
   Finish the current intakes: November to December vocational intake; KCSE revision sessions; Term 3 adult literacy class.

2. **More computers and longer hours**
   Add machines to the computer library and keep the study room open later in exam seasons.

3. **Grow the library**
   Restock KCSE set books, past papers and children's readers, and start a mobile reading club for nearby schools.

4. **Keep the water flowing**
   Maintain the clean water kiosk and add solar back-up so services run through power cuts.

5. **Report back every quarter**
   Share figures and stories with partners and the community from the centre's own records.

Get involved

Become a member for free, volunteer your time, sponsor a programme or partner with the centre. Our partnership proposal sets out the options.

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> "When a community has a place to learn, everyone in it can rise."