2021 REFLECTIONS
In January 2021, schools in Kenya resumed after a 9 month closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Amidst the new transition, we ensured that we have adjusted our operations to meet the Covid-19 regulations to keep our communities safe. This year, as we recover from the global pandemic, our goal of ensuring children are able to unlock a universe of possibilities though proper nutrition and better education outcomes through the transformative effect of school meals, has been clear.

We have made great strides to ensure that children have access to nutritious meals, especially during a period in which food is an important safety net in recovering from a global crisis.

We began the year with 2 operational kitchens and a great vision to open more kitchens across Kenya.
In February we opened a pilot kitchen in the coastal town of Mombasa, serving about 3,000 children every day. In the month of July, we completed the 4th kitchen which uses clean energy and ultra modern cooking technology. Nine months into the year, we commenced an exciting project of setting up our 5th kitchen in Mombasa that will serve close to 16,000 children everyday in Nyali and Kisauni Constituencies. Later in November, the construction of the 6th kitchen commenced, this project marks our second collaboration with a Member of Parliament to set up a central kitchen.
The year 2021 was not short of great tidings, We won the UN person of the year!

We are very proud to have our Executive Director and Founder, Wawira Njiru recognised as the 2021 recipient of the UN Person of the Year Award. This award affirms her visionary leadership and efforts in eradicating hunger among Kenya’s school-going children by Feeding the Future.

The journey of transformation from a passion project into a great organisation has been exciting and we can only be grateful for these milestones.
2021 has also been a **year of great partnerships**...

We have closely worked with the Ministry of Education, particularly through the School Meals and Nutrition department. During the inter-sectoral Committee meeting, Food for Education had the opportunity to guide discussions to understand the school feeding landscape in Kenya. It was a great chance to get multi-sectoral perspectives on how to collectively work to ensure that all children in Kenya can be able to access nutritious meals from the diverse interventions in the country.

Similarly, earlier in the year Food for Education was invited by the Kenyan Senate Committee on Education for Early Childhood Development Education. Wawira led the discussion on advancing the status of school feeding in the country, highlighting the pivotal role of innovative partnerships that strengthen nutrition outcomes.

The team has also attended various forums organised by Members of Parliament and the Nairobi Senator to hold discussions on the importance of school feeding policies, which provide the guiding framework and are the cornerstone of operationalisation of coordinated school feeding across the country. Food for Education is fervently participating in these discussions that will culminate in the formulation of a National School Meals Policy.

On the global front, Food for Education has joined the **School Meals Coalition**. The Coalition will support governments and their partners to improve or restore national, sustainable school meal programmes, and strive for every child to have the opportunity to receive a healthy, nutritious meal in school by 2030. **Click here** to watch the launch celebration that was held on 16th November 2021.
Finally the great F4E team!

This year, the team has grown to over 150 members who are passionate, dedicated and resilient to ensure that hot, delicious and nutritious meals are delivered to children on every school day.

The team has advanced in various ways; we have had new hires, held skill advancement training and coaching sessions, and most importantly had amazing team building and bonding sessions!

Thank you for being a great supporter and friend to Food for Education.

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones!
Thank You!