

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SIANA AFRICA



Cohort 2 during the beginning of session in June 2026

Feature Story

Cohort 2: Siana Africa Welcomes New Cohort

SIANA Africa is delighted to welcome the 10 women who joined Cohort 2 of the ABCDE Program in June 2026. Having already completed the Aloe and Beekeeping phase, they continue on to the Crafts, Dragon Fruit, and Environment phases, in a program designed to strengthen their entrepreneurial skills, build resilient enterprises, and create lasting impact in their community. The first session saw the women go through a summary of the entire program, and what they should expect in the coming weeks. They set ground rules that will govern their sessions and time at Siana and a team name, 'Enduata' which means 'vision'.

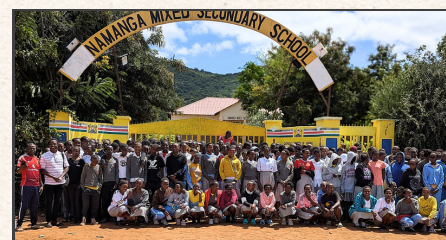
Over the coming weeks, the ladies will engage in intensive learning, mentorship, practical business development, and peer collaboration. They will form bonds that will hopefully transcend their time in the program.

A highlight was having one of our very first graduates from Cohort 1, who came back to share with the new cohort her experience, lessons learned, and the impact the program has had on her journey. We look forward to sharing their progress, celebrating their achievements, and witnessing the meaningful impact they will create throughout the program and beyond.

Spotlight

Collaboration on Resilience

Siana Africa founder, Faith, in partnership with Elikiafrika founder, Elie, were honored to give a talk to over 300, Form 3 and Form 4 students from Namanga Mixed Secondary School on the theme "Resilience". See page 2



Founder of Siana Africa and Elikia Afrika Visit to Namanga Mixed School for Motivational talk

Quick Updates



Propagation of aloe vera and dragon fruit is underway for the current cohort



Collaboration with Elikia Afrika and Ana Antami in Q2



June 2026, Cohort 2 Begins



Discipline is the refining fire by which talent becomes ability.--Roy L. Smith

At a glance

Quarter Two in Pictures



1. Cohort 2, during the start of the program



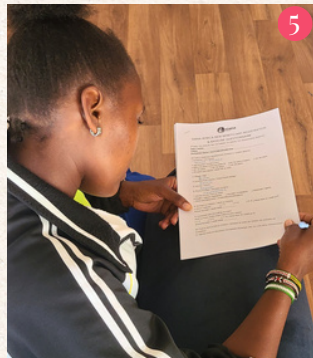
2. Aloe Vera demo farm



3. Cohort 2 participants share a light moment in a session



4. Cohort 2 in a session led by Sherleen of Ana Antami



5. Cohort 2 participant filling baseline survey



6. Elie Mastaki of Elikia-Afrika with Faith of Siana Africa



7. Cohort 2 participants in beekeeping session



8. Cohort 2 participants



11. Sherleen in session with Cohort 2



7. Elie giving talk to Namanga Mixed Secondary



10. Recruitment session at women group meeting



13. Children assist mum to fill baseline survey



12. Aloe vera barbadensis inspection



14. Cohort 2 in Siana Africa tree nursery

Spotlight

Elikia-Afrika Visit to Siana Africa

When Elie Mastaki, founder of Elikia Afrika, traveled all the way from Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to speak to students at Namanga Mixed Secondary School, he brought with him one priceless gift: hope.

A dedicated peacebuilder and human rights advocate, Elie shared a simple yet powerful message: peace must never be taken for granted, and no matter how difficult life becomes, it is always possible to rise above adversity.

Speaking from lived experience, he reflected on growing up in a country where peace has been elusive. Having never truly experienced lasting peace in his homeland, he challenged the students to cherish and protect the peace Kenya enjoys. His story was deeply personal, authentic, and profoundly moving.

As he spoke, the entire audience fell silent. No one whispered or shifted in their seats. It was a powerful reminder that stories have the ability to inspire, challenge, and transform. (See fig 9)

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Director's note

Siana Africa Board Member Visit

by Sherleen Tunai

I hopped into a car with Faith, Siana Africa's founder, and trusted her to drive me to a place I had only heard of before. The buildings slowly turned into natural landscapes, hills, and beautiful open fields. The music was soothing and my mind was clear. Slowly, the clean tarmac road turned into dusty, uneven roads, dwindling and curving in all directions. But Faith kept on driving.

The dust crept in with the wind, and I started hearing a beautiful and familiar sound. Birds chirping. The bells from the cows... oh, how healthy the cows were. I could see hundreds of goats. Speak of free wildlife. I'm only used to seeing antelopes when I'm in a national park. Before I knew it, we were pulling up outside a black gate.

This is Siana Africa," Faith said.

I was at the heart of it all.

Earlier this year, a group of eight women were trained in alberta keeping, aloe vera farming, dragon fruit farming, life skills, business management, and even value addition. Eight champions who are now trailblazers in their communities.

Did you know that the Maa community are traditionally not farmers? Not because they can't do it, but because their forefathers were Plain Nilotes and pastoralists. They never stayed in one place long enough to make it a home. Without questioning it, the tradition was passed down from one generation to the next until now. Even after settling, the Maa community still prefers herding cattle to tilling the land. So the land remains virgin. Fertile. Chemical-free. The best for growing food.

With the massive wealth that lies in this beautiful land of the Maa community come deeply rooted traditions that have also been passed down without anyone questioning them

Child marriages. Forced marriages. Female circumcision. Disability. The role of women in the community.

Sana Africa asks those questions.

As the women are educated in farming, these are some of the conversations that are brought to the table. Once in a while, there is an earthquake that happens in this land. Not one that is felt above the ground, but it happens.

I know this is what Siana Africa is.

The earthquake.

But not a disruptive quake. A quake to reality. A quake that makes one uncomfortable enough to ask questions, or to put their foot down and say no to any harmful act.

I look at this place five years from now, and I see women who have a voice.

Women who are leading the community. Women who will fight for their daughters to go to school and complete school. Women standing against forced and child marriages. Zero teenage pregnancies.

I am talking about a full life, where a woman's voice is powerful enough to say no, and it remains no.

Where we are

- NGO Registration with PBO Board ongoing
- Building systems, partnerships, and programs
- Curriculum enhancement
- Fundraising

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Founder's Note Siana Africa:

by Faith Siele

When Sherleen, my fellow kanthari changemaker who lives with albinism, came to visit Siana Africa, she gave us far more than her presence—she gave us a moment of reflection.

The evening she arrived, a little girl from our neighborhood came by to say hello. She caught sight of Sherleen and froze. For a brief moment, she thought she was looking at a doll. Just as she was about to run away, Sherleen moved, and the little girl's surprise quickly turned into curiosity. It was her very first encounter with someone living with albinism.

The following day, as Sherleen met the women at Siana Africa, many openly admitted that they had never met a person with albinism either. Some thought she was a Caucasian—a mzungu, as we commonly say here. Their honesty wasn't rooted in prejudice; it came from unfamiliarity. That experience stayed with me.

So many of the assumptions we carry about others are born not from hatred, but from a lack of exposure and understanding.

We often fear or misunderstand what we have never encountered.

At Siana Africa, we want to create a different story—one where everyone is welcomed, valued, and celebrated, regardless of how they look, where they come from, or what makes them unique. Inclusion begins with meeting one another, listening to one another, and choosing curiosity over assumptions. Sherleen's visit reminded us that awareness is where change begins. Every conversation, every shared meal, every new friendship has the power to replace stereotypes with understanding.

And perhaps that is how stronger, kinder communities are built—one encounter at a time.



Sherleen, Janet, and Faith outside Siana Africa