

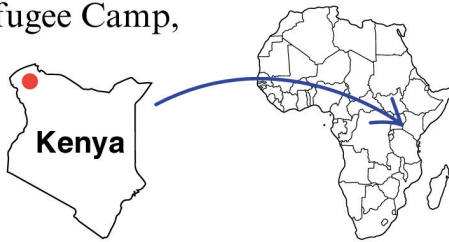
Kick a Goal



Your Gift of Grace supports a young person to be a part of **Kakuma United Football Club** ... for teamwork, friendships, and fun ... and a future they never dreamed possible!

Your Gift of Grace delivered in:

Kakuma Refugee Camp,
Kenya



Over 290,000 refugees live in Kakuma, having fled conflict, famine, or other crisis in neighbouring countries. Your gift shows extra care to those in danger of being forgotten.

Who you help	Through ALWS, you support 35,000 young people from both host and refugee communities
Why your help is needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of refugees living at Kakuma are young people (13-35 years old) • Many of them have lived their whole lives here and have unique challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ limited activities to engage with others and learn life skills ◦ lack of activities can lead to drug and substance abuse ◦ limited opportunities to work or earn an income ◦ high cost of secondary and tertiary education means most miss out ◦ traditionally not involved in decision-making and so feel powerless ◦ children and young people more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ poverty means some households forced to resort to child labour ▪ girls at higher risk: often seen as objects for marriage and wealth
How your gift changes lives	<p>Your gift to support a young person to play football means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are protected from child marriage and other harmful practices • they are kept away from dangerous activities like drugs and alcohol • they have the opportunity to make friends and have fun • they can develop their talent and chance to earn an income <p>PLUS sport fosters peace and connection throughout the Camp!</p>
Your training delivered by ...	LWF Kenya-Somalia

CASE STUDY

“More than just a team”

Yomjima Konyi hasn't had an easy life.

Her parents died when she was young, leaving Yomjima and her siblings to fend for themselves...

Yet she's determined to create a better future for herself and her three children ... through her commitment to the KK Stars football club.

The Kakuma-Kalobeyei Stars are a professional team, travelling throughout Kenya and even to other countries for tournaments. Yomjima was invited to join the team after a rep from LWF saw her talent:

“For the past five years, the KK Stars have been more than just a team for me.

The club has provided me with the opportunity to pursue my passion while also offering a stable income to support my family.

I have been able to secure accommodation for my family, pay school fees for my siblings, and ensure my children are well cared for.

What I value most about being part of the KK Stars is the club's commitment to empowering ladies and girls through sports.”

Yet Yomjima has also had challenges along the way. As a mum, she's had to balance caring for her children with the responsibilities of being a professional football player.

What's more, people in her community didn't think a woman should be wearing shorts and t-shirts:

“People said football is not meant for girls. But later after seeing how it has helped me and my family, they started changing their attitude.

My hope for the future is to play for a top team outside of Kenya, especially in the Australian Women's League.”

All photos: LWF Kenya



“I want to sincerely thank ALWS, Australians, and LWF for your continued support.

Your contributions have made a significant difference in our lives.

I hope you will continue to support KK Stars and many girls who aspire to follow in our footsteps.”

Yomjima, Kakuma Refugee Camp

