

Vantage Foundation Inspires Children in Kibera to Dream Beyond Boundaries Through Art Initiative



8th July 2026, Nairobi, Kenya — Vantage Foundation, in partnership with Dream Building Service Association (DBSA), launched the first session of its "Dream in Colors" initiative at Shammah Splendid School in Kibera, Nairobi, bringing together more than 150 children for a day of creativity, encouragement, and hope.

Centred around the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to dream, the initiative invites students to imagine the person they hope to become in the future and express those aspirations through art. With art materials donated by Vantage Foundation and guidance from professional art instructors, the children transformed their ambitions into colourful paintings that reflected not only their creativity, but also their vision for the future.

Located in Kibera, one of Africa's largest informal settlements, Shammah Splendid School is a community-based school committed to providing accessible and holistic education for children from underserved communities. Beyond the classroom, the school helps children develop confidence, life skills, and a sense of purpose, creating an environment where they are encouraged to discover their potential and pursue their dreams.

For Vantage Foundation, the initiative goes beyond a one-day art activity. It reflects the Foundation's ongoing commitment to creating opportunities where children can develop confidence, unlock their potential, and believe that their dreams are worth pursuing—regardless of the circumstances they were born into.

Throughout the day, children participated in guided painting sessions, shared the stories behind their artwork, and celebrated their dreams alongside teachers, volunteers, and community members. The activity created a space where creativity became a language of hope, reminding every child that their future should be defined by their aspirations rather than their environment.



"Every child carries a dream, regardless of their background or circumstances," said Ruiyu LIU, the programme officer from Vantage Foundation. "Through this project, we hope to remind children that their aspirations matter, and that with encouragement, education, and opportunity, they can continue working towards becoming the person they dream of being. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our partner Dream Building Service Association for making this project possible, to Zhengyi Li, the project coordinator for support, and to the volunteers for standing alongside us in our efforts. Their collective support made this day truly meaningful for the children."

"One of the most touching moments was seeing the children's excitement as they opened the art materials," said Loise from Dream Building Service Association. "Watching them discover the gift bags including sketchbooks, crayons, and paintbrushes with such joy was incredibly moving. Every child has a dream, and those dreams deserve to be recognised and nurtured. Through this partnership with Vantage Foundation, we are not only providing art materials and workshops — we are helping children discover their potential, believe in their future, and understand that their dreams matter."

Vantage Foundation believes that meaningful social impact begins by investing in people. Through partnerships with local organisations and communities around the world, the Foundation works to expand access to education, empower underserved communities, and help individuals realise their full potential.

As the children proudly held up paintings of their future selves—from teachers and doctors to football players and artists — it became clear that dreams know no boundaries. What many children lack is not ambition or talent, but access to opportunities. Through **Dream in Colors**, Vantage Foundation is committed to helping more children believe in their potential and pursue the futures they imagine.



About Vantage Foundation

The Vantage Foundation is a trusted partner for change. Established with a vision to reshape communities globally, the Foundation channels its passion and expertise into fostering human potential and revitalising societies. With each project undertaken, Vantage Foundation works to create positive social impact and support a brighter, more inclusive future.

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About Dream Building Service Association (DBSA)

DBSA is a non-profit organization that focuses on the survival and development of children in impoverished areas worldwide through education, social research, and community support. It has undertaken dozens of welfare projects in Africa and has since expanded to include board members, staff and young volunteers from around the world.

About Shammah Splendid School

Shammah Splendid School is a community school located in Kibera, Nairobi, providing quality education and holistic support for children from underserved backgrounds. The school is dedicated to nurturing every child's academic, personal, and creative development while creating a safe environment where children can thrive despite the challenges they face.

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