

Makomborero in 2025

A snapshot of what your support made possible



Education

Student Community	19 A-level boarding, 12 A-level non boarding, 20 university residential & 16 non residential university students.
Academic Successes	48 Academic prizes 4 Head Boys/Girls, and 32 student leaders
STEM Excellence	15 Science Olympiad & 8 Maths Olympiad participants
Science Lab Growth	44 experiments, 133 hours of lab time, avg. 13 students/session



Girl mentorship programme:

Leadership, Life Skills & Wellbeing

- 39 sport and other awards
- 32 hours of group therapy sessions
- 98 hours of life skills session
- an average of 15 attendees at each NDEIPI session

- 126 mentor teaching hours
- 25 sessions including the graduation lunch
- an average of 22 girls attending each session

Access, Health and Resources

Item / Resource Distributed

- Tablets 9
- Solar lamps 12
- Laptops 9
- Data packs 340
- Dental hygiene packs 95
- 1st year local university students given USD\$300 each to purchase refurbished laptops.

- Fortified porridge 6 kg
 - Home visits families - 13 bags
 - Mobile Lab students - 15 bags
 - A-Level Res and Non-Res - 34 bags
 - Mak University Students - 38 bags

Selection process



- ✓ A total of **560 exercise books**, **2850 pens** and **168 white board markers** given as donations to students from schools where A-Level Scholarship forms were delivered.
- ✓ A total of **56 schools** were visited by Makomborero staff.
- ✓ A total of **862.5km** travelled
- ✓ A total of approximately **140 man hours** involved in the planning, purchasing, packaging, delivery of forms, cleaning and re-stocking the car.
- ✓ A total of **7 members** of staff and **2 past Makomborero students** were involved in the Application Delivery process at some stage.

Alumni Impact

Some ways the Alumni have given back this year:

- ✓ **Alumni Mentors: 15** Girl Child, **3** Mobile Lab teachers/assistants, **20** alumni mentoring current A-Level students
- ✓ **240** chickens donated worth **\$1680USD**
- ✓ **2 HP laptops** donated by alumni
- ✓ **4 brand new pairs of trainers** for 4 students
- ✓ **6 desk lamps** to aid with lighting in study areas
- ✓ **100 hours of tech support**
- ✓ **20 hours of Life Skills input** through planned online sessions

Community Impact

1 'new' vehicle to allow us to reach rural areas.

Blackboard painting – **approx. 200 man hours (about 40 people for 5 hours each)** of work went into repairing, mending and painting the boards.

1 inspiring London evening with our supporters.

Insights from five of our students/alumni

We are privileged to share stories and insights from five of our students/alumni. Thank you to each and every one of them for allowing us into their world. We hope you enjoy their stories and draw inspiration from them!

Tinaye Coming back home

My name is Tinaye. I studied at the University of Zimbabwe and completed my undergraduate degree in 2024. I am currently working as an HR consultant for a recruitment agency, a role that continues to shape how I support, mentor, and understand people.

In 2024, after I graduated, I got an opportunity to return to Makomborero Zimbabwe as an intern. That period marked an important transition in my life. For the first time, I experienced Makomborero from a staff perspective rather than as a student. This allowed me to truly appreciate the dedication, care, and structure that go into ensuring students are well supported, safe, and able to grow. I worked with a team that was kind, patient, transparent, and always willing to teach step by step, even when I was still learning. The strong sense of teamwork during that time left a meaningful impact on me. With the students, my role felt far more like that of a big sister than a staff member. I lived with them as family, as my little sisters and brothers. One of my most fulfilling experiences was seeing some of the girls discover crocheting, grow in confidence, create items for themselves, and proudly share their work. In October 2025, I walked back into the boarding house while working full time, continuing to serve Makomborero by supporting students during weekends and some evenings. Through this journey, I have had the privilege of walking alongside four different groups: 2024 Upper Sixth, 2025 Upper Sixth, 2026 Upper Sixth, and the current 2026 Lower Sixth. Each group has been uniquely special.

My time at the boarding house broadened my perspective and helped me understand the importance of rules, structure, and guidance. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to grow, to serve, and to belong again, this time as a big sister.

We couldn't agree more Tinaye, a wonderful 'big sister' who is always putting others first! We are proud of you!



Tinotenda Cybersecurity, growth and fun

My name is Tinotenda. In August 2025, I received a grant from Makomborero to study Cybersecurity at the University of Zimbabwe and stay at the Makomborero UZ residence.

My time at the residence has been nothing short of spectacular. If filmed, it would make for an incredibly fun reality show. It is a real delight to stay at the University Residence, our home away from home. My favourite part about being there is the family, and that includes everyone from fellow students to the staff at the office. Their willingness to lend a helping hand has made my transition into the house easy. Behind the kind faces are joyous spirits. Whether I'm in the mood for video games or basketball down at the court, someone is always ready to jump in, and I am grateful for such a big family. I can say with confidence that being part of Makomborero has accelerated my growth professionally. Through Makomborero, I have met people who have helped boost my career: I worked at Hellenic Academy for a little under two years and the experience was invaluable. This support has given me the confidence to pursue entrepreneurship, as I work towards building my own ventures in cybersecurity and technology infrastructure.

Tinotenda, we are proud of how you learn life lessons with such amazing vulnerability and a big smile on your face!

Judith

New Pharmacist on the block

My name is Judith. I attended the University of Zimbabwe and graduated in 2024. I recently completed my pre-registration year and am currently working as a Pharmacist.

Being a Makomborero scholar has been a total game-changer. The scholarship lifted a huge financial burden off my family's shoulders by covering my A-Level fees. This support gave me peace of mind to focus on my studies and chase my dreams. Graduating in 2024 and completing my pre-registration in 2025 was a HUGE milestone. Makomborero's support has empowered me to join the workforce with confidence, and I'm super excited to be contributing to healthcare in Zimbabwe. I'm proud to be part of the Makomborero family and enjoyed giving back as a Girl Child mentor while I was a student.

Judith, we hope you continue to firmly find your place in the Zimbabwean health sector and we are proud of you showing other girls what can be done with sheer determination!

Ruvarashe

The big car with the wheel on the back

Ruvarashe was awarded a Makomborero non-residential scholarship in 2025 but her journey with Makomborero had begun long before then. In 2022, when Ruvarashe was in Form 2 (aged 14), she was selected for the Girl Child Mentorship Programme. In 2023, she was once again selected by her school to participate in the Mobile Science Lab. It is rare for one student to participate in both projects as well as be awarded an A-Level scholarship – truly worth the celebration! Her story shows us what the tiniest bit of hope can do for a child facing loss and stepping into the world without the norms that so many take for granted. She has shared a typical school day with us.

"I'm currently studying Maths, Biology and Chemistry at Mufakose High 1 School. On school days, I wake up early, make my bed and pray. I do my house chores, put my solar lamp outside to charge then go to school. I got the solar lamp from Makomborero and I can't study without it. There are always long power cuts and the solar system we have at home is not great. I leave home at 7am and return after 4pm. I get to go to the Makomborero A-Level Boarding House often for Life Skills and Group Therapy. The sessions are motivating and they have inspired me to start an art club at my school. I'm really thankful for the donors and for everything that they are doing. The tablets that we get in Lower Six are so helpful, they have all the content we need for studying. I actually ask myself everyday how I can fail when I have all these aides I use to study. So, I'm pushing myself hard to make sure that I appreciate the donors with my results. Each time when I'm walking to school, I look out for the big car with a wheel at the back. When my father died, I was 9 years old and I made myself a promise to work hard and buy him a big car with the wheel at the back. That's something that keeps me motivated every day!"

Thank you Ruvarashe. Your tenacity makes us so proud! We can't wait to see all that you are becoming!



Tinotenda

Giving Back

My name is Tinotenda. I am currently in my third year studying Biomedical Sciences at the University of Zimbabwe with the hope of becoming a doctor.

Being part of Makomborero has been a truly transformative experience for me. It has helped me find my way and provided me with a sense of direction in my journey of pursuing my dreams. Makomborero is more than just a community, it's a big family. It has helped me grow both personally and academically, and it has taught me to love and appreciate the people around me. Makomborero has instilled in me a sense of purpose and a desire to give back to the community. At my former school, I did a Giving Back project that included career guidance, motivational speaking, help with scholarship applications, and study tips for O-Level and A-Level students. I shared my experience to help younger students navigate their academic journey. Seeing students gain hope and direction made the effort truly meaningful. As well as the above, I am a Girl Child mentor and absolutely love my time with the mentees.

Thank you Tinotenda. We are so proud of how you continue to serve your peers as well as young girls from your community!



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