

Monica Chelangat

Kenana Knitters



Monica joined Kenana Knitters in 2002. She is a daughter of one of the farm workers on Kenana Farm. Monica was encouraged to become a knitter by her childhood friend and fellow knitter Milka Adhiambo.

Monica suffers from unilateral hearing loss or single-sided deafness which was undiagnosed until she was about 10 years old, by which time there was a profound impact on her learning and developmental capability. Following the diagnosis she was taken to a school for the hearing impaired where she was able to complete her primary school at the age of 16. Unfortunately for her, her parents were unable to continue with her education and she was unable to find a sponsor to further her education.

Monica is married and has two children, her husband works as a casual laborer in the local flower farms. She is very hard working and always finds a way to balance her family work and her knitting.

I want to thank Kenana Knitters very much, especially Paddy who is always very patient with me. When I bring my work to the checking table, Paddy always takes her time to look at my items and to explain to me when I have made a mistake in my knitting. With my income from knitting I am able to hire shambas (little farms) where I am able to plant maize for my family and for selling. I am also in a women's self-help group where we are able to take loans for investments. My income from knitting has enabled me to uplift my life and that of my family.

Asante sana Kenana Knitters and God bless Paddy.

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Changing lives stitch by stitch

