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WOMEN LEADING RESEARCH IN AFRICA

Dear All,

When public health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic strike, researchers are at the front lines, studying how the disease might spread, how it can be stopped, and drafting policy responses that help us build resilience. Marilyn Ronoh, a PhD Student in Applied Mathematics at the University of Nairobi is one of those researchers. In [this article](#) published in the Daily Nation newspaper, she discussed how mathematical computational models like the ones she developed to tackle HIV/AIDS prevalence among young people in Kenya, can be used by scientists to predict COVID-19 transmission scenarios. These scenarios are useful in informing health directives to help lower infection rates.

Marilyn is just one of the many inspiring East African women whose scientific contributions are being supported and amplified by the Mawazo Institute. With funding and training support, we believe that researchers like her can lead breakthroughs in science and solve some of the continent's greatest challenges.



Since 2018, Mawazo has **provided over \$44,000 in research grants, and over \$35,000 in other grants and stipends** to young female scientists



With our training workshops, we have supported the professional development of over 85 female scientists working across the African continent in fields ranging from agriculture to biology, environmental science, political science, public health, physics, and more. Online, [we share hundreds of opportunities curated for African researchers](#) annually, connecting them to much needed funding, training, and networking opportunities — and because we believe that science is made more useful by being in the public sphere, we provide platforms for the public to engage with science. Through our [Policy](#) and [Public Engagement](#) programmes, we are also building the capacity of local scientists to inform decision making and influence public discourse.

This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to help us shape the future of the African continent using research. Our four asks are simple;

1. **Donate directly to Mawazo** and help make our mission a reality. No amount is too small or too big. You can give via debit/credit card, Paypal, or MPESA at www.mawazoinstitute.org/donate-to-us.

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2. **Share this Newsletter with someone** in your network. Whether it’s a colleague, friend, family member, or someone else, invite them to stay engaged with our work by signing up for the quarterly Mawazo newsletter using the link in the footer, or visiting [the sign-up page here](#).

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- Sharing the campaign posters below on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, or wherever you engage online. To help us draw even more attention to our campaign, add these posters to your profile picture.
- Updating your Twitter display name for the day to draw attention to Mawazo. For ex; 'Support @MawazoInstitute this Giving Tuesday.'

As we look ahead, we are grateful for supporters like you who share in our mission and are helping us engineer new African futures. On behalf of the entire Mawazo team, I want to thank you for your support this #GivingTuesday.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rose M. Mutiso
CEO and Co-Founder

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