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THE ANGAMA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW PROJECTS TO BENEFIT COMMUNITIES AND CONSERVATION

NAIROBI – JUNE 1, 2019: Less than four years after first opening its doors, [Angama Mara](#) is celebrating the successes of past projects with the announcement of new community and conservation initiatives, all made possible by funds raised by guests through a nightly donation to the [Angama Foundation](#).



Local community members and the Angama Mara team celebrate the opening of teachers' accommodation at Emurutoto School.

"The Angama Foundation is primarily funded by small, nightly contributions from all of our guests – each a little contribution, but which together becomes quite significant and can make the world of difference to the area around us," said Steve Mitchell, Co-founder of Angama Mara.

These micro-donations have already enabled the Angama Foundation to build classrooms, teachers' accommodation and ablutions at nearby schools; construct, staff and stock a clinic to service staff and local communities' [health and medical needs](#); and implement measures to encourage the harmonious coexistence of humans and wildlife,



amongst other projects.

Set up as a separate entity, the Angama Foundation focuses on three fields of work: Education, Healthcare and Conservation, and projects are identified and prioritised together with the lodge's neighbouring communities, the Mara Conservancy, and NGOs who have a proven track record of making an impact in the area.

Along with funding a rhino anti-poaching vehicle for the Mara Conservancy, the Angama Foundation has joined forces with the [Anne K. Taylor Fund's](#) predator-resistant boma project. Traditionally bomas, or livestock stockades, were made out of materials that deteriorated quickly, leaving goats, sheep and cows vulnerable to predator attacks.

The new predator-proof bomas are built to last, with a 99% success rate in protecting livestock when properly constructed and maintained. To date, seven bomas have been built near Angama Mara, with a further four currently under construction and more to come in the future. In the rare instance that a community member loses livestock to predation, the Angama Foundation recompensates the community-member for the loss of their animal.

In terms of healthcare, along with the clinic, which is equipped with specialist equipment such as a Doppler fetal monitor and a defibrillator, the Angama Foundation, together with partners such as the Anne K. Taylor Fund, has run successful medical camps in neighbouring communities. During the most recent camp, in March this year, nearly 800 community members underwent screening and received treatment for common medical conditions.

Additionally, the Angama Foundation's support of local schools continues to grow with the launch of a new scholarship programme for top-performing children. "Where there are talented children in our immediate community, our goal is to ensure that they are able to receive the best education they can, irrespective of their family's financial position," explains Mitchell.

Initially, the top student from three nearby primary schools: Enkereri, Saparingo and Oloosinon, will be provided with a scholarship to continue their education. "We certainly would like to grow the number of scholarships over time," concludes Mitchell.

Meanwhile, the Angama Foundation's photographic competition, [The Greatest Maasai Mara Photographer of the Year](#), is well underway for the second year after its successful launch in 2018. The competition



seeks to reinforce the status of the Maasai Mara National Reserve as one of the best year-round wildlife destinations on the continent by showcasing incredible images from the Mara while at the same time raising funds for [boots-on-the-ground conservation initiatives](#). To watch a video featuring some of the best photographs from 2018, click [HERE](#).

For more information about Angama Mara and the Angama Foundation, visit: www.angama.com

ABOUT ANGAMA MARA:

High above the Maasai Mara where some of the most romantic scenes from Out of Africa were filmed, Angama Mara comprises two separate and intimate camps, each encompassing 15 tented guest suites. Built on the edge of the Great Rift Valley on one of the most sought-after sites on the continent, this lodge offers heart stopping views as far as the eye can see. The lodge, helmed by industry veteran Nicky Fitzgerald (formerly of &Beyond), boasts outstanding game viewing 12 months of the year, with private access to the reserve. Inspired by the Swahili word for 'suspended in mid-air,' Angama Mara floats 1,000 feet above the Maasai Mara, where, every morning, hot air balloons sail past the 30-foot-wide floor-to-ceiling glass fronts of each suite. In addition to consistently excellent game viewing, including Africa's Big Five, guests enjoy walking safaris, garden-to-table lunches in the shamba, editing their images in the Photographic Studio a fitness center, a 40-foot-long swimming pool, a curated gallery of African art, clothing and jewelry, and a sun-filled studio where local Maasai women work at beading bespoke items. Angama Mara was named #1 Safari Lodge in the World by Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards 2018.

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