

My dream: Peace in rural schools in Kenya

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"My initial dream was to generate enough food for my mother and the community at large. This inspired me to be an agronomist — an idea incubated at an early age based on my own experience of hunger growing up. I vowed to do everything I could to ensure children and women were not subjected to extreme hunger, conflict, and disrupted learning. Food, water and pasture scarcity are catalysts for conflict among people and communities who live side by side in our region of Kenya. Escalation of such conflicts is complex when one community is pastoralist and nomadic, while the other practices agriculture. I was not aware at a young age why my mother and others were so poor, and why there was always conflict between the agriculturalists and pastoralists."

[Maina Wambugu](#) takes a deep dive reflecting on his life, dissecting underlying reasons for conflict between two communities, and his own lifelong work with children on education and peace building - an unfinished journey.

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