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## FROM OUR FOUNDERS

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This quarter marked another major leap forward for Sanku and the families we serve across Eastern Africa. Over the past year, our reach has more than doubled to nearly 75 million people, bringing us closer than ever to our goal of reaching 100 million. Just as important, Sanku's annual cost to provide one person with fortified flour has fallen from \$0.15 to just \$0.09.

These gains were driven by the systems we have invested in most: stronger Government enforcement, local nutrient premix production, trust in local talent, and a model that combines both small and large mills into one growing fortification network across Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

But the world around us is becoming more difficult. The conflict involving Iran has increased shipping, fuel, and supply costs across the region, especially in Ethiopia, and Sanku and our millers are feeling the impact. Moments like this remind us that when prices rise and families struggle, nutrition matters more than ever.

That makes this work even more important. Behind every number in this report are families eating better, children learning on fuller diets, and communities gaining access to a basic human right. To our donors and partners, thank you for helping build a future where nutritious food is no longer a privilege, but a guarantee.

**David Dodson**  
Co-Founder & Chairman

**Felix Brooks-church**  
Co-Founder & CEO

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## JAN-MAR FY2026 PERFORMANCE

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People Reached with Fortified Flour



**1,608**

Sanku Dosifiers Installed



**1,734**

Partner Mills Enabled



**\$0.09**

Annual Cost Per Person



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## COUNTRY PROGRAMS UPDATE

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**Tanzania** continued driving Sanku's largest growth this quarter, now reaching **more than 53 million people** through a network of **1,155 millers** nationwide. While imported premix faced regional supply disruptions, Sanku's nutrient premix factory in Tanzania kept production running without interruption, helping millers continue fortifying flour without pause.

Sanku's flour bag factory also produced a record **3.1 million flour bags** bundled with premix, helping millers lower costs while keeping fortified flour affordable for families. Beyond commercial markets, Sanku expanded school feeding partnerships, connecting local millers to **495 schools** and helping provide fortified meals to **more than 225,000 students**.

In **Kenya**, Sanku focused on one of the sector's biggest challenges: counterfeit and substandard premix. Working with industry and Government, Sanku helped strengthen accountability across the fortification sector through the Premix Suppliers Association under the Cereal Millers Association, including the development of third-party audit standards for suppliers.

Sanku also partnered with the National Public Health Institute to support a new digital monitoring system for food safety and fortification. Despite ongoing market challenges, Sanku's network in Kenya now includes **194 millers**, reaching **more than 10 million people** each day.

**Ethiopia** continued to demonstrate the resilience of Sanku's model this quarter, even as foreign exchange constraints limited access to imported fortification inputs across the region. By supplying high-quality premix in local currency, Sanku helped millers continue fortifying without interruption. Sanku's network in Ethiopia now includes **385 millers**, reaching **more than 9 million people** daily. At the same time, Sanku supported Ethiopia's new maize fortification standard, advanced zinc proxy testing alongside Addis Ababa University and the Gates Foundation, and progressed construction of its nutrient premix factory in Addis Ababa, which is expected to localize production and supply much of the surrounding region.

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## TWO PRESIDENTS, ONE VISION

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Six months into his tenure, Sanku President Mark Ocitti met with H.E. Dr. Jakaya Kikwete, former President of Tanzania and current Sanku Board Member, to reflect on Sanku's journey from a national ambition into one of Eastern Africa's largest nutrition delivery systems.

More than ten years ago, President Kikwete held a single Sanku Dosifier and challenged Sanku to take fortification beyond major cities and into every region of Tanzania. Today, thousands of Dosifiers are deployed nationwide, helping local mills deliver fortified flour at scale.

Now, as a Sanku Board Member, he is helping shape the next chapter: scaling from a single Dosifier a decade ago to reaching one billion people over the next.



Their discussion focused on the next phase of growth across Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia, and beyond, including stronger Government enforcement and more rigorous systems for measuring impact at scale. President Kikwete congratulated the team on its progress while emphasizing that rapid expansion must be matched by equally strong evidence on nutritional outcomes.

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## LEADERSHIP MATTERS: STRENGTHENING SANKU'S LEADERSHIP

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As Sanku scales across Africa and beyond, recent additions to the Senior Leadership Team bring deep expertise in digital transformation, manufacturing, and food systems, strengthening the organization's ability to scale fortification efficiently and sustainably.

### [Tom Mboya](#) — Director, Information Systems

2021 Africa CIO of the Year, Tom brings a rare combination of technology leadership and deep experience in the food industry. Having led digital transformation at global companies and enterprise systems at Unga Holdings, one of East Africa's largest flour producers, he understands both the complexity of manufacturing systems and the realities of the markets Sanku serves.

At Sanku, he is helping build something few nutrition organizations have ever achieved: a real-time system that can predict failures before they happen, track fortification across thousands of mills, and use AI-driven insights to help scale toward one billion people with precision, speed, and accountability.



### [Dr. Ermias Habte](#) — General Manager, Ethiopia

Ermias's commitment to nutrition security is deeply personal. As a child in Ethiopia, he witnessed the devastating famine of the 1980s, shaping his lifelong focus on food systems transformation.

Today, he is leading one of Sanku's most important growth frontiers by building on Sanku's success in Ethiopia's wheat milling sector, advancing the country's new maize fortification standard, and overseeing the launch of Sanku's new nutrient premix factory in Addis Ababa to localize production, reduce costs, and supply high-quality premix across Ethiopia and much of the surrounding region.

For Ermias, this work is not theoretical. It is about helping ensure future generations never experience the hunger he witnessed as a child.



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## MILLER SPOTLIGHT: BUILDING ON WHEAT, EXPANDING TO MAIZE

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Dina Food Processing is helping drive the next phase of fortification in Ethiopia. Through its partnership with Sanku, the mill is emerging as a nutrition leader in the Oromia region, already reaching more than 370,000 people with fortified wheat flour. Following Sanku's support in advancing Ethiopia's new maize fortification standard, Dina is also among the first millers preparing to voluntarily fortify maize flour, helping lead what could become the country's next major nutrition shift. Founded in 2019, Dina also supplies flour to humanitarian partners, including the International Committee of the Red Cross and the World Food Programme, supporting refugee feeding programs across the region where reliable nutrition remains critical.



Dina represents a growing group of Ethiopian millers embracing fortification not just for compliance, but as smart, sustainable business.

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## NOURISHING SCHOOLCHILDREN, ONE MEAL AT A TIME

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At GSU Primary School in Nairobi, Maureen Nyaga serves more than a meal. Her kitchen prepares nearly 1,000 lunches and 500 dinners daily, with ugali, a staple maize-flour dish eaten across East Africa, and the meal students look forward to most. The flour is supplied by Flour Fusion Millers, part of Sanku's fortification network, ensuring each plate delivers essential nutrients alongside energy and satiety.

For six years, Maureen has dedicated her career to feeding schoolchildren, recognizing that nutrition shapes not only learning but long-term development. Research shows that better nutrition improves concentration, attendance, cognitive performance, and educational outcomes.



School feeding is becoming a core pillar of Sanku's strategy, connecting fortification-compliant millers to institutions serving hundreds of children daily. These schools are becoming important nutrition hubs, supported by reliable local supply chains.

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## FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS

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Behind every new mill, factory, and family reached is a group of partners helping make this work possible. We are deeply grateful to the donors and organizations whose support this quarter continues to scale our mission. To learn more or get involved, please contact us at [donorsupport@sanku.com](mailto:donorsupport@sanku.com).



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## BEYOND THE MILL

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Sanku's work does not stop at the mill gate. It reaches homes, schools, and the everyday lives of the communities we serve. This quarter, Sanku delivered fortified maize flour to children who need it most: one metric ton to Joytown Special Schools in Kenya, providing nearly 26,000 nutritious meals, and 300 kg to HOPE Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus in Ethiopia, supporting families traveling long distances in search of care.



In the spirit of this year's International Women's Day theme, Give to Gain, Sanku also stood with the women who quietly hold families and communities together. Across Kenya, Tanzania, and Ethiopia, we provided practical support ranging from school fees and household essentials to business materials and assistive devices for families navigating the realities of malnutrition.



Because when women are supported, they do what they have always done: they give. And entire communities gain stronger, healthier futures.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

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Sanku is named after the small Nepali hilltop village of Sankhu pictured here, where our first Dosifier prototype was tested and proved to work. In that quiet place, high in the clouds and far from laboratories and boardrooms, the idea that everyday food could deliver better nutrition at scale, even in the smallest village, first became real to us. Fittingly, Sankhu is also a Sanskrit word meaning “measurement” or “gauge,” reflecting the precision behind food fortification, where adding the right amount of essential nutrients can transform everyday food into better nutrition.



The name honors that village, and every village around the world where families deserve the basic human right of good nutrition, delivered with the same care, precision, and purpose.

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## SHAPING GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

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Across key convenings, Sanku’s work continued to shape how nutrition and food systems are understood, discussed, and advanced across the region and beyond. In Kenya, a feature in The Star newspaper spotlighted our partnership with small-scale millers, showing how local industry can deliver fortified flour at scale and strengthen national nutrition outcomes. [Read more.](#)

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## PRESTIGE

Globally, our CEO, Felix Brooks-church, in conversation with Prestige Online, reinforced a central truth behind our model: that lasting impact comes from embedding solutions into everyday systems. By fortifying the foods people already consume, we turn daily meals into vehicles for ong-term resilience. [Read more.](#)



Sanku was spotlighted by the World Food Programme as a venture advancing progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, in the [WFP SDGx community newsletter](#) as part of its Innovator Accelerator portfolio.

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## JOIN THE MISSION!

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### Make a Donation:

A gift of just \$750 will give 1,000 Eastern African families access to nutritious, fortified food for a year.

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With \$2,000, you can empower a miller to provide fortified flour to their community, improving thousands of lives.

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