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# **Kimlea Technical Training Centre**

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**Kimlea Girls Technical Training Centre**

Kimlea, a school providing technical training for rural women, began in a prefabricated classroom in April 1989. That same year Msgr. Alvaro del Portillo visited Kenya and gave some suggestions for the future development of the school. In the following year, thanks to help from the European Union and the *Instituto per la Cooperazione Universitaria*, the building of the definitive site was started. To date about 12,000 people have benefited, most of them young girls working on the tea and coffee plantations. Kimlea offers technical training along with classes in human and spiritual development. The students go through a two year program that gives them access to various professions: catering and hospitality services, dress-making, and agriculture. Courses in basic literacy are also offered for women who have not been able to attend primary school.

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