

Kuzana Closes Batch 3 Grand Finale, Hits \$1M in Assets, and Opens Applications for Batch 4

Kenya's leading education and investment accelerator celebrates 12 months of entrepreneur transformation, announces a major organizational milestone, and calls on the next generation of founders to apply.



Nairobi, Kenya May 28, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - [Kuzana](#), Kenya's forward-thinking education and investment accelerator, successfully hosted its Batch 3 Grand Finale on April 8, 2026, an interactive event at Nairobi Street Kitchen and streamed live on YouTube. It brought together investors,

entrepreneurs, strategic partners, and ecosystem stakeholders. The evening featured business presentations, a panel, keynote by Kris Senanu a renowned investor as seen on Lions' Den, a live game show, and the official launch of Batch 4 applications.

Milestone: Kuzana Reaches \$1 Million in Assets

In a landmark announcement, CEO and Founder Kyle Schutter revealed that Kuzana has tripled its own asset base to over \$1 million and more importantly a net profit of close to \$500k in the first year, a defining organizational milestone that signals institutional credibility and a strong foundation for scaling the program's impact across Kenya and beyond.

Batch 3 Entrepreneur Transformation Stories

Four companies completed the rigorous 12-weeks of workshops and presented candid, measurable accounts of their operational transformations, sharing both successes and failures in a format that sets this finale apart from conventional pitch nights:

- **Adia (Robert):** A lawyer by profession with a great career, he sees a future for efficient animal feed production, successfully securing new international contracts.
- **Foke (Kevin):** Kevin talks about how he shifted from informal Jua Kali operations to professional stainless-steel manufacturing, now producing ready-to-cook, traceable potatoes and supplying major Nairobi food brands like Naivas and Artcaffe.
- **Saint Boss (Leminton & Prince):** Repositioned their interior design and construction business around an asset-building client mindset, reframing how clients perceive property value.
- **Nawiri (Joy):** Micro-customized women's clothing brand, tailored on-the-spot to fit everybody and every BODY. She advanced delegation structures within her size-inclusive fashion brand to unlock more scalable, efficient growth.

"Batch 3 has been a defining moment for Kuzana. Watching these entrepreneurs stand up and honestly share what worked, what didn't, and how they plan to grow, that's the Kuzana spirit. We don't just fund businesses; we build the people behind them," said Kyle Schutter, CEO & Founder, Kuzana, upon seeing the results by entrepreneurs.

Special Guest: Kris Senanu on Governance and Scaling

Lion's Den investor and former Managing Director of Telkom Kenya, Kris Senanu, delivered a standout keynote. He identified governance as the primary reason investors withhold capital from African startups, not poor ideas, but a lack of operational structure and discipline. Senanu encouraged founders to embrace collaboration and move away from secrecy-based mindsets, noting that true scaling requires a team and external Partners.

Batch 3 Finale Witnesses High Engagement Through Kahoot

The Batch 3 Finale's closing segment featured an interactive startup game show, bringing the event to an energetic close. The 10-minute session transformed passive viewers into active participants, with attendees competing in real-time for prizes. Questions focused on startup fundamentals, reinforcing Kuzana's education-first identity and leaving the audience with a memorable, high-energy conclusion to the evening. For example, which investor made the most equity investments into Kenyan companies in the last year? Hint: it rhymes with nirvana...

Kuzana Showcases Growth Outcomes, Opens Applications for Batch 4

Proven Track Record

Kuzana's results speak for themselves. In Batch 1, four companies doubled their revenue within four months of joining the program. Across the portfolio, companies grow at an average of 174 year-over-year — a pace that significantly outpaces the majority of Kenya's SME sector.

Batch 4 Applications Now Open

The Batch 3 Finale concluded with the official launch of applications for Batch 4. Kuzana is seeking Kenya's most ambitious business owners who are generating between Ksh 400,000 and Ksh 20 million in monthly revenue across sectors such as agri-processing, manufacturing, logistics, fintech, real estate, hospitality, cosmetics and retail. Kuzana also invites former operators with experience running profitable businesses in Africa to join the growing ecosystem.

About Kuzana

Kuzana is a Nairobi-based education and investment accelerator purpose-built for Kenya's top entrepreneurs. Kuzana combines equity investment (USD \$20,000 per company), follow-on capital (up to USD \$100,000), and intensive operational support to help businesses 2x their revenue. Kuzana accepts only the top 7 companies per batch, each paired with a strategy board member who is a proven entrepreneur or CEO. Kuzana's mission is to mint 1,000 more dollar millionaires by 2040 through real business education, long-term partnerships, and capital that works as hard as the founders it backs. Kuzana is entirely funded by smart money and does not accept restrictive government grants.

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