Key Persons[1]

Paul Kimani's family

Paul Kimani – The fifty-five-year-old patriarch of a smallholder family and a long-haul lorry driver
Catherine – Kimani's forty-two-year-old wife and head of household in his absence
Mwaura – Their nineteen-year-old son and university student
Njoki – Their seventeen-year-old daughter and high-school student

Mama Nyambura's family

Mama Nyambura – The forty-three-year-old female head of a wealthy household
Nyambura – Mama Nyambura's twenty-five-year-old daughter, regularly absent in China
Shiko – Mama Nyambura's eighteen-year-old daughter and college student

Mama Gethi's family

Mama Gethi – The fifty-year-old female head of a nearby household
Feye – Mama Gethi's twenty-five-year-old daughter
Roy – Mama Gethi's youngest son, twenty-three years old
Gethi – Mama Gethi's eldest son, thirty-five years old
Ikinya – Mama Gethi's middle son, thirty-three years old

John Thairu's family

John Thairu – Sixty-five years old
Jata – His twenty-three-year-old daughter
Stevoh – Her twenty-six-year-old brother

[1] Ages listed are relevant to the beginning of fieldwork in January 2017.

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Others in Ituura

Ndovu – A neighbourhood elder, seventy-six years old
Njeru – Ndovu's (slightly) younger brother, seventy-two years old
Murigi – Paul Kimani's younger brother, in his late forties
Wangui – Paul Kimani's youngest sister, forty years old

Star Boyz players

Jose – A twenty-seven-year-old former player
Gathu – A twenty-six-year-old player
Kanja – A twenty-three-year-old roofer
Gĩthire – Kanja's nineteen-year-old younger brother

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