

## **REPORT FOR THE KENYA TRUST**

### **PROJECT SUMMARY: KIANAMUTHI SALVATION ARMY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Klanamuthi is a Salvation Army sponsored Primary School. It is situated in the same compound as the Kianamuthi Corps. The location of school is in Tharaka County. Tharaka is considered very dry and drought stricken and is a raised risk in terms of the governments health and drought indicator. The school is situated approximately over 20kms away from the local DHQ and the nearest city is Meru which 50kms. Most of the roads in the area are dirt track and the school is considered a rural school. Due the lack of rains, the area is considered semi-arid and therefore growing crops is difficult. This means that most of the children in the school come from poor backgrounds and struggle to raise the necessary fees for the school. Water is also scarce and the children are required to carry their own 2 litre bottle of water each day. The school provides some food when they can – which is often the only meal the children have.

The school commenced in 1986 and currently has 142 pupils (Girls 78 & Boys 64). Alongside this they have a nursery for 75 children. There are 12 teachers across the school and the nursery.

The classrooms that were renovated are made of mud and sticks. They were in very poor condition and actually collapsed during the construction period of the new classrooms. They had no windows or doors and roof that leaked terribly. They were truly in an awful condition. The classrooms had dust floors and when the rains did come often classes would have to be abandoned. There was no real educational resources such as blackboards as the wall were not strong enough to hold.



### The Classrooms prior to completion.

Two new classrooms were built as per the initial proposal. They were built under the supervision of The Salvation Army's District Officer. The materials were bought locally and a local builder (fundu) was brought in to undertake the work. This reduced the costs and enabled us to buy locally available materials. The only materials that came from outside the area were the cut stones. We wanted to use cut stones as this gives a more professional and stronger finish. The classrooms were built on to the existing school classroom building and the plan for site as shown below.





### Progress during the project:



### Finances:

The funds were remitted to the DHQ on a stage by stage basis. An initial payment of KSH400,000 was paid and then funds would be disbursed once a narrative and expenditure report had been submitted to the Projects Office. The Asst. Project Officer also visited the construction on a number of occasions to ensure the work was ongoing and to the desired standard. A breakdown of finances is listed below.

<b>INCOME SUMMARY</b>		
Funds Received with thanks	£ 4,000.00	606,200
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<b>TOTAL SENT</b>	£ 8,000.00	1,175,600
Exchange rate (mid point)	£ 1.00	147
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:</b>		
Contract value	7,941.63	1,167,420
Funds sent to DHQ		
Payment 1	400,000.00	
Payment 2	400,000.00	
Payment 3	200,000.00	
Payment 4	167,420.00	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS:</b>		1,167,420
Other Expenses - visits for monitoring		8,238
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>		1,175,658

### **THE NEW CLASSROOMS:**

The classrooms have now been inspected by the Asst. Projects Officer, Major Raymond Makali and the Secretary for Programme, Lt-Colonel Joshua Kitonyi. The classroom block consist of 2 new classrooms, which are connected to the existing classrooms. Each classroom block has a metal door (to avoid destruction by the termites), windows, concrete floors and a blackboard wall. A new roof with galvinised iron sheets was put on and all the wall and floors were plastered.

During the construction of the classroom, the old mud classrooms actually collapsed. This meant the children had to start using the classrooms before they were complete. Therefore, the finishing touches, such as the verandah, painting, fittings and windows had to be undertaken during the holiday period to avoid disrupting the children's education. This led to a delay in the project completion but also meant that school learning could

continue without disruption. Fortunately the classroom collapsed during the evening and not during the school day but it did highlight the need for this important project.

I will send some more pictures in due course but this is a picture of the completed classrooms taken by Lt-Colonel Joshua Kitonyi. We will hold the official opening when the schools re-open in September 2017



**Conclusion:**

On behalf of The Salvation Army, Kenya East Territory I would like to express sincere thanks. The area where the school is situated is very poor and drought stricken and their classrooms were in very bad condition. This project has really helped the school and we are not sure how the school would have continued in light of the collapsed classroom. The community have also expressed their great thanks and we will send more information and videos during the opening ceremony when the children return in September 2017.