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## **Project Information Sheet**

Project Name: Braille Paper Supply

Project Start Date: December 2019

## Project Cost: £ 1,514



Location: <u>Kibos, Kisumu and Likoni,</u> <u>Mombasa Schools for the Blind,</u>

Project Completion: January 2020

**Specific Christmas Appeal** 



Kibos School for the Blind is on the outskirts of Kisumu the largest town in western Kenya. The Kibos compound houses both a Primary and a Secondary School.



The Likoni School for the Blind is just outside Mombasa island and is also a Primary and Secondary School.

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## The Project:

Both of these school locations have a Primary School taking pupils from the age of 4-14, and a Secondary School taking pupils between the ages of 14 - 25. Each site has approximately 150 pupils and about half are totally blind. In September 2019 three trustees visited Kenya to review projects both past, present and prospective future projects. The trustees visited the Kibos Primary and Secondary Schools just outside Kisumu.

One of the biggest expenses is stationery and specifically braille paper. Three types of paper are used:

- i) Braille paper (£42 per ream) for general use;
- Brailon paper (£60 per ream) for creating longer lasting documents and for creating diagrams for pupils with poor sense of touch and;
- iii) Tractor fed Braille Embosser paper (£54 per box) which is used to transfer teaching notes and other important documents into braille using a computer, these are also used for examination papers.

Each school uses, on average, 500 reams of paper each year, that's a total of 2,000 reams or boxes of paper each year! You can see what an expense this is. They need our help.

The Christmas 2019 appeals at The Salvation Army churches in Birmingham and Bedford raised the fantastic amount of  $\pounds$ 1,514 to be shared between the two locations. Thank you to both churches!

## What does Braille look like?

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The Principal at the Primary School explains the issues to one of the trustees





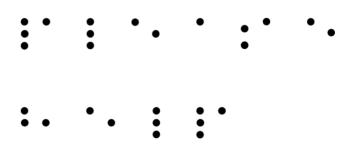
Students reading Braille

Braille machines awaiting repair and maintenance.



Crack the code:

School technician who is himself blind explaining the use of the tractor printer and paper and how critical it is for the functioning of the school to deliver the curriculum.



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