

Date: July 2021

Project Information Sheet

Project Name:
Makhwabuye Primary School

Project Start Date: September 2020

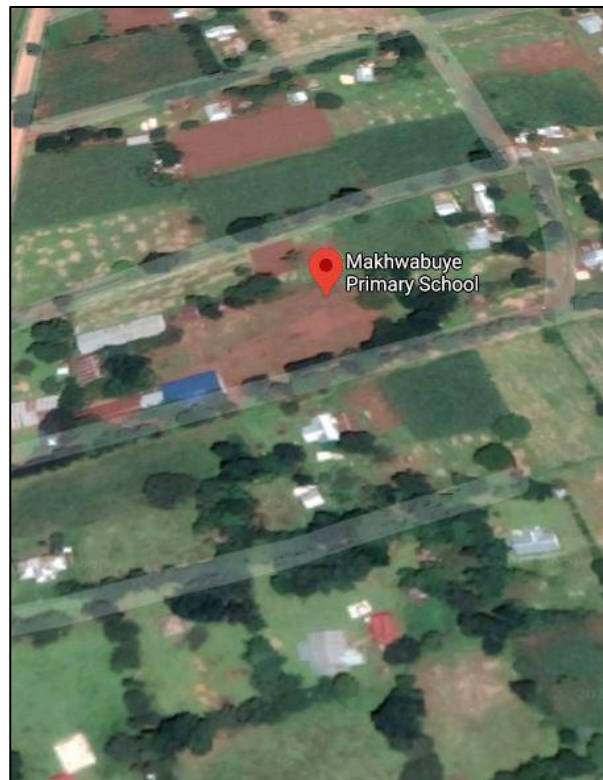
Project Cost: £26,500

Location: Malava, Western Kenya

Project Completion: July 2021



Makhwabuye Primary School is situated close to the town of Malava on the edge of the Malava Forest in Kakamega County almost 2 hours' drive from Kisumu in Western Kenya.



The area all around the school is very fertile and used for subsistence farming. Families sell excess produce in the nearby Malava market. The school grounds are very muddy in the rainy season with very poor drainage.

The condition of this school was very poor and there were many areas in need of improvement. Discussions with The Salvation Army Headquarters and the school identified the priorities for the refurbishment and improvement of the school infrastructure.

The Headteacher here is remarkable. She and her staff work in absolutely intollerable conditions by any standard. Her dedication to the children in her care is truly inspirational. One of the main reasons why the school is in such need of repair is the lack of funding. The Kenya Government have been elected on a promise that Primary Education is free, however they do not provide the funding necessary to run the schools even to a minimum acceptable standard. Any funding provided has to go on teaching and school books which leaves very little for maintenance or new buildings. The Kenya Trust is proud to be associated with this school and honoured to be able to proved funding for the improvements at the school.

The Project:

Based on discussions with The Salvation Army and the school's management regarding their priorities and to more easily manage a project of this magnitude it was decided to split it into phases.

1. Classroom Rebuild: One classroom had been condemned by the authorities and no classes could be conducted in it. It was unsafe and needed either major remedial repairs or a complete rebuild. It had remained unfinished for about 10 years.



Cracks in the wall and unfinished construction

Progress Report May 2021: The Kenya Trust sent £10,500 to build a new classroom in October 2020 and this is now nearing completion.

In addition to this classroom, the local MP has completed the funding of a second classroom building.

The school now has 2 new classrooms.



Classroom nearly complete – April 2021

2. Sanitation: There is no running water anywhere on the site. Sanitation is based on pit latrines being dug and the existing ones needed to be replaced.

Two blocks of 6 latrines were needing to be built – 1 for girls and 1 for boys.



Existing latrines are not fit for purpose

Progress Report May 2021: A grant of £2,500, provided by St. James' Place Charitable Foundation, allowed The Kenya Trust to fund the building of a 6 cubicle pit latrine in a back to back configuration for the girls and this is nearing completion.



New pit latrine block completed.

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- 3. Classroom Equipment:** Funding was provided in March 2021 to furnish the new classrooms with desks and lockers. A total of £3,000 has been provided for 80 desks, tables and lockers for the new and refurbished classrooms.



Additional projects being funded by The Kenya Trust at this school are detailed below. Funding of £10,000 was provided in April 2021 for the following:

- 4. Water Supply:** The drilling of a borehole, provision of pumping and water storage facilities and a washing station for the children.

Drilling of the borehole and completed washing station.



- 5. Additional Sanitation:** The building of a 6-cubicle pit latrine block for boys, similar that that already being built for girls (see point 2 above).



- 6. Renovations to ECD Classroom:** The school has identified the Early Childhood Development classroom as needing renovation and improvements.

- 7. Staff Room and Head's Office:** Provision of new desks for the teachers.

Official Opening and Innauguration of the project.

On July 1st 2021 Commissioner Stephen Chepkurui, the Territorial Commander of the Kenya West Territory of The Salvation Army together with Commissioner Grace Chepkurui innaugurated each of the phases of the project. The Pictures below are of that occasion.



It is anticipated that the parents and the Board of Management of the school, having seen investment put in place for their children, will be encouraged to work with The Salvation Army and the head teacher to improve the basic conditions of the school. Painting and making the minor improvements to the other classrooms and taking a pride in their newly refurbished school will create a positive environment within the whole school.

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Thank you.