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Project Information Sheet

Project Name: Instrument Repair Shop

Project Start Date: Spring 2020

Project Cost: £2,000 in start-up capital

Location: Karen, Nairobi

Project Completion: Spring 2021



Music Repair and Maintenance

Well over 2,000 instruments have been shipped to Kenya since The Kenya Trust started. These instruments need to be maintained and repaired. There is no recognised repair facility in the country and there is nowhere to buy essential parts and consumable items like felts, corks and valve or slide oil.

To drive self-sufficiency and provide a local resource for the repair and maintenance of instruments, two technicians from Kenya came to the UK for specialist training. They were sponsored by Bristol Easton corps of The Salvation Army. As the business progresses with the need to expand and develop further its capabilities, The Kenya Trust has helped to take this business venture to the next level.

Although based in Nairobi, the facility will also support the needs of the Kenya West Territory and in the neighbouring countries of Tanzania and Uganda.

The Music Instrument Repair and Maintenance Workshop is OPEN for business.

While the permanent workshop and store are being completed the team are working from temporary accommodation. Basic tooling has been purchased and the necessary specialist tooling and equipment is being sourced.



The Project:

1. Open for Business:



Containers refurbished in August 2021 providing workshop and store



2. Technicians:



Two technicians are now employed by The Salvation Army in Nairobi as permanent members of staff to carry out repairs and maintenance of any brass instruments

3. First Commercial Job:



First batch of 20 instruments from the Makadara Corps being sorted before being repaired. This is the first commercial job that the new business venture undertook. (April 2021)

4. Tools and equipment:

Basic tools have been purchased and other specialised tooling is still needed.

- Power tools
- Buffing and polishing tools
- Specific instrument tooling

5. Consumables:

Bulk supplies of consumables are needed to be sent out to Kenya and replenished from time to time.

- Valve and slide oil
- Valve felts and corks

6. Donations of Instruments and Cases:

Donations of instruments, in whatever state of repair, are continually needed. The business will repair and then sell on or donate them to corps bands.

The Instrument Repair Shop is now a functioning business which was set up with minimal funding from The Kenya Trust who mainly provided commercial and technical advice and assistance. The Territorial Headquarters and Leadership are to be congratulated for their vision in setting this business up to support and develop the music ministry within Kenya and surrounding countries. Being a sustainable business, the Instrument Repair Shop's aim is to be self-financing and to provide maintenance and repair support for all the instruments donated to The Kenya Trust to support the growth of Salvation Army banding in the region.

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