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Project Information Sheet

Project Name: Muthanthara Primary and Secondary School Developments

Project Start Date: November 2021

Project Cost: £ 16,500

Location: Ishiara Town, Embu District

Project Completion: Summer 2022



Ishiara Town is situated in a semi-arid area of Embu County and not too far from Mount Kenya National Park. Embu County has a population of over 600,000. Ishiara is in a very rural area with subsistence farming being the main occupation. It is a very poor part of the county.



The schools are part of a 33 acre Salvation Army complex which, in addition to the schools, includes the Muthanthara Corps (church) and the Muthanthara Community Health Dispensary.

The Salvation Army Muthanthara Primary School was opened in 1961. The school has a population of 478 pupils, 223 boys and 255 girls, and 10 teachers.

The Secondary School is a community school under the sponsorship of the Salvation Army. The school has a population of 120 students and was started in 2000 as a community initiative. The parents of the students have managed to build 2 classrooms and the local government assisted in building another 2 classrooms but still the school does not meet the minimum requirements of the government regulations and does not receive the recognition or support from the Ministry of Education.



Existing, up to standard classrooms at the Secondary School built by the parents and local government.

The Project:

The project is split into two parts, both parts will run concurrently.

Part 1 – Primary School Improvements

Despite a number of improvements identified at the primary school, the highest priority is improved sanitation. The current toilets (pit latrines) are in a terrible condition and need to be demolished, filled in and 2 new pit latrine blocks built.

This project is to build a boys block of 8 cubicles and a girls block of 10 cubicles, 8 latrines and 2 dressing/changing rooms.

The priority has been chosen due to the risk of the disease that could occur as a result of poor sanitation and especially at this time of the Corona virus pandemic.

The projected cost for this part of the project is: £6,300



Existing boys pit latrine block.

Part 2 – Secondary School Improvements

There are a number of improvements needed at this school, however the most pressing need is to build 2 classrooms. This will then mean the school will meet the minimum requirement to be recognised by the Ministry of Education and other benefits, in terms of educating the children will flow from this recognition. As seen on page 1 there are 4 classrooms built by the parents which shows a great deal of initiative by the local community. The school has been built at a great cost to the parents and will leave a legacy for future generations.

The projected costs for this part of the project is: £10,200



The new classrooms will replace this 'temporary' classroom made from corrugated iron sheets and tree branches.

The Kenya Trust is running a FaceBook appeal for desks and benches to furnish the classrooms being built as part of this 2022 main project. £40 buys a desk and bench for 2 students. Please either visit our facebook page or website for details of how to sponsor a desk or two.

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Thank you.