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Project Information Sheet

Project Name:

**Muthanthara Primary & Secondary
Schools Infrastructure Improvements**

Project Start Date: April 2022

Project Cost: £ 24,200

Location: Ishiara Town, Embu District

Project Completion: Summer 2023



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.

Both the Primary and Secondary Schools are under the sponsorship of The Salvation Army in Kenya. They are two of over 500 schools that The Salvation Army sponsor in the country.

The Secondary School has a population of 120 students, 61 boys and 62 girls, the school was started in 2000 as a community initiative and is awaiting Ministry of Education recognition.

The Primary School has 444 students, 223 boys and 221 girls. The school was established in 1961 and is staffed by the Ministry of Education. Primary education is free in Kenya, income is very low for maintenance and building works to improve the state of the school infrastructure.

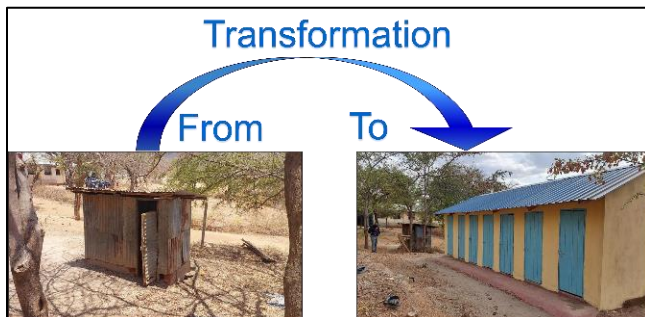


New equipped classroom at the secondary school

The Projects:

- 1- The Secondary School: There are a number of improvements needed at this secondary school, however the most pressing need was to build and equip a new classroom to accommodate 45 students. Now completed under this project, this now means the school will meet the minimum requirement to be recognised by the Ministry of Education. This recognition will enable the school to benefit from Ministry funding, other benefits in the education of the children will flow from this recognition.
- 2- The Primary School: Despite a number of improvements identified at the primary school, the highest priority was deemed to be the building of 2 new pit latrine blocks. With the inclusion of hand washing stations this has now also improved sanitation and minimises the risk of disease.

The Transformation to the education experience for the students has been remarkable.



The picture to the left shows Colonel Daniel Kiama the Territorial Commander of the Kenya East Territory opening and dedicating the projects at their completion on 5th September 2023.

The Kenya Trust has three main focus areas in providing support to The Salvation Army's social outreach programmes: Education, Water and Sanitation & Hygiene. As can be seen two of these three areas are impacted by these two projects. It is yet another example of how with the help and support of our donors The Kenya Trust continues to impact the lives of so many young people in Kenya.

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