



The Kenya Trust  
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## INSTRUMENT SHIPMENT 2025

One of the key elements of our support for The Salvation Army in Kenya is the encouragement, support and development of the music ministry within the country. This has continued since our very beginning back in 1998.

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## Kabuchai Special Primary School

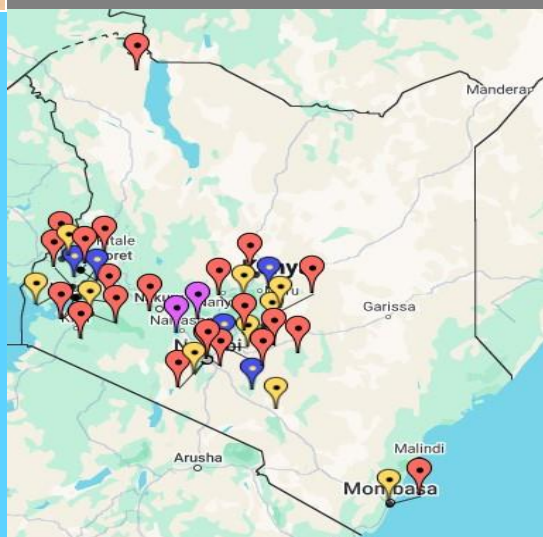
This special school for the deaf is located in the west of Kenya close to the Ugandan border. It is a relatively new school and has little infrastructure. The trust is aiming to fund improvements to the school which will also enhance the learning experience of the children.

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## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

Over the past 20 years or so The Kenya Trust has supported social projects across the country from Lokitaung in the northwest, to Mombasa in the southeast and throughout the central belt where the majority of the population live. Over £630,000 has been sent to support such projects.

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## WELCOME

Welcome to our new look newsletter for 2025

Our 2024 project – the Chekombero Special Primary School for the Deaf – was reviewed and the scope was significantly increased to over ten times the size of project initially proposed, more details on page 4.

As with many charities the trust is facing an uphill task to raise funds consistently. Your financial support for our work is very much appreciated.

Donations of brass instruments and accessories continue to come in and on behalf of the many Salvation Army bands in Kenya, thank you. Another consignment went over to Kenya in January of this year.

Thank you to all our supporters who enable the work of the trust to continue and thrive.

*Philip Northwood*  
Chairman







# MUSIC SUPPORT

## Instrument Shipments

Right from its early days as The Music for Kenya Fund back in 1989 the trust has continued to collect, sort, maintain and repair donated musical instruments to be shipped to Kenya. Focusing on brass instruments, accessories, such as mouth pieces, lyres and music stands, the instruments and also keyboards and guitars are collected from all over the country and stored until a sizeable consignment is ready to ship to Kenya. In the past few years, due to the ever increasing cost of shipping, the trust has been sending one consignment each year to the country. 114 instruments were sent in 2024, in January 2025 a consignment of 120 instruments was sent, this brings the total of brass instruments sent to Kenya to over 4,000, a truly phenomenal achievement.

Some instruments are donated new as was the case with 19 new trumpets donated by a school in Peterborough but the vast majority are second hand and have had many years of playing service behind them. Possibly the oldest instrument was a tuba which the serial number identified it as being manufactured in 1890! These instruments after being lovingly looked after and played in brass bands up and down the UK now have a second life in Kenya.

A new instrument repair facility is now operational in Kakamaga, in the west of Kenya and some instruments in this recent consignment are destined for remedial repairs at that facility before being distributed to new bands.

Thank you to all who have donated instruments old, or new, playable or needing attention, it does not matter they all get the chance to be useful.



*Shipment sorted and ready to load onto the truck*



*3 pallets packed and ready to fly!*



# Kabuchai Special Primary School for the Deaf



## Infrastructure Improvements

### Project 2024/25

First of all, an explanation about the 2024 project - Chekombero Special Primary School for the Deaf. The project scope agreed for this school which featured in our newsletters last year was revised by the Management Board of the school. It was decided that the school needed much more work and so a complete project redesign was commissioned. This came up with a scope more than ten times larger than that which the trust could support. Funding was applied for from a local charitable foundation in Kenya and now the school is undergoing a huge rebuild programme to the tune of over £350,000.

The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in western Kenya approached the trust to ask for approval to redirect the funding sent for the Chekombero project to a similar project – the Kabuchai Special Primary School for the Deaf. After reviewing this project the trust readily agreed for the funding to be redirected. Ground has been broken and work started. A detailed project data sheet for this new project accompanies this newsletter.

In 2025 the trust will focus its fundraising on a supplementary project at Kabuchai to provide a secure water supply for the school by funding the

drilling of a borehole and provision of pumping equipment and pipework. The trust will also furnish the dormitories that are being built with the funding already sent. This will involve providing beds, mattresses and lockers for the boarders. Any additional funds will be used to provide specialist equipment for the school. Details of the costing and full scope of the 2025 project are being worked out now and will be in our next newsletter.

Over the past five years or so, the trust has had the support of education based projects at the forefront of its focus. The Salvation Army in Kenya sponsors 274 pre-school and early years development schools, 415 primary schools and 143 secondary schools in addition to a number of vocational training centres. Many of these education based projects involve improvements to sanitation and water supply at these centres.

The work of the trust could not continue without the continued financial support given to us by our donors and those who support our fundraising activities throughout the year. A very big Thank You to all of you.

# Where your money goes

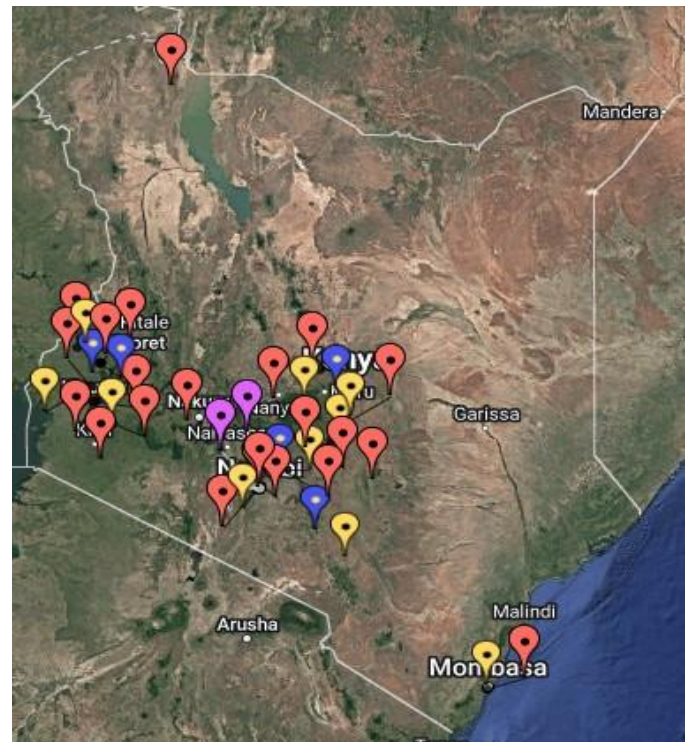
Since 2004, when The Kenya Trust became a registered charity in England, our provision of funding to support the work of The Salvation Army in Kenya has had a significant change. Pre 2004 the then 'Music for Kenya Fund' provided funds mainly to support the development of the music ministry of The Salvation Army in the country, now post 2004, the majority of funding supports the many social projects that The Salvation Army is engaged with in Kenya. The trust has not forgotten its founding aim of supporting the growth of music ministry, however, as Kenyan musicians have increased in capability, there is now not as much need for externally resourced music schools. However the trust is still active in collecting and shipping to Kenya second hand brass instruments and keyboards to equip the many new bands within the country.

Supporting the many social projects in Kenya the trust focuses in three areas:

- 1- Education
- 2- Water Supply
- 3- Sanitation and Health

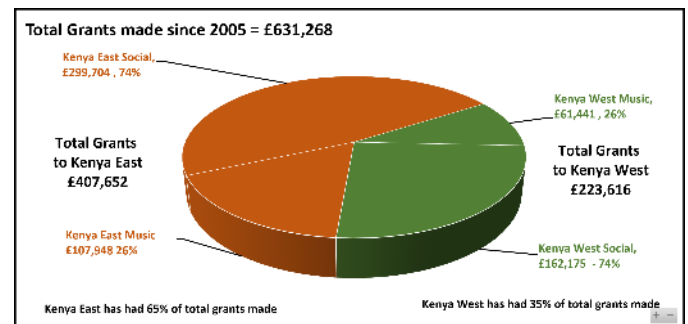
Over £630,000 has been raised and sent by the trust to support The Salvation Army right across Kenya, 74% of which supports these social projects. Most of the support is across the central belt as this is where the majority of the population is concentrated.

Details of specific projects undertaken in recent years are available as Project Data Sheets viewable on our website at <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/project-data-sheets/>



Project Markers:

Red = Education, Blue = Water, Purple = Vocational Centres, Yellow = Sanitation and Health



*In 2008 The Salvation Army International Headquarters split Kenya into two Territories, Kenya East and Kenya West. Prior to 2008 grants from the trust were mainly directed to the area around the centre of the country which ended up in Kenya East Territory hence the apparent imbalance in grants made. The trust is addressing this historic imbalance over time.*



In the last newsletter I paid tribute to the hard work and dedication of Christine Bryant as she retired as the treasurer after more than 25 years of service to The Kenya Trust. Sadly Christine passed away in January of this year after a hard fought battle against cancer. She will be missed terribly by her family and loved ones but also by us in the trust.