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1. PROJECT 2025 COMPLETED

Kabuchai Special Primary School Borehole. Providing secure clean water.

2. PROJECT 2026 STARTING

Upgrades to facilities at the Mukuyuni Secondary School in central Kenya.

3. INSTRUMENT UPDATE

Instrument repair facilities opened in both Kenya East and Kenya West.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTARY

The fantastic donors who support the work of the trust have delivered once again and a HUGE thank you goes to each and every one of you. Thank you too for all of you who also gift aid your donations. In May this year we received from the HMRC the sum of just over £5,200 as a result of the gift aid our donors have allowed us to claim. I continue to be humbled by the support we receive from you all. Funding is expected to be complete for our Project 2026 by the summer and hopefully will be able to share completion pictures in our next newsletter. 'Thank you' is too small a set of words to express the gratitude of all the trustees.

1. PROJECT 2025 – KABUCHAI WATER SUPPLY COMPLETED

On Christmas Day 2025 the drilling team turned up at the Kabuchai Special Primary School for the Deaf and started to drill the borehole that the trust had promised during the visit of three trustees in November. The geological survey had suggested that water would be found at a depth of about 80 - 100 metres. The geography of the area is very rocky with huge granite boulders, drilling was increasingly difficult and a larger more powerful drilling machine was brought onto site. Eventually, after drilling to 196 metres sustainable, fresh water was found and the borehole was complete.

The building of an elevated water storage tank was next on the agenda and the completed project with pump and water supply taps was dedicated on the 8th April 2026 by the Territorial Leaders Commissioners Geoff and Kalie Webb. See pictures on the covering page.

Not only has this borehole benefitted the students and staff at the special school but it has a direct impact on the girls' secondary school and the co-educational primary school who share the same Salvation Army compound. The total number of students and staff benefitting from this project is over 1,200. Additionally the wider community has been impacted from the provision of this fresh clean sustainable water supply.



POST PROJECT 2024 UPDATE – KABUCHAI

The trust's project in 2024 was to fund the building of the girls' dormitory at the Kabuchai Special School for the Deaf. Three trustees were privileged to visit the school in November 2025 to be a part of the opening ceremony. Since the opening of the new dormitory, the government agency responsible for special schools has funded the building of three new classrooms at the school. The 120 students will have 2 dormitories, 5 classrooms and a secure, clean water supply. The children no longer have to walk 2kms to a stream to collect water every morning before lessons. What an impact your donations have had. Bedding for the dormitory has also been provided through the trust. Thank You! To learn more visit our project data sheet page on the website.



The Regent Hall Christmas Carol Concert appeal in 2025 provided the funds required to supply the bedding for the dormitory. Thank you to all who contributed to the appeal.

2. PROJECT 2026 – MUKUYUNI SECONDARY SCHOOL

In November 2025 three trustees visited this secondary school which is located about 3 hours drive from the capital, Nairobi, in central Kenya. The school has 141 students and provides 2 meals a day for the pupils. All the meals are currently cooked in this corrugated iron shack on two, three stone, open fires.

There is no running water at the school. Every drop of water comes from a single rainwater storage tank about 15 metres away from the kitchen.

The headteacher, the deputy head and the chairman of the board of management, together with representatives of The Salvation Army, hosted the trustees during the visit which included a delicious lunch prepared by the school cook in the kitchen shown in the picture.

A request was made for help to provide a new kitchen, a second rainwater storage tank and associated guttering and also a pipe connection to a nearby borehole on an adjacent Salvation Army property. The trust committed to provide the funds for these three projects and our fundraising began in early 2026 when the budgets and estimates came through. A total of £15,200 is needed for these projects.



Scan the QR code to be taken to the Project Data Sheet webpage to learn more about this and other projects.



STOP PRESS – Project will start this Summer

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Location of the Mukuyuni Secondary School.

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Architect's drawing of new kitchen. Brick built, corrugated iron roof, chimney stack and windows.

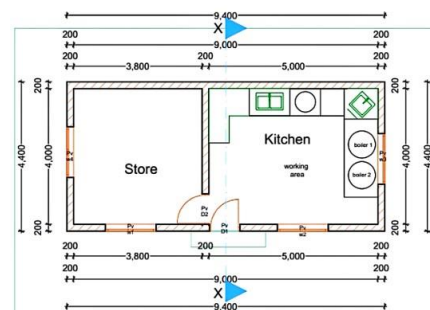


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Two new high efficiency wood fired cooking stoves will be installed.

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Plan layout of the new kitchen.



3. INSTRUMENT UPDATE

The trust continues to support the development of the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya. The primary way in which this support is given is in the supply of brass instruments to establish new and encourage existing bands within the country. Brass instruments are extremely expensive in Kenya and are beyond the reach of individuals and bands so the shipping of instruments and accessories such as mouth pieces, lyres, cases and music stands are vital to this effort.

The trust continues to be indebted to the many individuals, bands and organisations for their generous donations of instruments. These donations range from new, used and in some cases unplayable instruments, all are gratefully received. Instruments are collected from anywhere in the UK and collections from as far afield as Cornwall in the south to the north of Scotland have been received.

We are currently sorting through a donation of almost 500 instruments from a Midlands Music Service. Amongst these 500 are 84 French Horns which are not used in Salvation Army bands but when sold provide a valuable source of funds to help fund the cost of transportation. Instruments regarded as unplayable and unrepairable are sold for their scrap value. Playable instruments are being set aside ready to send.

Shipping costs continue to escalate and have done so consistently over the past few years and particularly this year.

The previous consignment of 141 instruments sent in 2025 cost over £4,500 in shipping and delivery charges. Obviously per instrument costs vary considerably from a cornet to a Bb bass but on average it costs £50 per cornet and £250 per bass. The next consignment may well be of over 300 instruments and the cost is estimated to exceed £8,000.

With such a huge investment it is essential that the instruments sent are properly looked after and maintained to extend the playable life of the instruments. To this end the trust has been instrumental (excuse the pun) in the setting up of two instrument repair facilities in Kenya, one covering the north and west of the country and the other covering central and east. Trained technicians are on hand in both facilities to provide advice and maintenance tips as well as repair a range of instruments, not just brass.

Thank you to all our donors who support this effort.

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