

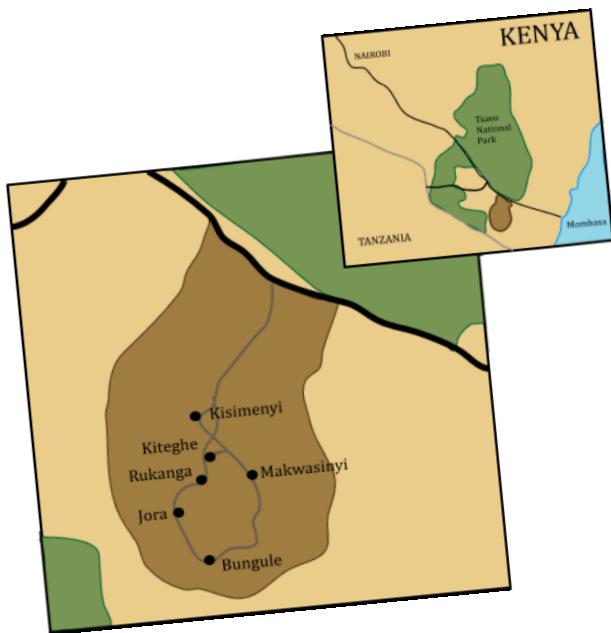
A report on activities so far in 2012/13...

...and a look forward to the remainder of the year

Overview of the last few months...

A summary of our activities so far during 2012/13:

- the continued rebuilding at Kisimenyi including the start of work on a third four-room tuition block;
- a three-class tuition block nearing completion at Makwasinyi;
- modern furniture provided for the above classrooms at Makwasinyi as well as for years 7 & 8 at Kiteghe;
- further improvements to water supply at Makwasinyi including repairs to a concrete storage tank and distribution piping;
- modern sanitation facilities for girls installed at Bungule;
- initial renovations to six classrooms at Bungule.



New classrooms at Makwasinyi...

The pupil enrolment has continued to grow at Makwasinyi in the last couple of years, putting increasing pressure on already small and cramped classrooms. In April we started building work on three new classrooms which will allow the school to run a double stream in years 1, 2 & 3 - the most heavily subscribed classes. We have experienced a number of frustrations in the delivery of this project but work is now in the very final stages and will be complete before the end of the year.



Classroom furniture...

We have continued to focus on our programme to supply modern classroom furniture for each classroom at each school. So far in 2012/13 we have provided:

- 50 desks for 50 pupils in years 7 & 8 at Kiteghe;
- 42 twin tables for 84 pupils in years 1, 2 & 3 at Makwasinyi.

This brings the total furniture supplied to 154 twin tables and 78 desks - enough for 386 pupils.



Kisimenyi Primary School reconstruction...

Work is now at an advanced stage at Kisimenyi and everything is beginning to come together.



All construction work - but the stone floors in one or two classrooms - is complete in the two four-room tuition blocks we started building last year. The library, nursery and office buildings are being painted and glazed. A final four-room tuition block is now being built. Modern sanitation facilities were installed earlier in the year while we are currently reassessing our options so far as improving access to water.

Teachers and pupils thoughts about our work...

"On behalf of the school management committee and the teaching staff at Kiteghe I would like to give my appreciation for the projects initiated at this school...they are a blessing to this institution. We have seen a great improvement in the academic standards of our learners"

Mr Elias Mzugulo, Headteacher, Kiteghe Primary School

"Our children are really motivated to learn because of the conducive environment in classes and learning materials you have made available in the school. We as teachers are encouraged...and motivated to work harder than ever"

Mr Alan Guni, Teacher, Jora Primary School

"Our classroom has really changed after being renovated. Our class was so old that even when it rained you could hear a drop of water. We were really suffering. After the renovation we now have a good classroom"

Mwakuleghwa Risper, standard 8 pupil, Jora Primary School

The rest of the year and into 2013/14 ...

Clearly our focus going forward remains at Kisimenyi, where we are targeting February 2013, the start of the new academic year, as the date for the official opening of the new school.

Elsewhere at the other five schools we would like to:

- begin, one-by-one, the reconstruction of eight existing classrooms at Makwasinyi (£7,500 per classroom);
- complete renovations to at least four classrooms at Bungule (approx. £8,000);
- erect perimeter fencing at Jora and Bungule (£10,000 per school);
- construct a pilot/model teachers house ;
- extend our a termly prize-giving fund at Jora to other schools (£300 per school per annum);
- install lighting in further classes at Jora;
- supply further pupil's desks, tables and chairs.



Existing teachers housing



Existing classroom at Makwasinyi

Running cost expenditure (2012/13)	To date	Year budget
project management costs	4,457	9,177
cost of generating funds	137	1,879
governance	190	320
Total	£4,784	£11,376

Finance & fundraising...

Despite the challenging economic climate and our lack of fundraising resources and capacity we still succeeded in raising £102,000 in 2011/12 (the third time in four years we have raised more than £100,000).

So far in 2012/13 we have raised just short of £50,000.

Income source	2012/13*	2011/12
Trusts and foundations	39,950	60,550
Corporate	-	-
Major individual gifts	2,000	27,000
Other donations	2,592	2,446
Kids4Kenya	4,854	4,873
Community fundraising	132	5,532
Gift Aid and investment income	291	1,943
Total	£49,819	£102,344

* as at 6 Nov '12; includes pledged and committed donations

As you can see, grants from charitable trusts continue to account for a high proportion of total voluntary income - donations in the year so far include grants both from existing supporters as well as a number of new funders, notably The Moshi Foundation and Hazel's Footprints Trust.

We continue to maintain close relationships with a number of grant-making organisations and with an increasing exposure in America - thanks to our sister charity, Kids4Kenya - we are confident that we will again exceed our income targets.

Thank you...

We are very grateful for your continued support of our work. As you can see from the comments at the top of this page from teachers and pupils, together with your help we are making a real difference to the everyday lives of the hundreds of children in Kasigau and creating an environment conducive to productive learning for the benefit of children for years to come.

