



This is Kilibasi Primary School



This is the front view of the school's kitchen. To the left is Mr. Suleiman Makanga, the teacher in charge of the School Feeding Programme and inset is the hired to cook for the school.



This is a glimpse of the school's kitchen interior.



The main cooking fuel in the region is firewood. Children carry firewood to school which contributes to the day's fuel needs. This is a picture of lunch being cooked. The meal is usually crushed maize with some dried peas or wheat grain.



Once cooked the older children take turns to serve the food.



AfriAfya went to Kilibasi Primary School for a solar cooking demonstration in July 2009 and there was a lot of excitement. Several parents attended this demonstration and many were eager to lend a helping hand in preparing the ingredients.



Parents watched keenly. Their interest in this activity was high as they have not perceived using solar power as cooking fuel prior to this demonstration.



Parents came closer and closer to the preparation table as they took turns to help prepare the ingredients.



After all the preparations, the dishes were set in the sun to cook.



This mother had to confirm that the temperature in the pots was rising.



The children and parents waited patiently for the food to cook.



After about two (2) hours the food was ready.



Mr. Nyaga, the school's chairman had to taste to believe that the 'sun can actually cook'.





The children enjoyed the solar cooked food.



After the solar cooking demonstration we had a discussion on the relationship between poverty, poor rainfall, ill health and deforestation.

This is a picture of the only water source in the region. It is a natural cave from which the community dug out soil so that it could trap rain water. It is at least one year since it rained and so the cave has run dry.



We had a tree planting session and the children promised to care for the seedlings.



The feedback from the community at Kilibasi was very positive and we take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Global Giving International community. You all helped to brighten the faces of the parents and children at Kilibasi Primary School.