



A school within reach Education for conservation

Education is a well-recognized pathway out of poverty, but for children living around the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya just getting to school is a huge hurdle. The nearest school is often a tiring journey on foot of up to 8km and pupils face encounters with wildlife and other threats.

As part of our commitment to supporting the communities living around Ol Pejeta, in 2024, we started work on a project to build a new secondary school next to the conservancy. We are now seeking supporters to help us expand life opportunities for the next generation.

Project Overview

Ol Pejeta is a 90,000-acre wildlife conservancy in Central Kenya conserving endangered species and critical habitat. It is a conservation trailblazer and innovator with a landscape-level solution to biodiversity decline and climate change, conserving wildlife, and habitats whilst at the same time investing in community development. Ol Pejeta recognizes that conserving biodiversity will only be successful in the long term if we address the development needs and aspirations of local communities. Ol Pejeta therefore invests in the 21 communities living around the conservancy, supporting improved educational opportunities, agriculture and entrepreneurship.

For children living around Ol Pejeta Conservancy, there is only one secondary school serving a population of over 50,000. Pupils face either high costs for transport or boarding schools, or a long, arduous and sometimes dangerous walk to schools. With high poverty levels in the areas, this sadly means that many drop out of the education system after primary school. This leaves rural youth with fewer life chances and worse career prospects.

Therefore, in 2024 Ol Pejeta agreed to build the Uaso Nyiro Secondary School next to the conservancy.

Uaso Nyiro Secondary School

The new school will be equipped with classrooms, science and computer labs, a library, and sports facilities to provide a holistic learning environment. By offering a safe, accessible, and well-equipped institution, Ol Pejeta can support the increased enrolment and retention of pupils and address barriers to accessing secondary education.

Uaso Nyiro Secondary school is an investment to the future of the communities living near Ol Pejeta. Once the school reaches full enrolment, it will provide spaces for 450 pupils.

An educated generation will be better positioned to take advantage of employment opportunities and innovate in agricultural livelihoods.



How can you help

\$50	provides a fully equipped desk for one student, creating a comfortable and dedicated learning space.
\$100	will purchase stationery for 10 students to ignite their creativity and learning.
\$1,000	funds sports equipment for the school, promoting good physical health among students
\$5,000	equips a classroom with laboratory tools, enabling hands-on science education

