

## **Fondation Eagle**

### **Report Form**

**Fondation Eagle reference: FF 646**

**Name of charity: Mary's Meals**

**Date grant accepted: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Amount: CHF 51,000**

**Period of project: 12 months December 2022-December 2023**

### **Introduction:**

Fondation Eagle is financing a total of CHF51,000 for the school feeding programme for one year for young learners at Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres located in Turkana, Kenya. School feeding will be delivered under this project from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### **Details of the project:**

Mary's Meals is incredibly grateful for the continued support of the Fondation Eagle. Your remarkably generous contribution of CHF 51,000 has enabled us to keep our promise of a daily meal to thousands of children in Kenya for an entire school year. Your support has been fundamental in providing hope to the children we serve at a time of global challenges. We are thankful for your steadfast support in helping us realise our vision that in a world of plenty, there is no good reason why a child should go without food.

### **The current context:**

Over the past year record levels of food insecurity have been repeatedly reported, with drivers such as conflict, economic shocks and extreme climate-related issues being the main sources of such food insecurity.<sup>1</sup> Approximately 238 million people are currently facing food insecurity around the world, which is 21.6 million more people than in 2022.<sup>2</sup> Despite ongoing global challenges including a rise in fuel and food costs, Mary's Meals remains steadfast in our belief that every child should receive a daily meal in their place of education. During this time of heightened global hunger, we have kept our promise to the children enrolled in our global programmes, providing them with a daily meal at school when a meal at home is often not guaranteed. We are now proudly serving more than 2.4 million children every school day across 18 countries. We remain determined to keep our promise to the children we serve to ensure that despite an increasingly difficult global context, families do not have to sacrifice their children's education due to hunger, as they can be safe in the knowledge that through our work the children will receive something to eat at school.



### **The context in Kenya:**

Food insecurity is very high in Kenya, particularly in the arid and semi-arid regions, that make up 80% of the country's land area, like Turkana, where Mary's Meals operates. Families facing food insecurity tend to live in rural areas, where they are most vulnerable to climate change and adverse weather conditions that affect the agricultural sector on which they depend for a living and access to services and resources is severely limited. Currently, the ongoing impact of droughts in Turkana is pushing more families into poverty and children out of school as they struggle to withstand both climactic and economic shocks. Over the past few years, Kenya has seen continuous seasons of drought which are escalating into one of the worst climate-induced emergencies seen in recent history, with five consecutive below-average rainfall harvesting seasons. As a

<sup>1</sup> Relief Web, 2023. Global Food Crisis: What you need to know in 2023. ([Global food crisis: what you need to know in 2023 - World | ReliefWeb](#))

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

result, 2.8 million people are in acute need of food assistance, with approximately 946,000 children facing malnourishment.<sup>3</sup> Such crises have a devastating effect not only on the health of children, but also on their access to education, with many families having to choose between education and survival, young girls especially are at a higher risk of gender-based violence and early marriage as families take desperate measures. With the growing risk of children being taken out of education and 29% of children living in rural areas of Kenya experiencing stunted growth, Mary's Meals' school feeding programme is needed now more than ever.<sup>4</sup>



Mary's Meals provides daily school meals to over 170,000 children facing hunger in Turkana, Kenya every day, some of whom are pictured to the left at one of your sponsored schools, Nakalale-I,. In Turkana, our programme targets children in both primary and Early Childhood Development (ECD) schools, making sure that they receive the nutritional support needed to start their education. Many of the children we support in Kenya often had to miss school to find food or go out to work. Now, thanks to the power of a daily meal, they can go to school. Your funding has provided life-changing meals to children facing extreme hunger in Kenya, helping them to gain an education, which in the future, could be their ladder out of poverty.

As access to education for children experiencing the hardships of poverty remains challenging, Mary's Meals is incentivising families to prioritise their children's education and send them to school. This in turn is allowing children to gain an all-important education that can lift them, their families, and entire communities out of poverty.

### **The amazing impact of Mary's Meals:**

In Kenya, the rising cost of living, climate change, and the long-term effects of Covid-19 have brought an education and food insecurity crisis. Children living in poverty often struggle to gain regular access to safe, nutritious, sufficient, and consistent food. For children who attend school, hunger greatly impacts their ability to concentrate and learn. This can lead to absenteeism, leaving school early, low attainment, and poor progression, which increases the likelihood of children dropping out.

This has threatened to undermine the UN's Sustainable Development Goals of 2030. At a critical point, Mary's Meals' global school feeding programmes are directly impacting the world's progress toward achieving these global goals:

- No Poverty: Our school meals provide children with a strong foundation, enabling many more children to concentrate on their studies and grow up to be adults that can lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.
- Access to Education: Schools with Mary's Meals school feeding programmes see increased enrolment and improved attendance and concentration.
- Zero Hunger: Providing a meal every school day reduces hunger for children and gives them energy at school.
- Health and wellbeing: when a child receives a meal at school, there are not only physical benefits but also benefits to the child's wellbeing. Mary's Meals reduce children's worries about being hungry and helps them to feel happier at school and parents also worry less about their children being hungry.



<sup>3</sup> World Food Programme, 2023. Kenya. ([docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000154797/download/?\\_ga=2.148315379.593498298.1704282305-362948448.1692696128](https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000154797/download/?_ga=2.148315379.593498298.1704282305-362948448.1692696128))

<sup>4</sup> World Food Programme, Kenya, 2023. ([Kenya | World Food Programme \(wfp.org\)](https://www.wfp.org/countries/kenya))

## Expenditure Summary:

The cost to deliver the project is outlined in the table below.

School Name	Baseline enrolment	Actual enrolment – Latest enrolment figures 23	Actual cost per school per year (CHF)*	GBP	KES
Catholic Morulem	244	239	5,855.50	5,136.40	829,426
Daraja	230	155	3,797.50	3,331.14	537,913
Kaayen	250	119	2,915.50	2,557.46	412,978
Kakuma Arid	217	315	7,717.50	6,769.74	1,093,177
Kakuma Mixed	221	306	7,497.00	6,576.32	1,061,943
Merier Ecde	216	195	4,777.50	4,190.79	676,729
Nakalale – I (Previously Lokori ECD)	206	242	5,929.00	5,200.88	839,838
Nakwamekwi	210	219	5,365.50	4,706.58	760,018
Nationokar	255	301	7,374.50	6,468.86	1,044,591
RCEA Lomunyenakwan	243	120	2,940.00	2,578.95	416,448
Tiya Kag	208	150	3,675.00	3,223.68	520,561
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>57,844.50</b>	<b>50,740.79</b>	<b>8,193,623</b>
<b>Project budget spend</b>			<b>51,000.00 CHF</b>		
<b>Spend incurred December-22 to December 2023</b>			<b>51,000</b>		
<b>Remaining spend</b>			<b>0</b>		

\*based on 2023 cost per child of CHF24.50

\*\*CHF to GBP MM budget exchange rate 1.14 \*\*\*GBP to KES MM budgeted exchange rate 161.48

We reported in our mid-year report to Fondation Eagle that enrolment was lower than anticipated due to pastoralist factors outside of Mary's Meals' control and natural enrolment fluctuations in the year. We are proud to report that enrolment increased again throughout the remainder of 2023 by 222 children. As a result of this increase in enrolment, the total cost of this project was CHF 57,844.50 and we are incredibly grateful to you for your remarkable contribution of CHF 51,000 to enable this project to succeed. All additional funding contributions have been provided by Mary's Meals.

## Results:

The table below shows the number of children enrolled at 11 schools you have supported with your grant at the mid-year point of the grant compared to the end. There has been an increase of 222 children since our last report which is an amazing 10% increase in enrolment. This increase has resulted in the enrolment of 1,233 boys and 1,128 girls and a total of 2,361 children and is accredited directly to our school feeding programme and community sensitisation efforts.

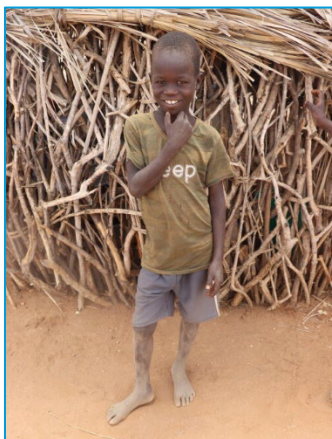
Such an increase in enrollment since mid-year shows the significance of your support in encouraging children into the classroom with the promise of a daily school meal.

School	Mid-year enrolment total	Latest enrolment total	Variance
Catholic Morulem	239	239	0%
Daraja	155	155	0%
Kaayen	119	119	0%
Kakuma Arid	201	315	57%
Kakuma Mixed	224	306	37%
Merier Ecde	193	195	1%
Nakalale-I (previously Lokori ECD)	222	242	9%
Nakwamekwi	219	219	0%
Nationokar	297	301	1%
RCEA LOMUNYENAKWAN	120	120	0%
Tiya Kag	150	150	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>10%</b>

## Case Studies:

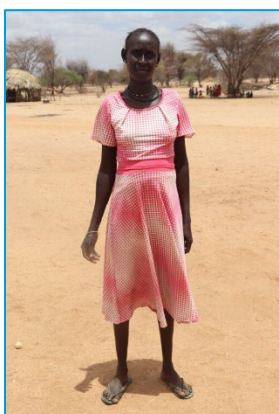
One of the children your funding over the last year has supported is Charity, an 8-year-old student at Kaayen ECDE, pictured to the right. Charity explained to us the impact that the meals she receives are having on her life: **“I like coming to school every day. I like it here as I get to learn, eat the food and play. I like to play volleyball with my friends and to read and write and I also like the food we are served. The githeri [maize and beans] is delicious. It gives me the energy to come to school, learn and play.”** The meals you are helping us provide are enabling Charity to enjoy her time at school free from the fear of hunger. Charity is eager to give back to her community when she grows up and told us about her dreams for the future: **“I help out a lot at home and I want to be a teacher when I grow up.”** Your support is empowering Charity to achieve her goals by ensuring her continued education.





Similarly, to Charity, Emanman is also an 8-year-old student at Kaayen ECDE and is known amongst his classmates and teachers as a mathematical whizz. Emanman, pictured to the left, is always keen to ask questions in class and is an enthusiastic learner. He spoke to us about how he finds school: **“My brother and I don’t live too far away from school so if we are not at home we are in school. We spend a lot of time here and I like it here.”** He continued to comment on how the food he receives at school plays a part in his ability to learn and enjoy his classes: **“I love the githeri [maize and beans] and I also like the oil they add to the food. The food gives me the energy I need to be in school, play and to also help out at home. I help take care of my younger siblings as well as clean around the home.”** Just like Charity, Emanman told us all about his dreams for the future: **“I would like to be a pilot when I grow up.”** We are proud to serve children like Charity and Emanman and your support is fundamental in empowering them to build a brighter future.

Our work is owned and run by the local communities we serve. Over the years we have built long-term partnerships between ourselves, communities, and schools. These relationships are based on equality, rely on mutual trust and are at the heart of our school feeding model. Our work would not be possible without the tireless commitment of the thousands of community volunteers who give up their time and skills to assist in the delivery, preparation and serving of our school meals. This community leadership of resources, time and expertise is fundamental to the success and sustainability of our school feeding programmes and allows us to continue keeping our promise of food and hope to the children we serve. Agnes, pictured to the right, is one of the remarkable volunteer cooks at Kaayen ECDE. Agnes told us about her experience as a volunteer: **“I have volunteered here in this school for the last 2 and a half years. This is a different role that I play as it is on a volunteer basis, however I do it as part of my serving to the children and the community. It is hard work, but I am happy to be a part of it.”** When asked about the impacts of the food on the children Agnes explained to us: **“The food helps our children because without it, the children would not attend school. It helps to keep them going even when there may be nothing at home for them to eat.”** It is clear through Agne’s words that Fondation Eagle is having a significant and life-changing impact on the children we serve at Kaayan ECDE.



Christine, pictured to the left, is a volunteer teacher at Kaayan ECDE and describes what it means to work with us and feed the children together: **“I have volunteered here as a teacher for the last 9 years. It is a fulfilling role that I consider my calling. I am also a life-skills counsellor within the community and part of the task is to mobilise children to school as well as ensure parents and guardians keep their children in school.”** Christine explained to us how her commitment to encouraging children into consistent education is significantly supported by the meals we provide: **“The food here in school really motivates the children to come to school and to keep coming. Most of the children come from homes where there is little or no food at home. The food they eat here is often their first meal of the day and for some, it is the only meal. The food not only gives the learner the energy they need through the day, but also at home where they are expected to help with the chores.”** The difference that our work, with your support, is making to the lives of the children we serve in Kenya is not lost on

Christine who notes: **“Many of the children here in this region, require all the help they can get, and we are indeed grateful for the food Mary’s Meals provides. It is a foundational stone for the school and the children. As a parent in this school also, I am grateful for this assistance provided. It allows me the time to volunteer here without the worry of ‘what will my children eat?’. I think it is the same for many of the other parents here as well.”**

Fondation Eagle has provided fundamental support in ensuring that all children at 11 schools in Turkana, Kenya, have the opportunity to attend school consistently and continually, safe in the knowledge of a daily school meal. Your commitment to our work comes at a time when the children we serve are often the ones bearing the brunt of ongoing global challenges, increases in food insecurity, climate change and economic instability. Fondation Eagle is playing a crucial role in empowering the children we serve in Turkana to thrive at school, enabling them to enjoy their lessons as well as extra-curricular activities with their friends. We are delighted to share the pictures below of children you have supported at Tiya Kag ECDE in Turkana, enjoying their school meals and their lessons.



**Conclusion:**

Mary's Meals is proud to report that the project has achieved its objectives outlined in the file form, feeding children across the 11 schools you have supported in Turkana, Kenya. Your support has had a significant impact on the children we serve by ensuring their families do not have to sacrifice their education for survival. By enabling Mary's Meals to provide daily school meals for an entire school year, Fondation Eagle has changed the lives of thousands of children. On behalf of all the children supported in your programme in Turkana, Kenya, we thank you.

