Interim report to Fondation Eagle – 30th May 2023

Digital Learning Centre for Bishop Wambari Girl's Secondary School, Naivasha, Kenya

Fondation Eagle Reference: FF 650

Name of Charity: Footsteps International (UK registered charity number 1091026)

Introduction

On 14th December 2022, Foundation Eagle accepted our project proposal and awarded Footsteps International a grant of GBP 4,924. The aim of the project was to provide the Bishop Wambari Girl's Secondary school with a modern Digital Learning Centre which would provide the students with access to IT resources that form an increasingly important part of today's school curriculum in Kenya.
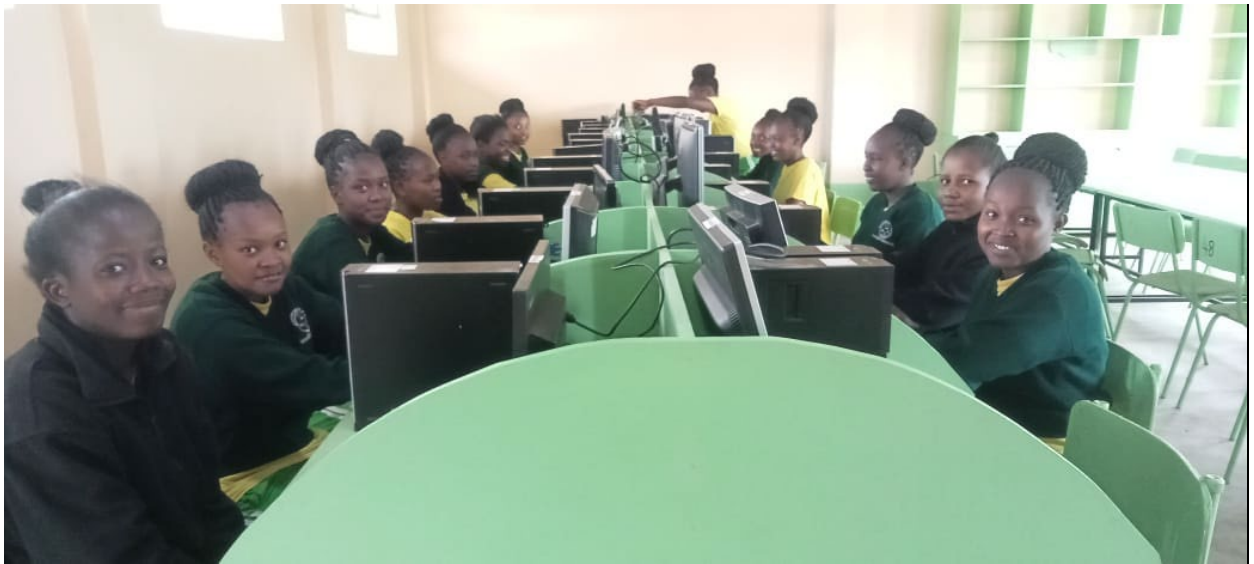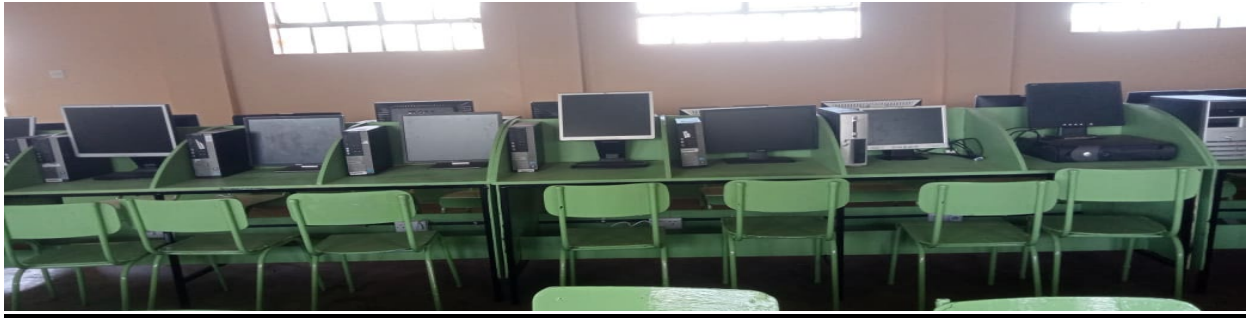
The project involved converting a classroom by installing desks, chairs and IT equipment. The **project beneficiaries** are the 130 students at the school, many of whom come from poor families.

We **received the grant** on 23rd December and **transferred funds** to Kenya on 27th December 2022, enabling the management team to start the project when the school re-opened after the Christmas holiday.

Project achievements

During the first weeks of the new term, we constructed desks and installed 50 chairs, computers and the associated wiring and router needed to complete the network and connect the computers to the internet. The new facility was ready for use by the students 11th May 2023.

Appreciation notes

From the ICT Teacher Diana:

Eagle Foundation.

I teacher Diana of computer studies would like to take this chance to give gratitudes to Eagle Foundation for the tremedous support you have given us as Bishop Wambari Fraternity. The design for the computer class is commendable and this would make our students to acquire better knowledge. The digital library helps our students to carry out their research and download online materials.

Regards
Diana.

From Mr. Evans Mahinda, Deputy Principal

On behalf of the Wambari Aic Girls Fraternity I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Eagle Foundation for their generous support towards setting up a digital library. This has really helped the students with E-learning facilities and academic research. It has also helped to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skill to fit in this modern technological world. This gives us more hope that they will perform even better in academics.

Deputy Priccinpal,
Bishop Wambari Aic
Girls Sec School.

Expenditure summary

Our estimated cost for the project was 684,400 Kenya Shillings (KES) at an exchange rate of GBP 1 = KES 139. We received the grant on 23rd December and transferred funds to Kenya on 27th December 2022, obtaining an actual exchange rate of GBP 1= 147.4 KES.

Our project team delivered the project with an **underspend of GBP 294** against the budget; this was achieved through tight budget control and a favourable exchange rate when we transferred the funds to Kenya.

The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the budgeted and actual expenditure (overspends are shown as negative figures).

	Bishop Wambari School					
	Digital Learning Centre	*Exchange rate*	*139*			*147.4*
		Budget		**Actual**		
Ref	**Item**	**Est cost KES**	**Est cost GBP**	**Actual cost KES**	**Variance KES**	**Total GBP**
1	Computers	252,000	1,813	252,200	-200	1,711
2	Tables	82,500	594	82,400	100	559
3	shelves	135,000	971	134,500	500	912
4	chairs	150,000	1,079	149,000	1,000	1,011
5	Study tables	31,500	227	31,000	500	210
6	Network cable (300 mts)	6,500	47	6,500	0	44
7	Switch 24 port	6,500	47	6,500	0	44
8	RJ 45	1,000	7	900	100	6
9	Cable crimper	1,500	11	1,600	-100	11
10	Rack/ cabinet	6,700	48	6,650	50	45
11	Trunking	500	4	500	0	3
12	Router Tonda (6000 mbps)	3,000	22	3,000	0	20
	Labour Network	7,700	55	7,700	0	52
	Grand total	**684,400**	**4,924**	**682,450**	**1,950**	**4,630**

The original budget is included in Annex 1 for reference. Annex 2 provides a summary of income and expenditure for the 3 Naivasha projects Foundation Eagle funded in December 2022.

Summary of project benefits

Successes:
We highlight some of the successes and direct benefits that we are deriving from the new digital learning centre:

- We can now meet the requirements of Kenya's Competency Based Curriculum (C.B.C system) which requires ICT to be integrated into many subjects.
- The students will now be able to get extra ICT-based learning and teaching, and are able to access revision materials online.
- Our students are now being equipped with skills necessary to succeed in a constantly changing technological, social and economic environment.

- It is providing a wide range of research for both teachers and students helping our students to become critical thinkers and information gatherers.
- The girls are becoming more engaged in their work because the technology they can now access provides opportunities to make learning more fun and enjoyable by teaching the same things in different ways.
- It is opening up avenues for communication between the students whereby they can talk and discuss what they are doing for their work.

Challenges:
- The School has access to experienced carpenters and IT specialists from NTTI which is on the adjacent plot. The project was delivered quickly and efficiently by this experienced team, and there were no significant challenges to implementation.

Conclusion

This vital project was completed on time and in full, and below budget cost in GBP due to the advantageous exchange rate and tight budget control by the implementation team.

The digital library enables the school to meet the needs of Kenya's new CBC education system and provides the students with access to study materials and wider general knowledge, equipping them for life in modernizing Kenya, and will provide excellent service for many years to come.

The project has also made Bishop Wambari Girl's School a more attractive place for parents to educate their daughters. Thank you Fondation Eagle for standing with us again.

Acknowledgment

Our final thanks comes from Rev Simon Kinyanjui, director of Bishop Wambari School:

Thank you very much Eagle Foundation for the provision of funds for the twin water reservoirs at Sunshine, Food and Beverage Workshop at NTTI and a Digital Library at Wambari School.

This is of great support to the three institutions translating to physical growth with a direct long lasting impact to our beneficiaries, trainees and students respectively.

   Rev. Simon

ANNEX 1: Original project budget breakdown for reference

	Bishop Wambari School				
	Digital Learning Centre			*Exchange rate*	*139*
Ref	**Item**	**Quantity**	**Unit cost KES**	**Total KES**	**Total GBP**
1	Computers	18	14,000	252,000	1,813
2	Tables	3	27,500	82,500	594
3	shelves	9	15,000	135,000	971
4	chairs	50	3,000	150,000	1,079
5	Study tables	3	10,500	31,500	227
6	Network cable (300 mts)	1	6,500	6,500	47
7	Switch 24 port	1	6,500	6,500	47
8	RJ 45	100	10	1,000	7
9	Cable crimper	1	1,500	1,500	11
10	Rack/ cabinet	1	6,700	6,700	48
11	Trunking	10	50	500	4
12	Router Tonda (6000 mbps)	1	3,000	3,000	22
	Labour Network			7,700	55
			Grand total	684,400	4,924

ANNEX 2:

Income and expenditure summary for		
3 Naivasha projects (FF 648, 649, 650)		
Receipts		**GBP**
Balance from previous project	573	
Grants received Dec 23	29,737	
Total funds available		**30,310**
Expenditure		**GBP**
NTTI (FF 648)	10,192	
Sunshine (FF 649)	13,820	
Wambari (FF 650)	4,630	
Total expenditure (3 projects)		**28,642**
Balance remaining		**£1,668**