



Osiligi Charity Projects

Food Growing in Schools Pilot Project

FF 665

Interim Report, 11th December 2023

Donor:	Fondation Eagle
Date of grant acceptance:	15 th May 2023
Amount granted:	£30,000
Number of beneficiaries:	To be confirmed (estimated: 524 pupils plus the community)
Location:	Pal Pal Primary School and St Christopher Pal Pal Secondary school, Siaya, Kenya
Period of project:	1 st May 2023 to 31 st December 2023 (extension requested)

1. Project background and aim

Many schools in Kenya are short of food, and in some cases, clean water. Many school children are malnourished, and lack of food and water results in illness or poor concentration. There is often a desire, and in some cases an attempt, for schools to become self-sufficient by growing their own food for the children. However there is usually no means (infrastructure or expertise) to do so, especially in arid conditions.

The aim of this project is to equip **2 schools in Kenya, which have existing boreholes and handpumps**, with the infrastructure (sufficient supply of electrically pumped water, pipework, fencing, tools) and agricultural skills to grow their own food sustainably in dedicated school food-growing plots.

The project will have 3 key benefits:

- Provide life-long skills to the children, giving them options for future food security and livelihoods
- Provide for the school kitchens
- Give the children valuable nutrition (and clean water, where not already available), enhancing their ability to concentrate and perform better at school

As well as providing life-long skills to the children involved during the study period, the infrastructure and knowledge within each school will benefit their families, teachers, future pupils and the wider local communities. A successful outcome to this initial pilot project would allow for a wider roll-out to many other schools, taking in valuable learnings from this initial project.

2. Project status (as of 11th December 2023)

This is a sister project to another project (FF 664). File form 664 also comprised of two schools, the difference being that those schools already had electric water pumps prior to the project start. The project under FF 664, which had an identical start date to FF 665, is now nearing completion as of the date of this update report.

Rather than run both projects in parallel, the project team believed it would be far more effective to run the projects in a staggered way, so that FF 665 could benefit from the huge amount of learnings that have been achieved during FF 664.

Therefore, the team has not yet initiated the water side of FF 665. Now that FF 664 is nearing completion, we will initiate the water side of FF 665 in January 2024 (installation of electric pump and plot construction), which will be followed by tooling, plot

management and training. An extension to the project timeline has been requested to Fondation Eagle.

Of the £30,000 GBP funding granted by Fondation Eagle under FF 665, only £356.96 (66,666 KES) has been spent to date, which funded the expenses for two Osiligi engineers to attend 1-week training by the Haller Foundation in Mombasa in December 2023.