



## **Final report to Fondation Eagle – February 2021**

### **Preparations for a Covid-safe reopening of the Sunshine street boys' rehabilitation centre, Naivasha, Kenya**

**Fondation Eagle Reference:** FF 571-56

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

#### **Introduction**

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Fondation Eagle accepted our project proposal and awarded a grant of GBP 6,878 to Footsteps International for the Covid-safe reopening of the Sunshine street boys' rehabilitation centre in Naivasha, Kenya. We received the funds on 21<sup>st</sup> December, and put them to immediate use.

#### **Background:**

When Covid 19 arrived in Kenya in March 2020, the ensuing restrictions resulted in immediate mass unemployment as the flower farms shut down, tourism stopped and businesses, places of worship, schools and children's centres such as our Sunshine street boys' rehabilitation centre were closed.

Fondation Eagle helped us through this crisis by providing an initial grant of GBP 27,388 in April 2020, and a follow-on grant of GBP 9,772 in October 2020 to provide emergency aid to our street boys, their families, and other families in the Naivasha area who were plunged into difficulty by the crisis. Your financial support enabled us to make an immediate, sustained and effective response to the pandemic.

In mid-October 2020, the Government of Kenya started to lift restrictions, resulting in a partial reopening of schools and our Sunshine Centre, leading to a full reopening from January 2021. This placed the responsibility for keeping beneficiaries and staff safe onto the Sunshine Centre management and staff.

To achieve a Covid-safe, full reopening of the Sunshine Centre, the management team adopted a 3-point strategy:

1. Increase social distancing,
2. Increase hygiene and personal protection at both the Sunshine Centre and at the local primary school the boys attend,
3. Increase Covid 19 awareness to reduce the risk of infection by changing behaviour.

We are very grateful to Fondation Eagle for responding to our request for help by providing a grant of GBP 6,878 to achieve this.

## Details of the project - how we used your grant

During January 2021, we achieved the following:

### **1. Increase social distancing (budget ref 1 to 4)**

We achieved this by providing additional 27 tables, 20 chairs and 22 benches in the dining hall and classroom. We also purchased and installed a 100-seat marquee to create more space for dining and evening classes.



*A group of Sunshine Centre boys doing their personal studies in the new marquee that has increased physical distancing.*

### **2. Increase hygiene and personal protection (budget ref 5 to 11)**

We bought and issued **882 re-washable masks** for our Sunshine Centre beneficiaries and staff, and for the 600 pupils at Karai Primary School that our boys attend.



*Distribution of re-usable face masks at Karai Primary School in January*



Before they departed to resume high school, we provided 46 boys with face masks and training to minimise the risk of them catching Covid while boarding at school.



*Some of our high school beneficiaries before they left for their various schools.*

We constructed two permanent **hand-washing stations** at critical points at the Sunshine Centre. One is near the main gate so that those arriving at the Centre can wash their hands with soap, and the other is located outside the dining hall so that the boys can wash their hands before eating.





To protect our boys as they attend school, we purchased a 350 litre foot **peddled handwashing station** which 4 children can use simultaneously, and a **20 litre detached hand washing unit**.

We delivered these to Karai Primary School in the first week of January 2021 and instructed the school staff how they should operate them. We also supplied **thermo-guns** so that staff can monitor the children's temperatures.



Left: Sunshine Centre staff instructing Karai Primary School pupils how to use the hand-washer, and the children using it (right)

At the Sunshine Centre, we constructed a **drying facility and storage cupboards** to minimise the risk of contamination when handling cups and plates. We purchased a stock of **hygiene supplies** including disinfectants and liquid soaps to combat Covid-19 by maintaining a sanitized environment.



Above: Sunshine Centre cook Patrick Ngugi air-drying the plates. Below: hygiene supplies for the Sunshine Centre





We provided the Sunshine Centre food handlers and cleaners with **personal protective equipment** (gloves, aprons and facemasks), reducing the risk of Covid-19 transmission and promoting basic health and hygiene.



*Sammy Mburu manages the Sunshine Centre farm. As he is in contact with food, he has been provided with protective equipment.*

### **3. Increase Covid awareness (budget ref 12 to 14)**

We purchased **Covid-19 prevention awareness information** materials which we installed in January at both the Sunshine Centre and Karai Primary School. These provide awareness and constant reminders about how to prevent spread of Covid-19.







On 10<sup>th</sup> January, we carried out a **Covid 19 awareness training session** for the boys at the Sunshine Centre. The session was conducted by the Naivasha area Public Health Officer Mr Henry Wamai who also gave demonstrations on how to wash hands correctly and inspected the dormitories to check that they were correctly socially distanced.



*Naivasha area Public Health Officer Henry Wamai training the Sunshine Centre boys and staff on Covid prevention.*

We plan to hold one further training session on 21<sup>st</sup> January, and will hold professional group therapies (debriefing) before the end of February 2021. These are the only items from our plan that are still outstanding at the time of this report.

## Challenges

As soon as the funds were available, the project was delivered quickly by the team that has been managing the response to the Covid crisis for many months. There were no significant challenges other than the change in VAT from 14% to 16% that increased the cost of purchased items.

## Successes:

We needed to provide a safe way to keep the boys and staff at Sunshine Centre safe as it returned to full operation. Your grant enabled us to achieve this. You also helped keep the children at the local community school safe that our Sunshine centre boys attend. Here is the Karai Primary School head teacher's letter of thanks and appreciation:

**KARAI PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
P.O BOX 1000,  
NAIVASHA.**

13<sup>TH</sup> / JAN /2021

**TO THE DIRECTOR,  
SUN SHINE REHABILITATION CENTRE,  
P.O BOX  
NAIVASHA.**

Dear Sir,

**REF: VOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

We the Karai fraternity wish to most sincerely thank your management for always supporting our school in all ways. We fall short of words when we reflect on last weeks donations to our pupils during this difficult times of the corona pandemic.

Firstly, the washing point machine you donated to our school has no comparison in the school's around us. We sincerely thank you for it. We are completely overwhelmed and humbled by your undying love for our school. The washing station itself is evidence enough of how loving and caring you are about our school.

Secondly, we cannot forget the over six hundred face masks and the liquid soap you donated to out pupils. Indeed this is a wonderful gesture of a kind heart, remembering that most of our pupils come from poor families. We say God bless you abundantly for the support.

To crown it all, sir, though belated, through your management, you constructed for us a water storage tank worth hundred thousands. In addition, you harvested the rain water for storage into this tank.

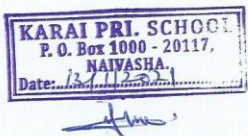
We do not take all this support for granted. From the bottom of our hearts we say thank you and God bless you.

Finally, we want to say words are not enough to express our gratitude but kindly accept our appreciation, and continue being a blessing as you have always been to our school.

Blessed is the hand that giveth than the hand that receiveth. We appreciate you and thank you very much.

Yours most sincerely

**JOHN MUIRU  
HEADTEACHER**



(In addition to thanking us for helping keep the children protected from Covid, the head teacher mentions a rainwater collection tank we built at the school in 2016 which is still supplying the children with fresh water).

## Impact

We have been able to maintain social distancing, implemented effective health and hygiene measures and heightened and maintained awareness of how to prevent Covid. As a result, the Sunshine Centre has fully reopened with all our boys and staff remaining safe and free from Covid. The boys have been reassured that they are safe to resume a more normal life, and parents and guardians are comfortable that all possible measures have been taken to keep their children healthy. We are well placed to continue to maintain a safe and hygienic institution in the future.

## Project beneficiaries:

The grant from Fondation Eagle has enabled us to help 769 beneficiaries:

- Sunshine Centre: 136 former street boys
- Sunshine Centre: 19 members of staff
- Sunshine outreach programme: 14 children from disadvantaged families
- Karai Primary School: 600 pupils

## Expenditure summary

Our estimated cost for the project was 983,600 Kenya Shillings (KES), and we used a rate of GBP 1 = 143 KES for our budget. We received the Fondation Eagle grant of GBP 6,878 on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and transferred the funds to Kenya in a single instalment on the same day, obtaining an actual exchange rate of GBP 1= 146.83 KES, enabling us to send KES 1,009,863.

On 31 December 2020, the Government of Kenya increased the rate of Value Added Tax from 14% to 16% which resulted in an increase in prices. The project was delivered with a minor budget overspend of KES 1,700, but this was offset by the currency exchange rate gain, leaving a small balance of KES 24,563 (GBP 167). We request Fondation Eagle allows us to use this to buy more re-useable face masks for our primary school boys as the small boys often lose them.

Covid-safe return to normal operations: Sunshine Centre				GBP 1 = KES 143		146.83				
	Item/Activity	Units	Unit cost	Budget (KES)	Budget (GBP)	Actual expenditure (KES)	Actual expenditure (GBP)	Variance (KES)	Variance (GBP)	Status
Increase social distance	1 Purchase of tent for additional dining space	1	150,000	150,000	£1,049	150,000	£1,022	0	-£27	Done
	2 Purchase tables for dining hall, tent and classes	27	6700	180,900	£1,265	202,500	£1,379	21,600	£114	Done
	3 Purchase benches for dining hall and tents	22	3,500	77,000	£538	82,000	£558	5,000	£20	Done
	4 Purchase chairs for classrooms	20	2,000	40,000	£280	43,000	£293	3,000	£13	Done
Increase hygiene and personal protection	5 Construction of hand washing bays	2	85,000	170,000	£1,189	162,000	£1,103	-8,000	-£85	Done
	6 Purchase of pedalled hand washing stations for Karai Primary School	5	15,000	75,000	£524	75,000	£511	0	-£14	Done
	7 Purchase of re-usable masks for Sunshine Centre & Karai Primary School	882	100	88,200	£617	88,200	£601	0	-£16	Done
	8 Construction of air drying structure for dishes	2	10,500	21,000	£147	20,000	£136	-1,000	-£11	Done
	9 Construction of cupboards	2	80,000	16,000	£112	16,600	£113	600	£1	Done
	10 Stocking First Aid, Non-Touch Thermometers, Disinfectants, etc	Assorted		70,000	£490	72,500	£494	2,500	£4	Done
	11 Provide PPE to food handlers and cleaners	3	3500	10,500	£73	10,500	£72	0	-£2	Done
Increase Covid awareness	12 Training Sessions	3	10,000	30,000	£210	20,000	£136	-10,000	-£74	1 pending
	13 Professional group therapies (debriefing)	3	5,000	15,000	£105	0	£0	-15,000	-£105	Pending
	14 Purchase Covid-19 prevention awareness information	Assorted		40,000	£280	43,000	£293	3,000	£13	Done
<b>Total prevention measures costs</b>				<b>983,600</b>	<b>£6,878</b>	<b>985,300</b>	<b>£6,710</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>-£168</b>	



## Results summary

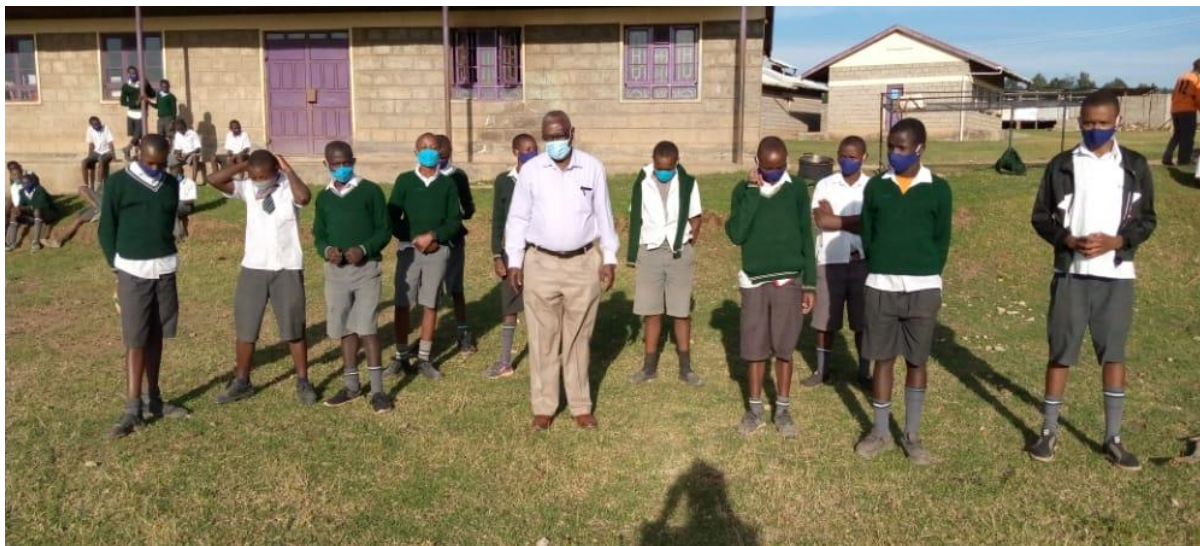
Situation in December 2020	Situation in February 2021
The Sunshine Centre was responsible for implementing Covid prevention measures prior to the Centre returning to full operation. However, we lacked the resources to do this fully and successfully.	We have implemented all the necessary measures to allow the Centre to re-open fully in January. The local government public health officer has inspected the Centre and has approved the measures taken. The boys and staff have all stayed healthy.
Our beneficiaries and their parents / guardians were unsure that returning to the Sunshine Centre would be safe.	The boys and their guardians are happy that the Centre has taken all reasonable actions to keep the boys and staff safe.
The children and staff lacked adequate supplies of protective equipment.	We have been able to issue face masks to all and PPE to the staff. By provision of face masks, we have reduced the risk of infections for our boys at both the Sunshine Centre and school.
The Sunshine Centre boys were at risk of catching Covid at school	We have reduced this risk by providing the local primary school that our boys attend with masks, washing stations, thermo-guns and awareness materials.
It was difficult to maintain social distancing at the Sunshine Centre	We can now maintain social distancing as we have a marquee and additional tables, chairs and benches in the dining hall and classroom. Our boys are able to eat and sit further apart while dining and doing homework in our classroom and marquee.
The washing facilities at both the Sunshine Centre and Karai Primary School were adequate for normal use but inadequate to meet the demands of Covid prevention.	We now have additional hand washing facilities at strategic points which provide increased sanitisation for the children. Boys are able to wash their hands often with soap reducing the risk of them picking up Covid-19 both at the Centre and at school.
Food handling and hygiene arrangements were adequate for normal use but inadequate to meet the demands of Covid prevention.	<p>The construction of a dishes and cutlery air-drying facility and storage cupboards has minimized cross-contamination when handling cups and plates.</p> <p>Through acquisition of hygiene supplies including disinfectants, liquid soaps, etc we have been able to combat Covid-19 by maintaining a sanitized environment.</p> <p>Our institution food handlers and cleaners have personal protective equipment (gloves, aprons and facemasks) reducing the risk of Covid-19 transmission.</p>
Our beneficiaries and staff lacked awareness of how to minimise the risk of catching and spreading Covid.	<p>Our beneficiaries and staff are fully trained. They are kept continually aware of the risks through the information displayed at strategic locations in the Centre.</p> <p>Training will be refreshed in the future to maintain the current level of awareness and to keep beneficiaries and staff informed of new threats and actions to prevent the spread of Covid.</p>

## Conclusion

The generous grant from Fondation Eagle enabled us to achieve a full, Covid-safe re-opening of the Sunshine Centre in January 2021. As we look ahead, we realise the battle is far from over, but our defences are in place to minimize the risk of our beneficiaries and staff contracting Covid.

## Acknowledgment

Our final thanks comes from Rev Simon Kinyanjui, director of the Sunshine street boys' rehabilitation Centre:



*"I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to God for ensuring successful reopening our Centre through the generous support provided by Fondation Eagle. On behalf of Sunshine community, I am very thankful for the provision of the funds, and my response team for ensuring all activities were completed in time.*

*May God bless you."*

## Signature and date:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Print'.

**Martin Print**

**Date:** 19 February 2021

Chairman of trustees, Footsteps International