



## **M.E.A.K, UK - Report for Fondation Eagle: May to July 2021**

### **Project: Ananda Marga Academy Kiembeni Home School Fees Programme, Kiembeni, Mombasa County, Kenya**

#### **Donor:**

Fondation Eagle, Switzerland

#### **Donor's reference:**

FF 0590 – 2114

#### **Charity:**

Medical & Educational Aid to Kenya;

Ananda Marga Foundation

#### **Date of acceptance:**

13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### **Date donation received:**

27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### **Amount of Donation:**

A one-off donation of £8,732, equivalent to Ksh 1,283,604

#### **Duration of project:**

One school term, from May to July, 2021

#### **Estimated number of beneficiaries:**

177 children directly benefitted from the grant (169 received free school fees & 8 children received free lunches), but the donation has a broader impact: the entire family, including the extended family benefit, as can be evidenced by the 'bio-data' reports that show the school fees are often paid for by the extended family.



**Children from grade 4 & grade 8,  
who benefitted from the funding  
in October 2020**

## Project background:

Kenya has been severely impacted by the Covid pandemic. The almost complete cessation of the tourist & retail industries in Kenya has resulted in a significant number of parents becoming unemployed. This has in turn, resulted in many families being unable to afford the mandatory costs associated with sending their children to school, such as basic school fees. This often disproportionately affects girls' & results in them dropping out of school, making them increasingly vulnerable to further poverty & early marriage.

The Ananda Marga Academy is a girls' home & school in Kiembeni, near Mombasa. The home looks after 22 orphaned or abandoned girls & is financially supported by a small surplus that is generated from a primary school that educates approximately 500 children within the Ananda Marga compound. The parents of these children pay approximately £35 a term for their education & daily lunch at the school. The school & home have been managed by Sister Didi for over 20 years & she is very well known to the MEAK Directors, who have supported the academy over that time.

Following the very successful school fees programme conducted by MEAK & generously sponsored by Fondation Eagle (FF 0547), a further programme was suggested. However, with the focus on older secondary school children who were reaching the end of their education & for whom the school fees are more expensive & the loss of schooling would have a much higher & potentially more serious impact.



**Parents learning about the programme & signing the form at the school**

## Project report:

After the confirmation that funding had been made available, thanks to the MEAK / Fondation Eagle grant, a meeting was called & attended by parents or guardians of children who were likely to miss schooling as a result of the family's financial situation. When the announcement was made at the school meeting the families applauded to show their thanks! A parent or guardian of each child was interviewed to establish their financial situation & a fact sheet was prepared for each to establish the worthiest beneficiaries of the grant.

A total of 169 pupils received support for one terms' education & a further 8 pupils were provided with lunches at the school. The complete data as compiled by the Ananda Marga Foundation is attached as appendices to this report (Appendix 1, 2 & 3).

Over the next two pages is the project report letter from Sister Didi & several comments from some of the families who received financial help. Following that, there are 4 excerpts from the 'bio-data' form the families completed to qualify for the funding.

## ANANDA MARGA ACADEMY KIEMBENI

PRE PRIMARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL AT KIEMBENI ESTATE

REGISTRATION NO PE/2471/2004

ANANDA MARGA CHILDREN'S HOME

CHILDREN'S CHARITABLE INSTITUTION

COMMUNITY PROJECTS MANAGED BY ANANDA MARGA MISSION IN KENYA

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3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Foundation Eagle

Attention: Bhavna

Through Michael and Dee Belliere, Directors, MEAK

Dear Directors,

**RE: REPORT OF BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL FEES AND LUNCH ASSISTANCE FOR ADOLESCENT LEARNERS**

On behalf of the adolescent learners and their parents at Ananda Marga school at Kiembeni, I wish to convey our sincere appreciation for your donation of fees and lunches for the May 2021 term. When informed about the donation, the parents expressed their joyful thanks with a hearty applause. The attached interviews are also expressive of their gratitude. The interviews make clear the difficulties of providing for their families and their relief at getting assistance.

Here is a small sample of parents' comments and concerns:

Mother of Shawn Philip Orega, Class 6:

My husband had a job but due to Corona he was sent home and he is only taking care of our small baby who is 2 years and 4 months old while I do house help.

I can only say a big thank you because I didn't know how I would be the fees and I am only a house help who earns 7,000 a month, and I need to pay rent and fees for the other children.

Mother of Chelsea Mukoya Okewa, Class 7:

The pupil has a higher motive to pursue her dreams through higher education. But our small business is slow since the outbreak of Covid 19. Your assistance means so much to us, giving us a break of paying fees and I also appreciate the free lunch as we live far from the school.

**Number of children who are have benefitted from this donation:**

The total learners who have benefitted from free education and free lunches during this May term is 169 boys and girls. The breakdown by class is: 58 from Class 5, 54 from Class 6 and 55 from Class 7. There were a few transfer students between January and May term. To keep with the proposed beneficiaries, we have added 2 children from Class 3. These two come from Wema Children's Centre, and they are orphans and late learners of adolescent ages. The Wema Centre is thankful.



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As many children are now benefitting from the expanded lunch programme, the upper primary girls of the children's home also requested to be included. They were desirous of eating with their friends at school instead of at the children's home. This has also assisted our Children's home with its food expenses.

The attached Excel document provides the names and details.

### Accounts:

The value of school fees donated is KES 797,600. Lunches for the learners comes to KES 422,500. The total is KES 1,220,100. Adding the value of lunches for the 8 children's home girls gives a total of KES 1,240,100. See the attached Excel document for the account breakdown and totals.

### Vote of Thanks:

On behalf of the school administration, I wish to express our gratitude for assisting the humble parents of our school with the relief school fee assistance and daily lunches. It was a gratifying intervention that helped keep learners in school and with the added benefit of nutritious lunch.

Yours sincerely,

Didi A. Giitika

Director

**Waiting patiently in line for lunch**



**ANANDA MARGA ACADEMY KIEMBENI****SCHOOL ADOLESCENT LEARNERS BEING ASSISTED WITH SCHOOL FEES AND DAILY  
SCHOOL LUNCHES**TERM: MAY TERM, 2021**V-59- BIO DATA OF RECIPIENTS AND PARENTS' SITUATION**

1. NAME OF PUPIL: BAHATI JUMA
2. CLASS: 3
3. DATE OF BIRTH: 2007
4. NAME OF PARENT: WEMA CENTRE (Children's Home)
5. OCCUPATION OF GUARDIANS: CHILDREN'S HOME
6. RESIDENCE: WEMA- UTANGE ROAD
7. RELATIONSHIP WITH PUPIL: TEMPORARY GUARDIANS
8. MOBILE CONTACT: 0722 773363
9. WITH WHOM DOES THE PUPIL RESIDE? CHILDREN'S HOME, WEMA
10. BRIEF STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE:

Because she is an orphan and we are assisting her; due to Covid 19, we don't have a sponsor. The Children's Home is also affected by the general situation and it is challenging to get the children educated, particularly since the children are sent to the children's home when they are older and illiterate.

11. HOW WILL THE PARENT COVER THE FEES NEXT TERM? We are raising money for fees to keep her in school.

12. REMARKS: We are very grateful on behalf of the entire Wema Centre.

SIGNED: Social Worker signed

**ANANDA MARGA ACADEMY KIEMBENI****SCHOOL ADOLESCENT LEARNERS BEING ASSISTED WITH SCHOOL FEES AND DAILY  
SCHOOL LUNCHES**TERM: MAY TERM, 2021**V -57 - BIO DATA OF RECIPIENTS AND PARENTS' SITUATION**

1. NAME OF PUPIL: MARIAM TUKU
2. CLASS: 5
3. DATE OF BIRTH: 2008
4. NAME OF PARENT: TUKU KADZOYO
5. OCCUPATION: FARMER
6. RESIDENCE: CHEMBANI
7. RELATIONSHIP WITH PUPIL: FATHER
8. MOBILE CONTACT: --
9. WITH WHOM DOES THE PUPIL RESIDE? PARENTS
10. BRIEF STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE:

The income from farming is very low and the weather has been too dry and windy. The land is dust.

11. HOW WILL THE PARENT COVER THE FEES NEXT TERM? I am making efforts to save for the following term.

12. REMARKS: Thank you for the assistance for this girl and for her sister in Class 6. I am very grateful.

SIGNED: Tuku Kadzoyo, father

**ANANDA MARGA ACADEMY KIEMBENI****SCHOOL ADOLESCENT LEARNERS BEING ASSISTED WITH SCHOOL FEES AND DAILY  
SCHOOL LUNCHES**TERM: MAY TERM, 2021**VI - 6 - BIO DATA OF RECIPIENTS AND PARENTS' SITUATION**

1. NAME OF PUPIL: SAMUEL ORODI
2. CLASS: 6
3. DATE OF BIRTH: 20-12-2008
4. NAME OF PARENT: BEMTA ATIENO
5. OCCUPATION: SMALL BUSINESS OF COOKING AND SELLING POTATOES.
6. RESIDENCE: KIDARAJANI
7. RELATIONSHIP WITH PUPIL: MOTHER
8. MOBILE CONTACT: 071 6 98780
9. WITH WHOM DOES THE PUPIL RESIDE? MOTHER
10. BRIEF STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE:

The income from the business is very low and I have other children in high school and primary school.

11. HOW WILL THE GUARDIAN COVER THE FEES NEXT TERM? I will try to save little by little as I have been assisted.

12. REMARKS: Thanks a lot for this great favour. It has helped very much. Also thanks for the free lunches.

SIGNED: Benta Atieno, mother

**ANANDA MARGA ACADEMY KIEMBENI****SCHOOL ADOLESCENT LEARNERS BEING ASSISTED WITH SCHOOL FEES AND DAILY  
SCHOOL LUNCHES**TERM: MAY TERM, 2021**VI - 17- BIO DATA OF RECIPIENTS AND PARENTS' SITUATION**

1. NAME OF PUPIL: KENNETH GREGORY KARIUKI
2. CLASS: 6
3. DATE OF BIRTH: 21 - 9 - 2009
4. NAME OF PARENT: DIANA WANINGE WANGARI
5. OCCUPATION OF PARENT: EMPLOYED AS A WAITOR
6. RESIDENCE: KIEMBENI
7. RELATIONSHIP WITH PUPIL: MOTHER
8. MOBILE CONTACT: 0714 673604
9. WITH WHOM DOES THE PUPIL RESIDE? SINGLE PARENT - MOTHER
10. BRIEF STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE:

I was jobless for a while and financially disabled. Due to Covid 19 I lost my job.

11. HOW WILL THE PARENT COVER THE FEES NEXT TERM? Now that I am working again, I will be able to pay in installments.

12. REMARKS: As a parent, I am very much humbled for this great assistance. May the Lord bless the donors.

SIGNED: Diana Waning Wangari, mother

## Challenges:

As with the previous school sponsorship programme, several challenges were needed to be overcome. The most difficult was (& still is) the frequent changeability of the Covid-19 situation. Currently, the classes are running, but there is always the fear that they may be cancelled at short notice. This is stressful for families, not just due to interrupted schooling, but because many families rely upon the free school lunches for their children as a way of ensuring they get at least one meal per day.

Selecting the recipients of the funding was again a difficult task. The 'bio data' forms are a good way of getting families to apply for the funding. Sister Didi & her team are very hands-on & able to identify which families are the worthiest of the funding at the time the funding was allocated. Of course, this is a very difficult task when all families could do with the financial help.

Lastly, the Government regulations still require temperature checks on arrival & for pupils to wear face masks. Most find wearing the masks uncomfortable, especially in the hot, humid climate of Mombasa. Thus, it is not surprising that many pupils do not wear their masks correctly.

A future challenge will be the affordability of school tuition for many of these families once this term without charge is over. However, this has given many families a welcome break from having to pay fees & hopefully this will provide them with the opportunity to save for future terms.

## Project impact:

Once again, this was a highly successful, low-cost intervention, devised to keep adolescent pupils in school.

The bio-data forms provide great insight into the individual hardships of families & the direct impact of the pandemic upon their livelihoods in all spheres of work. It is very obvious to see just how grateful these families were for the school fees 'holiday' & how they realise already that they will need to take advantage of this to save for the next term's fees.

## Budget details & summary:

The sum of £8,732 (1,283,604Ksh) was transferred from the MEAK account to that of the Ananda Marga Academy, where it was used to fund the school fees for 1 term for 169 pupils & the school lunches for an additional 8 children in need. In total, 1,240,100 Ksh was allocated, leaving an underspend of 43,504 Ksh

MEAK is content that excellent value was achieved for the relatively modest outlay & that full transparency & probity have been observed.

Below is a breakdown of the different years and the numbers of pupils per year. The school fees per term vary & are more expensive for the more senior pupils.

The full budget with each child's name is included as an appendix to this report (Appendix 4)

## ANANDA MARGA ACADEMY

### LEARNERS WHO BENEFITTED FROM DONATION OF FEES AND LUNCHES IN MAY TERM, 2021 (Ksh)

#### LIST OF LEARNERS WHO RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM FOUNDATION THROUGH MEAK

		MAY 2021 TERM			
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	CLASS	SCHOOL FEES	LUNCH 50 x 50	TOTAL PER STUDENT	TOTAL PER YEAR
		4,600	2,500		
58	5	4,600	2,500	7,100	411,800

NUMBER OF STUDENTS	CLASS	SCHOOL FEES	LUNCH 50 x 50	TOTAL PER STUDENT	TOTAL PER TERM
		3,800	2,500		
2	3	3,800	2,500	6,300	12,600

NUMBER OF STUDENTS	CLASS	SCHOOL FEES	LUNCH 50 x 50	TOTAL PER STUDENT	TOTAL PER TERM
		4,800	2,500		
54	6	4,800	2,500	7,300	394,200

NUMBER OF STUDENTS	CLASS	SCHOOL FEES	LUNCH 50 x 50	TOTAL PER STUDENT	TOTAL PER TERM
		4,800	2,500		
55	7	4,800	2,500	7,300	401,500

NUMBER OF STUDENTS FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES	CLASS	SCHOOL FEES	LUNCH 50 x 50	TOTAL PER STUDENT	TOTAL PER TERM
		n/a	2,500		
2	5	n/a	2,500	5,000	5,000
3	6	n/a	2,500	7,500	7,500
3	7	n/a	2,500	7,500	7,500

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>1,240,100</b>
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**Thank you:**

MEAK & Ananda Marga Academy Kiembeni wish to thank Fondation Eagle for the generous grant that has enabled so many struggling families to be able to keep their adolescent children in school, having been so severely financially impacted by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Fondation Eagle can feel justifiably proud that they have made such a difference to so many adolescent children's lives. We hope to sponsor further projects to support the Ananda Marga Academy in Kiembeni. This deprived part of Mombasa will take a great deal of time to recover from the severe economic hardship associated with the pandemic, which still shows no real signs of abating.

We look forward to further similar collaborative efforts with Fondation Eagle on projects in the future.

## **Appendices:**

Appendix 1, 2 & 3

- Individual family 'bio-data' forms for 166 families

Appendix 4

- Detailed budget