

KENYA KIDS INTERNATIONAL

Annual Report 2024/25



Giving Young Kenyans a Brighter Future

2024/2025 President's Report

KKI's vision is to break the cycle of poverty in Migori County Kenya. We believe education is the key to unlocking the door to escape from poverty. Our core program is to sponsor bright needy students to attend secondary school and university. Currently there are 29 students at secondary school and 21 students at university.

Our first 2 university graduates have each gained employment; one as a secondary school teacher and the other as a lease manager in a finance company. In December 2024 a total of 11 students completed secondary school and 8 of these students progressed to university.

Recently Kenya introduced major changes to its education system. The old system was replaced with the Kenyan Competency Based Curriculum, an educational reform focused on developing specific skills rather than just memorising facts. Students now undertake 6 years of primary, 3 years of junior secondary, 3 years of senior secondary and 4 years of undergraduate university education.

At the end of grade 9 students sit for the Kenya Junior School Education Assessment. Based on these results a decision is made

as to what area of study the student will pursue at university. Students are streamed into one of three tracks of study for their final 3 years at secondary school. The 3 streams are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or Social Science or Arts & Sports.

Supporting students

The employment of a Student Care Worker has greatly assisted in monitoring and supporting our students. If a student receives a low grade in their examinations the Student Care Worker conducts a performance review. The cause of the student's poor performance is identified and strategies are developed to help the student improve their results.

An important resource for secondary students in their final year of study is that of tutoring. If a student is weak in a subject KKI funds qualified teachers to provide tutoring. This is only available for students during first and second term school holidays. In 2024 five students took advantage of this opportunity whilst 3 others declined.

Whilst education is our core program, over time a number of other programs have been developed. This includes a feeding program at Agolomuok Primary School.

Feeding Program

In December 2024 we received a plea for help from the Head Teacher of Agolomuok





Primary School. Adverse weather conditions had resulted in a poor harvest and families were hungry.

From previous experience we knew that when students lacked energy they were unable to concentrate and retain information. Worse still was the very real danger that some hungry children would not attend classes at all. We decided that once school commenced in early January the feeding program needed to start again.

The school quickly drew up a budget that we approved; millet grain and beans were purchased at the Sori market and some of the parents were mobilised to prepare and cook the morning meal. The feeding program operated successfully in Terms 1 and 2 in 2025.

Special Needs

In recent years KKI has assisted 4 orphan siblings known as the Juma children. These children fended for themselves for a number of years but lacked parental support and guidance. With our support the children have all continued to attend school. The eldest boy completed secondary school and was sponsored to attend university in 2024 but unfortunately failed to make use of the opportunity and dropped out of our program

We employed 2 carers rostered on a 24/7 basis to live in with the children. However, after making material improvements to the house, an older sister, unknown to us, moved in with her own 3 young children. The situation became untenable as the older sister made unreasonable demands on her younger siblings and undermined the carers' authority.

Reluctantly we retrenched the carers and

stopped providing direct support to the household. Special Needs funds allowed the eldest girl to attend boarding school and the youngest girl to board with a woman known to KKI. The youngest boy has been cared for by one of the woman who goes to the Church he attends.

Agolomuok Primary School

The changed curriculum means all Year 9 students remain at primary school together with Year 7 and 8 students who as a group are classified as Junior Secondary School students. An additional 90 new desks & chairs were needed to accommodate the year 9 students at Agolomuok Primary School which KKI was able to supply.



Macalder Mine Baby Home

With the arrival 8 of new babies at the home, KKI was able to supply much needed infant milk formula. Sufficient formula was provided to feed the babies for 6 months before they were able to consume more solid food.

On a previous visit we were alerted to the medical needs of one of the residents called Emilio. In our Christmas Newsletter we made an appeal for funds so that Emilio could have corrective surgery. Sufficient funds were raised to allow for surgery to happen later this year.



Board Changes

We are delighted to welcome Karen Heyward to the KKI Board. Karen brings 40 years of experience as a Nurse and Midwife as well as cross cultural experience from volunteering in Papua New Guinea. We look forward to Karen's contribution and the skills she brings to the Board.

As the number of university students has steadily increased, so has the workload. I'm

pleased to report that Ann Backhaus has taken on the responsibility of managing our university students whilst Rikki continues to care for our secondary students.

A sincere thanks to all Board members for Giving young Kenyans a brighter future.

Robert Fisher
President