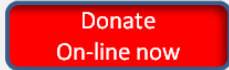




Kenya Children's News

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Our latest trip to Kenya

Ian Faulkner, one of our Trustees, recently travelled to Kenya to visit each of our projects. Here are his thoughts.

“Kenya is a beautiful country. When I visited the eyes of the world were on Kenya because of the World Rally Championships, and the airport was full of people looking forward to going on a safari.

Unfortunately, that positive reception hides the truth that many Kenyans face. This was the first visit that a KCC Trustee has made since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the decline was striking. Rampant food inflation, extreme poverty, and destitution.

I saw that progress has been made with the childcare policy adopted by the Kenyan Government. Orphanages, with the inherent institutionalisation they can lead to, are not considered to be in the children's best interests. Shorter-term interventions, and prevention, are the best way forward.

The projects that we support have taken the policy on board. The residential centre, Kujali, is no longer an orphanage. It provides care for abandoned babies and pregnant teenagers (often pregnant through rape). Our outreach services focus on prevention; feeding programmes, educational support to keep the children in school, and mentoring to tackle behavioural issues. These services have expanded significantly since my last visit, in response to the food crisis and its resulting health and social problems.

The staff in Kenya are outstanding. Rachel, the manager at Kujali, and her staff are passionate about helping the babies, children and young mums during their time in the centre. Janet and her team of social workers work tirelessly to feed destitute children and get them the best education they can. Every day, their work is impacting more than 2,000 vulnerable children.

Once again, I saw the life-changing results that your donations are delivering.”



It's only possible with your support...

We are enormously grateful for all your donations. They are providing nutritious meals for 1,200 starving children every day – that's 200 more girls and boys than a year ago. Daily meals are saving lives during the food shortages, and giving vulnerable children hope for the future. [Please click here](#) if you would like to give another donation or make or increase a monthly gift.



A letter of Appreciation

I will call this young woman Lucy. She came to us as a teenager rejected from a difficult home situation. She had a beautiful baby boy and the carers in our baby home looked after him so she could continue with her schooling. Lucy is a talented girl and qualified to go to University to study medicine. She attended her lectures during the week and returned to our Kujali home to look after her baby boy at weekends and during vacations. In June, she graduated with a BSc in Clinical Medicine and Community Health. She has commenced her first appointment in the Rift Valley area of Kenya.

Lucy is now independent, self-supporting and able to take care of her baby. With the skills she has developed at University, she will make a vital contribution to her community by helping to improve their health.



When she left our care, she wrote a letter to thank you for your support. She wanted you to know that it has transformed life for her and her baby. Lucy is one example of the many girls that you have enabled us to help. Her letter paints a picture of the care and love that our team provides for these vulnerable children.

It also expresses the gratitude that all of us feel for your continuing support.

“Dear Donors

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the exceptional support and care you have extended to me and my son. The assistance provided by Kujali Children’s Home in terms of shelter, food, upkeep, schooling, and medical support has been invaluable, and it has profoundly impacted our lives.

I have witnessed first-hand the dedication, compassion, and professionalism displayed by the Kujali team. They have created a safe and nurturing environment that has allowed me and my son to flourish despite the challenging circumstances we faced previously. The nutritious meals provided have not only nourished our bodies but have also helped us maintain good health, allowing us to focus on other aspects of our lives. Kujali has become a true home for us.

Your support for my education has been instrumental in my personal and professional growth. The access to quality schooling has empowered me with knowledge and skills, opening doors to new opportunities and ensuring a brighter future for both my son and myself. I have done my classwork exams, final qualifying exam and passed them all due to your continuous support. I can assure you that you have enlightened many people through me.

I am especially grateful for the care and attention given to my son. Your dedication to his well-being, and provision of a loving and supportive environment, have positively impacted his growth and development. The medical support provided by Kujali has ensured that his health needs have been met.

Kujali has been an unwavering source of support during a time when we needed it the most. Your commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment for children and their families is commendable, and it has had a major impact on our lives. I will always cherish the positive experiences we have had during our time with you.

I remain committed to utilizing the opportunities and knowledge gained under your guidance to create a better future for myself and my son.

A special thanks to the manager Madam Rachel, you are gifted with a golden heart. Thank you for your listening ear, God bless you. You are my Mum.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy”