



THE KOALA PROJECT

VISION & FUTURE PLANS



BACKGROUND

- Kilimahewa Nursery School is a small independent Nursery School in Moshi, Tanzania, East Africa.
- The School was started in 2004 and is solely operated by Mr Pius Massawe and his wife Suzan. Mr Massawe, was reluctant to have his children walking 6-7 kilometers to and from school each day, and started by home schooling his own children.
- The school now caters to over 70 students from the local Kilimahewa district, Mr Massawe has dreams to one day be able to provide education, accommodation and care for children who have been left orphaned by the tragic AIDS epidemic in Africa.





THE KOALA PROJECT - MISSION

- The KOALA Project is dedicated to providing support, via self sustaining initiatives, to Kilimahewa Nursery School to ensure ongoing education and care for the orphans and children of Kilimahewa Village, Moshi, Tanzania.





VISION

- To develop Kilimahewa Nursery School into a Government accredited, English Medium, Nursery & Primary school servicing the children of Kilimahewa.
- To provide ongoing accommodation and education for orphans of Kilimahewa.





WHAT WE DO.....

Our projects focus on 4 key areas:



Education



Income Generation/
Sustainability



Health & Safety



Orphan Support





KEY INITIATIVES & FUTURE PLANS



INCOME GENERATION/ SUSTAINABILITY

THE CHICKEN PROJECT - 2011

The chicken project is a self sustaining, income generating project we initiated in 2011, with 200 chicks. The objective of the chicken project was to not only help the school generate an income by selling the eggs, but to enable the children to receive eggs as part of their diet at least once per week. The chicken project were so successful we expanded our chicks to 400 in 2012 and will soon be producing over 1800 eggs per week.

We will continue to invest and grow this program to as regular source of income and food source for the school.





INCOME GENERATION/ SUSTAINABILITY

THE COW PROJECT - 2012

Our other major income generating project for 2012 was a new venture into Dairy Cows. We purchased 2 pregnant Dairy Cows and it is estimated they can produce up to 25litres of milk per day, generating between \$16-\$20 per day income for the school.

We lost one of our precious cows to disease, however we have 3 very healthy female cows currently supplying milk and will be ready to reproduce in the near future.





FUTURE INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS - 2013/14

WATER PROJECT & SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN

The objective of our Water Project is to drill a bore hole on school grounds, that will provide a constant, fresh water supply to the school. This will then also allow Mr Massawe to start the schools own vegetable garden where he will teach the children valuable lessons in growing their own produce, and also sell vegetables at the local market to generate income.

We commenced our Water Project in 2013. Unfortunately, our first attempt at drilling a bore hole was unsuccessful. Our Drilling Partners are returning again in 2014 with additional equipment to complete this project, and we are very hopeful this will be a success. Once the bore hole is complete, will be looking to invest in solar panels to allow water to be pumped to tanks, servicing not only the garden but future plumbing and sanitisation projects for the school.





HEALTH & SAFETY

SECURITY FENCE & GATE - 2011/2013

In 2011, we installed a full security fence around the perimeter of the school. A majority of the school grounds are used to grow corn maize which is harvested and used to make the porridge that the students eat each day for recess, for many of them their only meal. Without a fence, animals would often eat much of their produce and street kids would break in and ruin play equipment at the school. The fence comprised of 70 cement poles, and over 2000 meters of wire.

We completed this project in 2013, with the installation of a 9ft iron security gate installed at the front of the school

ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKS - 2013 (ongoing)

We commenced our annual health check program in 2013, with a local paediatrician conducting general health checks for all students at the school. We will continue to fund this program,





EDUCATION

All our projects are conducted with the ultimate goal to improve the education of the children of Kilimahewa.

It is our aim to obtain accreditation from the Tanzanian Government to expand and operate the school as an English Speaking Independent Pre & Primary School.

The current Tanzania Education system, requires all children to pass an entrance exam to be accepted into Secondary school. The issue with this is that Government Primary Schooling is taught in Swahili, and the secondary exam is in English.

As a result Secondary enrolment rates are very low, estimated at 30% for boys and 25% for Women (2009).

By providing the children with English based primary education, significantly increases their chances of completing their Secondary education.





EDUCATION

Primary Accreditation:

There are extensive infrastructure and administrative tasks to be completed before submitting our application for Primary School accreditation.

The school currently consists of 3 classrooms, 2 toilets (no plumbing), electricity in main classrooms, and a basic playground. Tanzanian regulations requires a minimum of 5 classrooms, sufficient water and electricity, office and kitchen facilities, sanitary toilet block and sufficient space for playground.

Along with this infrastructure, a detailed business plan, specifying school curriculum, teaching and class structure, budgets, staffing is required as well as any architectural drawings and engineers reports for planned expansion. We have commissioned the assistance of a local university professor to write the business plan and working with Land Council and Education Department to complete this document.

It is a slow process working with Tanzania Government agencies, but it is our aim to have all our infrastructure completed and accreditation obtained by 2016.



EDUCATION

Whilst it is our aim to make the School completely self sufficient (including Teaching Resources and Supplies) a small portion of funds will be allocated to ensure school resources are adequate:

EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES:

- Assistance with basic school supplies such as exercise books, pencils, crayons, etc

TEACHING RESOURCES

- Ensure school sustainability projects are providing quality, reliable, consistent teaching and support staff.





ORPHAN SUPPORT

It is also our vision to be able to provide safe, permanent accommodation and education for orphans of Kilimahewa.

There are a large proportion of the children in the Kilimahewa region, that have been left orphaned by the tragic AIDS epidemic in Africa, and other tragedies.

Mr Massawe and his wife Suzan have always had a dream to, one day, build a boarding house at the school to ensure these children receive ongoing care and access to education.





ORPHAN SUPPORT

CONSTRUCTION OF BOARDING HOUSE FOR ORPHANS

- We hope to commence construction of the school boarding house in 2014/15.
- The boarding house, will be able to provide accommodation for up to 20 local orphans.
- We will need an estimated \$15,000USD to complete construction of the boarding house and purchase bedding and utilities.





ORPHAN SUPPORT

ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

- We intend to start a child sponsorship program for the orphans attending Kilimahewa School.
- Each child's sponsorship would provide for school fees, full board and basic clothing and provisions for each child whilst at Kilimahewa Primary School, as well as full cover to attend local secondary boarding school, until their education is completed.
- We hope to be able to provide 20 school scholarships.
- Total Cost per child we estimate:
 - Primary School: \$800 per year (TBC)
 - Secondary Boarding School: \$1500 per year (TBC)





ANNUAL GOALS

2011

Chicken Project
Commenced (200
chicks)

School Fence
installed

2012

Expansion of
Chicken project to
400 chicks

Purchase 2 School
Dairy Cows

Install Water Tank

2013

Drill Water Bore

Commence Annual
Children's Health
Checks

Install School
Security Gate

2014

Complete Water
Bore & Solar Pump
Installation

Build 2 additional
classrooms, Toilets,
Office and Kitchen

Improve Playground
Facilities
Annual Health
Checks

Submit Primary
school Accreditation
application

**Fundraising
Target:
\$25,000**

2015 >

Achieve Primary
Accreditation

Build School
Boarding House

Annual Health
Checks

Commence Orphans
Scholarship program

**Fundraising
Target:
\$20,000**