

Osiligi Charity Projects annual report

Registered Charity Number 1135331

Trustees' report and accounts
For the year to 31st December 2013



Most of our activities are centered around the Osiligi Obaya primary school in Olepolos Kenya



Letter from a founder trustee:

It's been another exciting year for the Charity. Our growing number of supporters have helped improve the lives of so many people in Olepolos and across Kenya.

Children's education continues to be a major activity but girls who have to collect water from 5 miles away do not have time for school. So we have gone back to our roots in 2013 and concentrated on clean water projects. The school now has a bore-hole and solar powered pump capable of pumping up to 12,000L per day. This is used for the community (we sell water to pay for the maintenance costs), the school, for agriculture and a proposed new health clinic. We have also been repairing pumps installed by other charities but then left once broken. Recycling and sustainability are key to our Charity's aims.

The Osiligi Obaya school had another intake of 25 children; now we have reached the 100 child milestone. This primary school is different to other rural schools. It has excellent, fully qualified teachers (we had to build teachers' houses to attract them), electricity, water and plenty of teaching aids. These are all things we take for granted in the UK and the West but although available in the private schools of Nairobi, are rare in the rural areas. Most rural schools are little more than a tin shed lacking electricity, lights, water or even books.

It may take 17 years for our children to become fully qualified doctors, nurses and engineers who return to help their people, but once they do, they will help banish the extreme poverty and hardship in the area. The primary school is the first step on this path. Without this school, the rest is not possible. An excellent education is the catalyst for positive change in this area and the whole of Kenya.

Thank you all for your support as without you this work would not be possible.

Roger Pannell

Osiligi Charity Projects

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1. Introduction

Osiligi Charity Projects, works in the predominately Maasai lands of Olepolos, about 25 miles SW of Nairobi. This is rural Kenya where there are few facilities. Sources of clean water are rare and expensive and any schools, where they exist, are of very poor quality.

The charity began operations in March 2010. This report is about the Charity's fourth year of operation.

In January 2012 the Charity opened the Osiligi Obaya School, the primary school it built at the end of 2011. In 2013, the school had its 2nd intake of new children. This brings the child numbers at the school to 101. These children are orphans or from very poor families who would be unable to pay their school fees at other schools. All the children have UK sponsors who cover the cost of their education. The school has 4 classes of 25 children, with 1 more class of 25 being added each year.

The charity was set-up following the work that John Curtin has been doing since 2004 and Jim Wilkie since 2010 in bringing a group of Maasai Warrior performers to the UK yearly.

The charity produces a quarterly newsletter detailing all the current activities. This is available for download from Osiligi's website www.osiligi.org. More information on the school is available from the school's website www.osiligiobaya.com

One of the key principles of the charity is that every penny donated goes to support the projects in Kenya. If a donor is kind enough to support any charity, they should expect that all the money is used for the cause. All running costs of Osiligi and all expenses are paid for by the trustees or the individual incurring the expense. This governing principle has been adhered to in 2013.

The only costs not covered by the trustees are the fees charged by the banks or the credit card companies (see 6. Administration and fund raising for more details). The cheapest way for the Charity to receive money is via cheque or a direct transfer.

A second governing principle is that all projects should be for the long term and sustainable. Every investment must be effective long term. During 2013, the Charity has put much effort into ensuring that the school has a solid local management committee to guarantee the long term success of the school.

2. Legal and Administrative Details:

Trust Deed

The charity is governed by the charitable trust deed of 1st March 2010

Charity Registration

The trust was registered with the charity commission on 31st March 2010 under registration number 1135331

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3. Trustees, governance and management

Charity Information

During 2013, the trustees were:

Mrs Helen Pannell B.Ed (secretary)

Mr John Curtin

Mr Jim Wilkie

Mr Roger Pannell MSc C Eng MIET (chair)

To comply with the Charity Commission's recommendation that all trustees should resign in rotation, John Curtin resigned during 2013. He was reappointed as a trustee in June 2013.

All the other trustees were appointed on the 1st March 2010 and June 2012.

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other rewards or other financial benefits. The trustees do not charge for any expenses incurred.

Trustee selection methods

The trustees are responsible for selecting new trustees, subject to the provisions given in the charity trust document. All trustees are required to resign in rotation.

During 2013, two of the trustees visited the Maasai area of Olepolos on three occasions for approximately 2 weeks each time, the costs for these trips being paid for by the trustees.

4. Objectives and activities

The objects of Osiligi Charity Projects are to apply all the income for exclusively charitable purposes for the prevention of poverty amongst the Maasai areas of East Africa, having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and the charity object clauses set out in the trust document.

To this end, in the year to 31st December 2013, the trustees have applied funds for the provision of clean water, the education of children and the continued building of the new school. All of these funds have been applied in and around the Maasai area of Southern Kenya.

Any income not so used in this accounting year has been held on reserve for use on the charitable objectives in subsequent years.

5. Operational review

School

In January the school had a new intake of 25 children into Baby class (the youngest class) whilst all the other classes moved up by 1 year. In 2011, the Charity built a 6 classroom school with one classroom being temporarily used as an office. This year, 4 classrooms are occupied leaving one free for the 2014 intake.

Although the classrooms are being used for teaching, the builder continues to complete some of the outstanding work, especially to areas like the septic tanks and kitchen. During 2013, a donation allowed us to finish work on the dining room / hall and this is now usable.

The school is managed by a team of 5 governors, 4 from the local area and one from the Charity.

The governors continue to turn the school from bricks and mortar into a working school by employing the teachers and ancillary staff, adding all the desks, chairs, books and teaching aids.

It has always been the charity's aim to make this school one of the best in Kenya. This way, the children have a good chance to gain access to one of the better secondary schools. The long term aim is that many will come back to the area as well educated individuals, able to help their community.

The charity pays for the initial capital costs of the school (buildings, stoves, desks, solar equipment etc.) but thereafter the running costs and maintenance costs come from the school finances. All the children at the school had UK sponsors who pay for the school fees of about £16 per month. This covers the cost of running the school and food for a mid-day lunch. In addition to the money from sponsors, we ask all parents to contribute Ksh1000 (approximately £8) per term to the school.

The school is not owned by the charity. It is owned by a Kenyan not for profit company set up to hold and operate the school on a not for profit basis. All the directors of this company are unpaid. They are all Maasai, from the area.

Clean Water

The well fitted with a hand pump built in 2010 is continuing to produce a reliable source of clean water. It is little used during the wet season when other sources are available but during the 6 month dry season, when these other sources dry up, it is heavily used with people coming up to 15 miles to collect water. During the dry season, it often runs out of water by 10:00 due to excessive demand.

To remove some of the pressure from this well and to give water to the school, during 2013 the Charity built a solar powered bore-hole at the school to serve the

school and the surrounding community. This bore-hole is 500' deep (160m). Being solar, the amount of daily water pumped is dependent upon the amount of sun. Initial results suggest around 10,000-12,000L per day during the sunny season and around 4000-5000L/day during the cloudy season. Part of the water is being used for agriculture so its greatest need is during the dry, sunny season. To make the bore-hole sustainable long term, some of the water is sold to the local community at a rate of approx. 3p for 20L (0.15p/L). The money from these sales should cover the maintenance cost of the pump and solar equipment.

The money for the school bore-hole was mainly supported by one donor. During 2013, the Charity and this donor developed a project to repair many of the broken hand-pumps across Kenya. It is estimated that there are about 3000 hand-pump in Kenya with about 50% broken. Most of these pumps had been installed by 'water charities' who concentrate on installing hand-pumps into an area before moving onto other areas. Although they train a caretaker on the use and repair of the pump, in reality, once the pump breaks it stays broken never to work again.

Our project was to repair these pumps but only after the community had put up some of their own money and only after the community had agreed to intensive training and a long term maintenance plan. During 2013 we started on a trial run of repairing 4 pumps. This trial was started but very sadly the donor died. It is hoped that once funds are available, this project can be restarted.

Child sponsorship

By the end of 2013, the Charity sponsored 108 children to attend school; 101 at Osiligi Obaya Primary School, 5 at Maasai Plains Primary School and 2 at secondary schools. Some were orphans, many were from single parent families. All these 108 children were from poor or very poor families.

UK sponsors of primary school children pay £16 per month (more for secondary schools) and this is paid direct to the schools. At Osiligi Obaya school, the parents also pay an additional £2 per month to the school as their contribution to their child's education.

The Osiligi Obaya school adds one more class of 25 children each year so the Charity is looking for 25 new sponsors yearly. The Kenyan school year starts in January.

Sponsorship makes a huge difference to the children. There are 'free' government schools in the area, but the various extra charges make the cost of these schools almost the same cost as Osiligi Obaya, Maasai Plains or other private schools. A typical government school has class sizes of around 60-80 children. Results are usually poor. Private schools are the norm in Kenya and even the poorest people prefer to send their children to fee paying schools. Sponsorship probably makes the greatest difference to girls. Without sponsorship, they are often married off by their family at a young age in exchange for cows and goats. With sponsorship, they

usually complete schooling, by which age they have more control over their own lives.

6. Administration and fund raising

The Charity has a website and facebook page. See:

www.osiligi.org

www.facebook.com/osiligi

www.osiligiobaya.com (the website for the Kenyan school)

Quarterly, the trustees produces a newsletter. This is posted to the website and emailed to interested (and some uninterested) parties.

To enable donation by credit and debit cards, the charity uses Virgin Money Giving (VMG). The VMG website also allows people to publicise and collect money through fund raising events. VMG makes a 3.5% charge from money collected in transaction costs and card fees. This 3.5% reduces the money we receive from donors. During 2012, £4224 was collected through VMG.

The charity signed up with Mission Fish to allow people to donate through ebay.

The Charity was accepted into the Big Give 2013 Christmas Challenge. The challenge allows a donation to be doubled by adding additional money from The Big Give and other donors. The Charity used this challenge to raise £12,000 to fund the building of a new classroom. The Charity will be running the challenge again for the next 4 years until the school has 11 classrooms. In 2014 it will use the funds from the 2012 and 2013 challenges to build 2 new classrooms, ready for the extra classes in January 2015.

The Maasai Warrior performers visited the UK in September and October. The UK tours of the Warriors are separate from the Charity but are administered by two of the Charity's trustees, John Curtin and Jim Wilkie, as a commercial venture. Although the tours are separate from the Charity, they do give the Charity a publicity boost and an increase in revenue. Many of the new sponsors were from the audience of these tours.

7. Operational Costs

In the UK, the Charity runs from the home office of two of the trustees, Helen & Roger Pannell at the registered address for the charity.

This office is the centre for all the administration, fund raising and project origination and control. All services are freely given and the personal expenses incurred in the administration of the Charity, from flights and visa cost, living and travel expenses in Kenya, internet and telephone fees, to postage stamps are paid for by the trustees. The only UK running costs of the charity not paid for by the trustees are bank

charges including the credit card fees charged by VMG and the Charities Aid Foundation (used by The Big Give) and bank charges on money transferred to Kenya.

In Kenya, projects are administered by Richard Minisa. To cover the cost of miscellaneous expenses incurred, he is paid 3000KSh per month (approx £24). Any large expenses are paid in addition to this. His time is freely given.

Muyaki has been inspecting the work done by the builders. To cover his travel costs to and from the school, he is paid 3000Ksh per month (approx. £24). His time is given freely. The school architect has also been overseeing any school building work, and he is paid 13,000 Ksh (approx. £10) per visit.

By the end of 2013, the charity sponsored 5 children to attend Maasai Plains School. Peninah Minisa selects these children (to a charity brief) and monitors the children on a day to day basis. For these 5 children she is paid a salary of 100KSh (85p) per child per month. Children at Osiligi Obaya school are monitored by the school secretary. The school pays her wage.

8. Financial Review

Total income for 2013 was £79387 (£81,948 for 2012) plus £1652 from the recovery of a loan made in 2011. There is more about this loan in the 2011 accounts. The charity was not involved in many fund raising activities this year. Money from UK sponsors for school fees was £22190 (£11,720 £3,734 last year) and all of this (plus a little more from general funds) went to the relevant schools.

Our aim is to exactly match the receipt of money from sponsors to the school fees. This is never possible to the last pound due to exchange rate changes and because sometimes the charity has expenses not budgeted for; for example the purchase of gym clothes for one of the sponsored children from the most challenging family background. Any small difference is taken from or added to the Charity general fund.

General fundraising raised £48,614, including the £12,000 raised via the Big Give Christmas Challenge. The Big Give money is allocated towards building one of the 2 more classrooms that will be built during 2014. We now have £24,000 towards building the classroom and office, so giving us an extra 2 classrooms from 2015.

Gift aid contributed £8270 (£13,690) and this is used to fund projects that are difficult to finance. This year, many of our general donations came from trusts where gift aid had already been recovered.

Although the school opened in January 2012, building work still continues although much now is spent on improving the facilities. A fence and wall was added to the perimeter of the school and playground equipment was installed £7756 (£49156 last year) was spent on the fabric of the school and £3707 (£10642 last year) on equipment and improvements. Finally, the school now has a usable dining room.

At the end of 2013 the school had 6-classrooms, a dining room, kitchen, flush toilets, septic tanks, pit latrines and accommodation for 8 teachers.

Our biggest expense this year, £25,123 was spent on providing a solar powered bore-hole for the community and school. The bore-hole pumps around 10,000L per day from 500' (160m) below ground just using the power of the sun. Apart from being a great asset to the community, it will reduce the costs of running the school and reduce the costs of future building projects.

Payments for school fees came to £22768 (a little more than the money received) and we received £138 back for some solar lamps sold during the solar lamp rental project started in 2011.

Last year we started a new initiative in the teaching of agriculture, in an attempt to make the community more food secure. This continued during the year with a spend of £774. Sadly, the donor supporting this project died during the year so the project is unlikely to continue next year.

During the year, the Charity, with the help of a major donor, worked on an initiative to repair and keep working many of the broken water hand pumps scattered across Kenya. We started this project during 2013 with the trial run of the repair of 4 pumps with a spend of £3,409. Unfortunately the donor died during 2013 so although some more pumps will be repaired during 2014, the project is unlikely to reach its intended numbers.

The Charity pays the expenses of 3 helpers in Kenya whose costs are incurred in supporting the school or the Charity's projects. These costs came to a total of £851. Costs incurred in the UK continue to be provided for free by the person incurring them. This includes the costs of travelling to Kenya.

Each year the charity has to equip one more teachers' house and one classroom with desks and chairs. The money recovered from the loan to Tumpes was used to buy these items.

9. Accounts for 1st January – 31st December 2013

Prepared under a receipts and payments basis:

Receipts

General fundraising	£48,614
Child Sponsorship	£22,190
Gift Aid	£ 8,270
Interest	£ 175
Loan recovery to Tumpes	£ 1,652
Solar lamp sales	£ 138
Total	£81,039

Payments

School Build	£ 7,756
School equipment	£ 3,707
Child Sponsorship	£22,768
Administration costs in Kenya	£ 851
Teaching agriculture	£ 774
Clean water pump repairs	£3,409
Bore-hole & solar pump	£25,123
Desk & chairs	£ 1,652
UK costs and expenses	£0

Total £66,040

Surplus (receipts – payments) £14,999

Cash funds

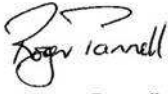
Opening balance (end 2011)	£21,399
Closing:	
Co-op bank UK	£20,169
Barclays Kenya	£0
Virgin bank (deposit acc)	£16,229
Total	£36,398

Non cash funds (see 2011 report for more details)

Loan to women's group	£430
Loan to women's group	£424

Total charity funds £37,252

The accounts were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



Roger Pannell

Trustee

Date: 7th July 2014