



Newsletter

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Foreword from the Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since our last update, Together With Kenya has continued to grow in ambition, progress, and impact. The construction of our new education complex has surpassed expectations—classrooms, staff housing, and community facilities are rapidly taking shape, bringing us ever closer to opening in January 2026.

Alongside bricks and mortar, we've also secured government approval for the school, welcomed a talented teaching team, and ensured that nearly all our sponsored children will make the transition with us.

Beyond the new school, our students are excelling at secondary and higher education, our water team is approaching the incredible milestone of restoring access for one million people, and we've launched a new website to share it all with you.

These achievements have only been possible because of your trust, generosity, and encouragement. I hope you enjoy reading about everything that's unfolding. Thank you, as always, for walking with us.

Warm regards,

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One of the classrooms

Build Update

The construction of the TWK education complex on our new piece of land has continued at an astounding rate! In the June Newsletter, we shared that we had nearly completed the build of the first two classrooms and Community Learning Centre in just 3 months. Since then, the construction team has made great progress with more Primary and Junior school classrooms, 4 staff houses, with a further 2 underway.

Our initial ambition to build a Primary school, Junior school, Community Centre and staff housing in just 9 months for a January 2026 opening has actually become a reality. Please see [**this detailed TWK Build Update-October 2025 report**](#), put together recently by our project manager Alex Thiru.

Preparing for the new Primary and Junior School

As well as constructing the new school, a number of key milestones have been achieved in recent weeks:

Registration: Government approval of the school has now been successfully granted

Teaching Staff: We are delighted to announce that our talented team of teaching staff will be transferring to the TWK school.

Pupil transfer: Virtually all sponsored children at the current Osiligi Obaya school have chosen to relocate to the new TWK school as from January 2026, and have been officially offered places. For those children who are disadvantaged by distance (given that the new school is 5km away from the old one), the charity will offer some support towards their transport.

Sustainability: The TWK board has decided to recruit a maximum of 5 fee-paying pupils per class. This will generate revenues that will be used to subsidise the on-going running costs of the school.

Resourcing the new school: The team is working hard to ensure that the classrooms are equipped with everything that is needed, at the best prices, ready for a January 2026 start.

Recent Funding Boost

In the last few months, we are delighted to have received two generous private donations for another staff house and classroom respectively.

In addition, we received a huge donation from Scottish Whisky company, Beneagles, for which we are very grateful. Please see message from Directors Simon, Gemma, Ruari and Keir Thomson:

“Beneagles is proud to donate £35,000 to Together With Kenya, inspired by the remarkable ambition of their mission to transform the lives of the Maasai community through education and water projects. We are impressed by the charity’s proven track record of success in creating sustainable change and empowering local communities. Additionally, the establishment of a new Kenyan NGO and a dedicated, experienced board underscores their commitment to long-term community led impact. As a family-owned Scottish whisky business, we believe in supporting initiatives that foster positive growth and resilience, and we are excited to contribute to such an inspiring cause.



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We are looking for new Sponsors

Since there are some spare spaces available in the new classes, we have the capacity to offer an education to some additional disadvantaged children in the local community.

For this, new sponsors are needed! If you, or your organisation, is able to sponsor a child (or multiple children), please get in touch with Tracey Moore (tracey.moore@togetherwithkenya.org).

Hardship Fund

We are creating a Hardship Fund to provide short-term help to TWK pupils and their families facing immediate need. This will provide essential food, uniform items, school transport, emergency accommodation, and/or basic medical costs. If you can, please donate directly to the Hardship Fund. - Thank you. This will make a huge difference.

Donate through Paypal or Card through the link below

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/AHHT545HXH99U>

Donate through a Bank Transfer

Our Bank details are:

Account name: Together With Kenya UK

Sort code: 49 52 40

Account number: 73000532

Bank: CAF Bank.

Please reference: HF

Donate by scanning QR code



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Secondary and Post-Secondary Education



Junior girls handball team won to reach county level competition

All 77 students attending 27 different Secondary Schools have just completed the school year. Of these, 25 took their final exams, known as KCSEs. We eagerly await their results!

Of the 23 students that finished secondary school last December 11 applied to go to University or Technical College. Each one of them was successfully offered a place (6 at university, 5 at a technical or other college) in courses ranging from Actuarial Science to Teaching to Nursing.

The charity has been working hard to help these students, including providing support letters for their student loan applications, and helping to subsidise their fees where sponsorship funds are available.

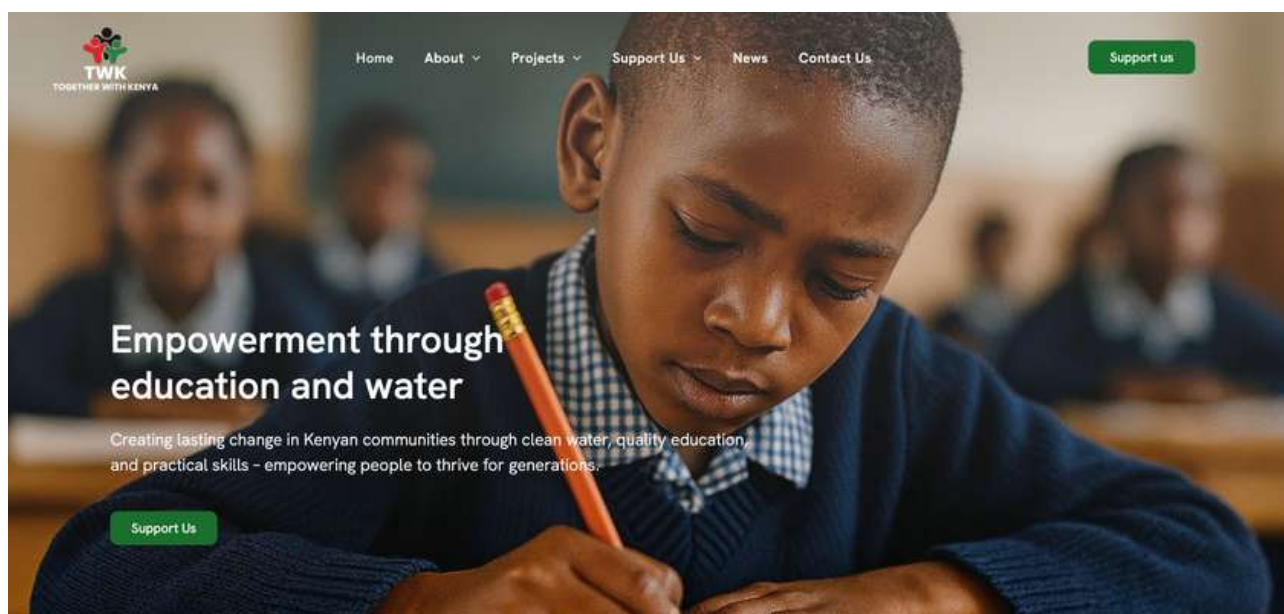
We hope their higher education will help them to secure good jobs and futures, and hopefully eventually help to lift their community out of poverty.

Water Repairs



“ The latest stats from October show that the pump repair team is only 43,000 short of the goal of restoring water to 1,000,000 Kenyan people! It won't be long now before this huge milestone is achieved. In all, the team has repaired over 3,260 pumps

The new full TWK website is now live!
www.togetherwithkenya.org



Easy Fundraising

[Click here to sign up](#) to easyfundraising and turn your online shopping into free donations for Together With Kenya TWK UK!

It's a free and easy way to help support our cause while you shop with your favourite retailers. Plus, when you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!

A blue banner for easyfundraising. In the top left is the easyfundraising logo. The main text reads: 'easyfundraising will match the first £5 you raise for Together With Kenya TWK UK!'. Below this is a yellow button with the text 'Sign up today'. At the bottom, in a lighter blue section, it says: 'You shop, over 8,000 retailers will donate to us. It won't cost you any extra and will make a BIG difference to us.'

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors and funders of Together with Kenya UK Trust. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue transforming lives and communities. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support and partnership.

Introducing the TWK UK Team



David Onyango Owino (Communications Lead)



Keir Thomson (Monitoring & Evaluation Lead)



Suzanna Pyne (Treasurer)

While we transition and rebrand from Osiligi Charity Projects to Together With Kenya (UK), we felt that this would be an ideal opportunity to expand the UK Trustee team, by bringing in some critical expertise.

I am delighted that **David Onyango** – our Communications Lead, **Keir Thomson** – our Monitoring and Evaluation Lead, and **Suzanne Pyne** – our Treasurer, have joined the team this year.

You may well know our other Trustees who have been key members of the Osiligi management team for many years. These are **Margaret Thomson** (Vice Chair and Education Lead), **Tracey Moore** (Secretary and Sponsorship Lead) and **Eric McKinnon** (Water Projects Lead).

Please see their bios at: <https://www.togetherwithkenya.org/meet-the-team>

I'm also delighted to say that all other members of the Osiligi Management Team, including Founders **Roger and Helen Pannell**, are continuing to devote time and critical expertise to the charity management team.

Introducing the TWK Kenya Team

As I'm sure you will appreciate, our ambitious plans for the charity have demanded excellent oversight and operational teams on the ground in Kenya.

Our partner Kenyan NGO, Together With Kenya Foundation, was officially registered exactly one year ago. I'm delighted that we have a strong, talented board of 7 Kenyan Directors, who are all professionals in their own fields, committed to the goals of TWK and ensuring high standards of governance.

Please read about each of them virtually at <https://www.togetherwithkenya.org/meet-the-team>. Each Board Member volunteers their time freely for the success of TWK.

In addition, we have a small, but highly committed operational team, including a Campus administrator, office administrator, Project Manager (Alex – mentioned in the Build Update).

I would especially like to throw a spotlight on **Daniel Sasine**. As a former head teacher of one of the top schools in Kenya (Magadi Soda School), and governor at the Osiligi Obaya School, Daniel has been instrumental and critical from the start in making TWK Kenya a reality in every aspect. Daniel's role at TWK Kenya is CEO and Secretary to the Board. He is managing all TWK operations in Kenya, including Education and Water. TWK is very fortunate to have Daniel!

