

Osiligi Charity Projects annual report

Registered Charity Number 1135331

Trustees' report and accounts
For the year to 31st December 2019



Many of the Charity's activities are centred in the 10km around the Osiligi Obaya primary school in Olepolos rural Kenya. The photo shows the new school library completed in 2019.



Letter from a founder trustee:

It's been another exciting year for the charity and the people in Kenya whom it helps. The project to repair abandoned broken hand pumps has repaired another 200 pumps. This brings the total to around 800 pumps repaired giving 200,000-300,000 people access to local clean water.

The school continues to thrive. It is now completed with 11 classrooms and 260 children being educated. We are currently only using 10 of the classrooms so we converted one classroom to be a library (see photo above) much to the excitement of the children. Each of these children have a sponsor who together cover the running costs of the school. To bring the best teaching materials to the school, we have invested heavily in the IT system even though the rural school is solar powered.

The orphanage and safe house inside the school compound continues to support the most vulnerable in the community. Currently, it is supporting 12 children.

The two solar powered bore-holes provide clean water for the community, one at the school and one about 5 km away. Together, they are pumping around 15,000L per day and so far have pumped many millions of litres of water, just using the power of the sun.

We want our children at the school to help educate their families and the wider community. In many cases, our children are the only family members who can read dosage instruction on medicines for people and livestock. The primary school is the first step on the path to positive change in the area and reduced poverty.

We may be growing but we are still a small and personal charity where every penny counts and goes directly to the projects. Thank you all for your support as without you this work would not be possible.

Roger Pannell

Osiligi Charity Projects

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2. Introduction

Osiligi Charity Projects, works in the predominantly 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. Life is hard.

The Charity also works across the whole of Kenya repairing broken hand pumps installed mainly by other charities. These pumps are predominately in rural areas where access can be challenging.

The charity began operations in March 2010. This report concerns the Charity's tenth year of operation.

In January 2012 the Charity opened the Osiligi Obaya School, the primary school it built at the end of 2011. Each year up to 2018, another class of 25-28 children are added. This year, we have not added another class of children as the Kenyan Government has changed the education system from a 3:8:4 format to a 2:6:3:3 format. The 260 children at the school are orphans, from single parent families or are from very poor families who would be unable to pay their school fees at other schools. All the children have sponsors who cover the cost of their education. The school has 9 classes of 25-28 children.

The charity was set-up following the work that John Curtin had been doing since 2004 and Jim Wilkie since 2009 in bringing a group of Maasai Warrior performers to the UK yearly.

The charity produces a regular 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 100% of the money is used for the cause. All running costs of Osiligi and all expenses are paid for by the trustees, the individual incurring the expense, or an outside trust.

As in other years, this governing principle has been adhered to in 2019.

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. Over the years, the Charity has put much effort into ensuring that the school and other projects have a solid local management committee to guarantee the long-term success of the school and its other projects.

3. 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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4. Trustees, governance and management

Charity Information

During 2019, the trustees were:

Mrs Helen Pannell B.Ed (secretary)
Mr John Curtin
Mr Jim Wilkie M.A.
Mr Roger Pannell MSc C Eng MIET (chair)

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.

During 2019, two of the trustees visited the Maasai area of Olepolos on two occasions for approximately 2 weeks each time. The trustees paid for the costs for these trips themselves.

5. 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 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 2019, the trustees have applied funds for the provision of clean water, the education of children, the building of a new toilet block for girls, the repair of broken hand pumps and the funding of an orphanage. All of these funds have been applied in and around Kenya.

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

Reserves policy

The charity has no running costs so the reserves required for the charity are small. The charity aims to have a minimum of £10,000 in reserves to accommodate unexpected projects. It does not have a policy for the maximum reserves as it recognises that all the projects are long term projects so there may be times when money is being held back from a project whilst local issues are being resolved.

At the end of 2019, the Charity held reserves for pump repairs during 2020 and for 3 or 4 solar powered bore-holes around Osiligi Obaya school.

6. Operational review

School

The school is managed by a team of 5 governors, 3 from the local area and 2 from the Charity.

The governors continue to turn the school from bricks and mortar into a working school by employing the head teacher who in turn employs the teachers and ancillary staff and adds 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. The charity has ensured that the school has excellent teachers and is well stocked with educational material. At the end of 2019, the school had 54 chrome-book computers, a school file server with educational materials and broadband, via satellite.

In the developed world, the use of computers has had a major impact on education, both in the direct teaching of children but also for providing materials and methods for teachers. We aim to copy this example in Kenya.

By going to an excellent primary school, 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.

A Scottish Head Teacher, Margaret Thomson, spent 2 months at the school during 2019 to support the Head Teacher, to provide teacher training and to set up a library. The teaching style in Kenya is very much 'talk and chalk'. A new curriculum was released in Kenya during 2018 and this curriculum is based on teaching children skills rather than facts. The school is currently running both curriculums concurrently with the younger children being on the new curriculum and the older children on the old curriculum. Margaret has been helping the school transition to this new curriculum. She has given her time for free. The cost of her airfare was paid by a UK trust.

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 have UK sponsors who pay for the school fees of about £17 per month or £68 per term. This covers the cost of running the school, food for a mid-day lunch and morning snack. 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.

The school has no access to grid electricity. All the lighting, water pumps, Internet and computers are powered from solar electricity. This works well for 11 months of the year but does struggle during the cloudy month of July.

There is much more about the charity's work in 2019 in the 2 newsletters:

<http://www.osiligi.org/newsletter-march-2019/>

<http://www.osiligi.org/newsletter-november-2019/>

Clean Water

The school is a long-term project to help the community. Girls who have to travel a long distance to fetch water do not have the time to attend school, nor do children with diarrhoea. Providing a source of clean water is a short term help to the community but one that also helps the school.

Towards the end of 2013, the Charity built a solar powered bore-hole at the school, to supply clean water to the community and school. Apart from a few repairs, the pump and bore-hole have been working well and by the end of 2018, it had produced around 6,000,000 litres of water, an average of about 4000 - 5000L per school day. The water is being drawn from underground over 500' (160m), just by using the power of the sun. The water is used by the community, by the school and by an agricultural teaching plot inside the school. If the school had bought this water (via a bowser) the cost would have been around £36,000. The cost of the bore-hole and pump was around £22,800 so already there has been a considerable money saving by having the bore-hole plus the environmental saving of not requiring water bowsters. With proper maintenance, the bore-hole should work for a further 10 years.

At the end of 2014, and in 2015, the Charity received legacies for clean water. Part of this money has been spent on a 2nd solar powered bore-hole situated about 5km from the school. The long term aim is to build about 5 of these boreholes all situated a similar distance from the school thereby creating an area of about 100 square miles where everyone is within 5km of clean water. These have bigger solar powered pumps giving spare water for agriculture. Next to each pump is an irrigated 1 acre of growing land where 80 families can grow food – think of English allotments. During 2019 we held back drilling any new bore-holes whilst the community showed

that it could properly manage the first bore-hole. A badly managed bore-hole just works until the first breakdown when it becomes a useless piece of junk, so proper management is essential.

Another use of the clean water legacy has been to repair abandoned broken hand pumps. These pumps were installed by other charities but then subsequently left broken. Eric McKinnon plus his team of water engineers started the repair of hand pumps in October 2015. By the end of 2019 they had restored around 800 pumps, providing water to local communities, serving over 200,000 – 300,000 people. This was part funded by the legacy and part funded by money received from Fondation Eagle, a Swiss based charity. We also received money for water projects from Bubbles & Stars and this money funded some much needed repairs of expensive pumps, work we would not have been doing otherwise.

Not all pumps inspected can be repaired as some have been vandalised or the parts have been removed and sold for cash. Sometimes the boreholes are blocked by debris, sticks and stones which have been dropped down into the riser so immobilising the pump. Sometimes due to the drought conditions the water level is too low for the pump to operate, or due to a well wall collapsing.

During the year, we received a donation of 20 new 'Blue' Pumps and these were installed in the areas where they are licensed in Kenya and where the existing pump was beyond economic repair.

To provide training and general supervision, Eric and his partner Jean visited Kenya twice during 2019. Eric and Jean's time is provided for free. A UK trust covered the cost of Eric's flights.

Child sponsorship

By the end of 2019, the Charity sponsored 263 children to attend school; 260 at Osiligi Obaya Primary School and 3 at secondary schools. Some were orphans, many were from single parent families. All these 263 children were from poor or very poor families.

UK sponsors of primary school children pay £17 per month (more for secondary 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 25-28 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.

Clinic

The Health care is another short term project that helps the community but one that also helps attendance at the school; sick children do not go to school.

With the help of a donation from Bournemouth North Rotary Club, the charity built a community clinic within the school grounds in 2014. By being within the school grounds, the clinic can use the following facilities from the school – the broadband internet, electricity, clean water and security. During much of 2019, the clinic was without a clinician. We hope to resolve this during 2020.

Orphanage and safe house

During 2015, the charity commenced the building of an orphanage for a maximum of 28 children and 2 house masters/mistresses. This was funded by donations from a Rotary Club, an educational Trust and partly from a legacy. It was opened in September 2016 and had 12 children living there at the end of 2019. School year 2020 is our first year when we have an exam class who will be graduating to secondary school. Most schools try to board their eldest class (class 8) during their last year to help improve the exam results. At the end of 2019, many of our eldest class boarded in the orphanage.

Proposed projects for 2020

During 2020 the Charity will:

- Repair many more broken hand pumps
- Fund the infrastructure for these classrooms
- Enhance the IT infrastructure at the school
- Enhance the orphanage
- Convert some of the teachers' houses to make them more suitable.

7. 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)

Regularly, 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.

The Maasai Warrior performers visit 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. The tour is a commercial venture. Although the tours are separate from the Charity, they do give the Charity a publicity boost. In the past, some of the new sponsors are from the audience of these tours as are some of the donations. The last tour was in 2018 and Covid-19 permitting, the next one will be in 2021.

8. Operational Costs

In the UK, the Charity operates 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. To reduce the amount of money lost in the transfer into Kenyan Shillings, the charity now uses Ebury as its preferred foreign exchange dealer. The exchange rate loss is around 1.5% through Ebury.

In Kenya, projects are administered by Richard Minisa, Lesinko and Daniel Sasine.

9. Financial Review

Total income for 2019 was £134,900 (£123,363 for 2018). Money from UK sponsors for school fees was £54,360 (£51,332 2018) and this money went to the relevant schools.

Our aim is to exactly match the receipt of money from sponsors to the school fees paid. 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. Payments to the schools for school fees came to £49,184 (£49,640 2018) plus £6,113 (£7,228 2018) to the orphanage. The £55,297 was greater than the £54,360 received so the deficit came from general charity funds.

General fundraising raised £70,404 (£59,804 2018) including £45,000 from the Eagle Foundation (mentioned above) for pump repairs during 2020.

Gift aid contributed £8,615 (£8,523 2018) and this is used to fund projects that are difficult to finance, such as building teachers' houses and to finance the orphanage.

The cost to build a new toilet block for girls and other improvements at the school totalled £2,663 (£27,786 in 2018).

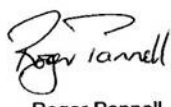
Costs incurred in the UK continue to be provided for free by the person incurring them.

Previous Charitable activities, as shown in the 2010 – 2016 accounts, have all taken place around the South Kenyan area of Olepolos. The hand pump repair project is different in that the hand pumps are scattered across Kenya. This brings its own challenges as transport becomes a major cost and food and accommodation have to be provided. The amount spent on pump repairs was £73,200 (£76,600 in 2018). The pump repair project has a team of self-employed local engineers run by a UK engineer (Eric). Eric visits the team 2 or 3 times a year and the local team repair pumps with and without his assistance. Costs and expenses incurred in Kenya are all taken from the pump repair budget. This included Eric's costs when in Kenya. Eric's flights to Kenya are paid for by the Bowden Trust, so the cost of these flights is not taken from the pump repair budget.

10.0 Accounts for 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Child sponsorship	£54,360	£0	£54,360
General Fundraising	£12,209	£58,195	£70,404
Gift aid recovery	£8,615	£0	£8,615
Interest	£1,521	£0	£1,521
For flights	£0	£0	£0
Payments			
School build	£2,663	£0	£2,663
School Equipment	£4,788	£0	£4,788
Child sponsor & school fees	£49,184	£0	£49,184
Admin costs in Kenya	£497	£0	£497
Pump repairs	£0	£73,200	£73,200
Bore-hole & solar repairs	£0	£3,063	£3,063
Flights (to be reimbursed)	£3,490	£0	£3,490

Orphanage	£6,113	£0	£6,113
UK costs and expenses	£0	£0	£0
Income - expenditure	£9,970	-£18,068	-£8,098
Cash funds			
Opening balance (end 2018)	£53,241	£230,907	£284,149
Movements	£9,970	-£18,068	-£8,098
Closing (end 2019)	£63,211	£212,839	£276,050
Cash in Bank			
Co-op Bank (current account)	£90,731		
Virgin Money (Deposit account)	£185,319		
Total	£276,050		
Non cash assets	None		



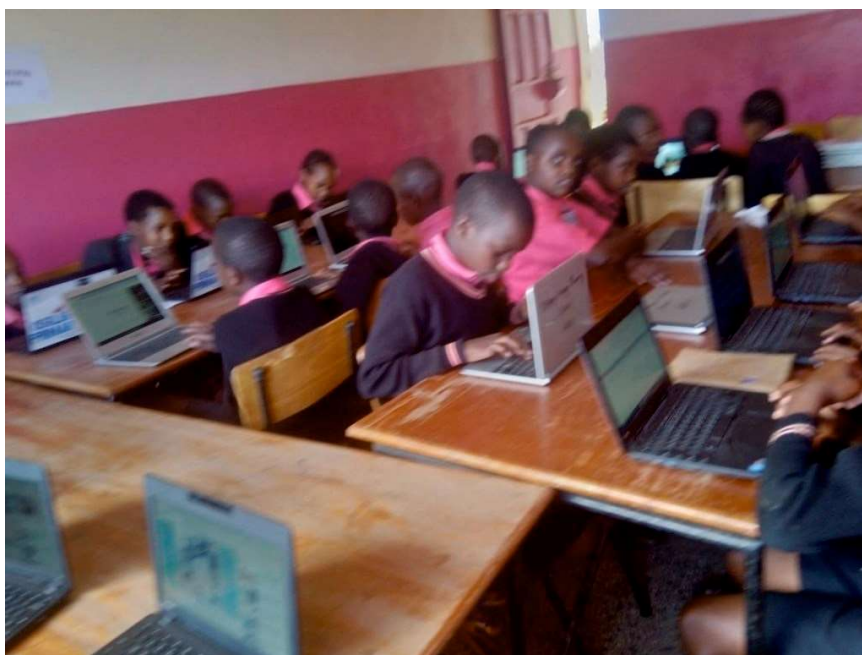
Roger Pannell

Trustee

Date – 26th June 2020



One of the new Blue Pumps installed during the year



The school's computers put additional stress onto the solar powered electrical system.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

OSILIGI

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/19

Charity no
(if any)

1135331

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

28/06/2020

Name:

MARK BIRCHALL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

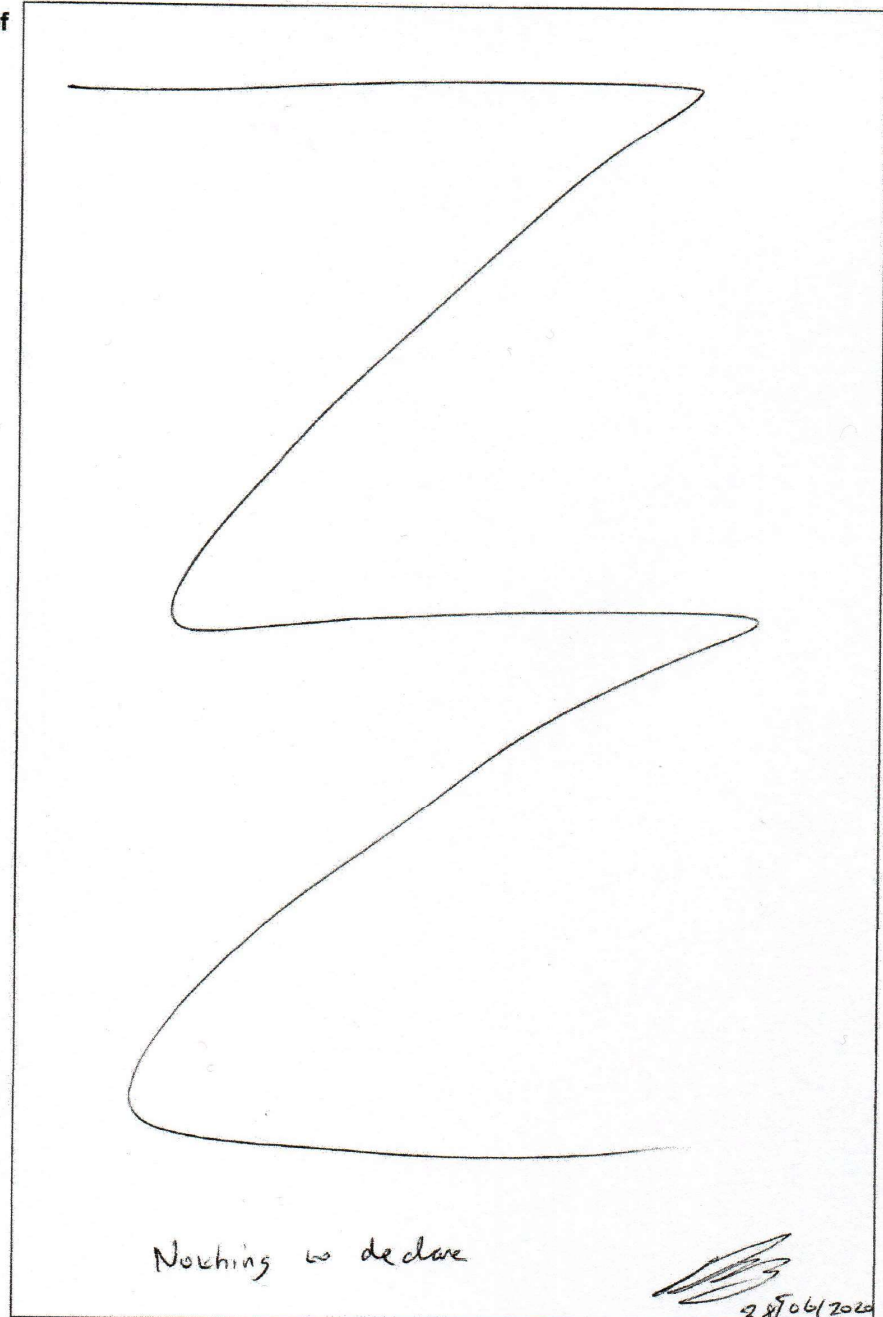
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Nothing to declare

[Signature]
28/06/2020