

Osiligi Charity Projects annual report

Registered Charity Number 1135331

Trustees' report and accounts
For the year to 31st December 2020



The photo above shows one of the 220 pumps repaired by the charity in 2020.



Letter from a founder trustee:

It's been a challenging year for everyone, especially those people who have lost loved ones. Due to Covid-19, all Kenyan schools were ordered to close in March and they remained closed for the rest of 2020. In the West, school children continued to learn using digital technology. This also happened in the big Kenyan cities, but was not an option in rural Kenya where there is often no mobile signal, no electricity and few computers or phones. End of school exams are still being held in early 2021, so ignoring our exam class was not an option. Our dedicated teachers went into the bush to teach small groups of children and to take computers and modems to the children so they could continue learning.

Kenya went into curfew and lockdown and our engineers who repair the broken handpumps found it impossible to move around without having problems from the police. We decided to close the project but various local authorities requested that we restart as local clean water was a high priority in Covid times as it prevents people moving from village to village seeking water. Once the L.A.s had given us written passes, we restarted the pump repairs. By the end of 2020, we have repaired more than 1200 broken hand pumps giving clean water to more than 300,000 people.

The school reopened in January 2021 enabling the 280 children to return. Their school fees are paid for by an army of sponsors who each pay £20 per child per month. During 2021, the first of our children will move onto secondary school.

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
Trustee

Osiligi Charity Projects

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2. Introduction

Osiligi Charity Projects has two strands, a school and orphanage in rural Olepolos and the repair or renewal of broken hand pumps all across Kenya.

The school in Olepolos, about 25 miles SW of Nairobi, is in 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 repair of broken hand pumps can be anywhere in Kenya, from Mombassa in the East, Siaya in the West and Olitokitok in the South. These pumps are predominately in rural areas where access can be challenging. We aim to repair around 200-300 broken pumps each year and so far, we have repaired more than 1200 broken pumps giving clean local water to more than 300,000 people. The typical cost of a repair is around £1 per user, so to restore water to 5000 people costs around £5000.

The charity began operations in March 2010. This report concerns the Charity's eleventh 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 we add another class of 25-28 children. The 280 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 10 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 2020.

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 2020, 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 2020, two of the trustees visited the Maasai area of Olepolos on one occasion for approximately 2 weeks. Other trips to Kenya were planned both by the trustees and other helpers but these were cancelled due to Covid-19.. The trustees paid for the costs for the 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 2020, the trustees have applied funds for the provision of clean water, the education of children, the conversion of some teachers' houses, 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 2021 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 2020, the school had 56 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. Our first exam class was due to leave our Primary school in November 2020, but due to the Covid pandemic, all Kenyan schools were closed for most of the year. This exam class is now leaving in March 2021 so by June, we should know the marks for this class.

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 (2021 increase to £20) or £80 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 2020 in the 2 newsletters:

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 2020, it had produced around 8,000,000 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 £55,000. 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 bowsers. 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 4 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 2020 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 2020 they had restored around 1200 pumps, providing water to local communities, serving over 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. Towards the end of 2020, a person living in Kenya also contributed to the pump repairs and will continue to do so in 2021.

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.

Child sponsorship

By the end of 2020, the Charity sponsored 282 children to attend school; 280 at Osiligi Obaya Primary School and 2 at secondary schools. Some were orphans, many were from single parent families. All these 282 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 normally starts in January but due to the pandemic, it is starting in July 2021.

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.

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. For part of 2020, the orphanage was open but for part of the year, the Kenyan Government demanded that it was shut due to Covid-19 restrictions. It reopened towards the end of 2020.

Proposed projects for 2021

During 2020 the Charity will:

- Repair another 200-300 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 2022.

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 Moneycorp as its preferred foreign exchange dealer. The exchange rate loss is around 1.5% - 2% through Moneycorp.

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

9. Financial Review

Total income for 2020 was £128,871 (£134,900 for 2019). Money from UK sponsors for school fees was £47,128 (£54,360 2019) 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 £54,424 (£49,184 2019) plus £2,809 (£6113 2019) to the orphanage. The £57,233 was greater than the £47,128 received so the deficit came from general charity funds.

General fundraising raised £69,715 (£70,404 2019) including £45,000 from the Eagle Foundation (mentioned above) for pump repairs during 2021.

Gift aid contributed £8,528 (£8,615 2019) and this is used to fund projects that are difficult to finance, such as building teachers' houses and to finance the orphanage.

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

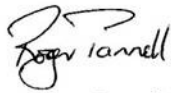
Previous Charitable activities, as shown in the 2010 – 2016 accounts, have all taken place around the South Kenyan area of Olepolos. The hand pump repair project is different in that the hand pumps are scattered across Kenya. This brings its own challenges as transport becomes a major cost and food and accommodation have to be provided. The amount spent on pump repairs was £80,094 (£73,200 in 2019)

The pump repair project has a team of volunteer local engineers run by a UK engineer (Eric) and Jean. Eric and Jean normally visits the team 2 or 3 times a year (although Covid reduced this to one visit this 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. Eric and Jean pay for their own costs in Kenya. Eric and Jean'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	£47,128	£0	£47,128
General Fundraising	£10,039	£59,676	£69,715
Gift aid recovery	£8,528	£0	£8,528
Interest	£0	£0	£0
For flights	£3,500	£0	£3,500
Payments			
School build	£2,570	£0	£2,570
School Equipment	£5,648	£0	£5,648
Child sponsor & school fees	£54,424	£0	£54,424
Admin costs in Kenya	£659	£0	£659
Pump repairs	£0	£80,094	£80,094
Bore-hole & solar repairs	£0	£0	£0
Flights (to be reimbursed)	£1,953	£0	£1,953
Orphanage	£2,809	£0	£2,809
UK costs and expenses	£0	£0	£0
Income - expenditure	£1,132	£-20,418	£-19,286
Cash funds			
Opening balance (end 2019)	£63,211	£212,839	£276,050
Movements	£1,132	£-20,418	£-19,286
Closing (end 2020)	£64,343	£192,421	£256,764

Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.



Roger Pannell

Trustee

Date – 16th Feb 2021



One of the many hand pumps repaired this year. This was a new replacement pump.



Once the school was closed, the teachers had to take computers to the children in their huts so that they could continue to learn.



**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 Charity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2020

**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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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.

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:

[Signature]

Date:

23/03/2021

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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 of concern

