

# Osiligi Charity Projects annual report

Registered Charity Number 1135331

Trustees' report and accounts  
For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021



The photo above shows one of the electric pumps repaired by the charity in 2021. In total, the charity repaired around 250 pumps this year.



### Letter from a founder trustee:

Covid-19 has left its mark in people's hearts and across the world but fortunately, the Charity has been able to restart most of its projects in 2021. The primary school re-opened in January and national exams were held for our oldest class in April. It was the first time that our school has sat national exams and the results were exceptional. The school came 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the sub county, only beaten by, and beating many, private boarding schools whose fees are many times our charity's school fees. Our teachers have worked very hard to get the children to this high standard.

The long term aim of the chary is to produce well-educated children/adults who can help lift their area out of poverty. We have succeeded with their primary education so we are now starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> step of this challenge by supporting most of these children through secondary school.

Another 250 broken hand pumps were brought back to life during the year giving clean local water to around 63,000 people. We also started repairing a few large electric pumps in important locations such as schools and clinics. Although the cost of the repairs are much higher than the repair of hand pumps, because the electric pumps usually serve a much larger population, the cost per person helped is comparable to the repair of a hand pump and usually less than £1 per person.

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 1500 broken pumps giving clean local water to more than 380,000 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 twelfth 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](http://www.osiligi.org).

More information on the school is available from the school's website [www.osiligiobaya.com](http://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 previous years, this governing principle has been adhered to in 2021.

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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

#### **Charity Registration**

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

#### **Registered Address:**

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#### **4. Trustees, governance and management**

Charity Information

During 2021, 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 2021, two of the trustees visited the Maasai area of Olepolos. This was supposed to be for 2 weeks but both trustees had to leave after 4 days due to tightening covid restrictions and regulations. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, the trustees have applied funds for the provision of clean water, the education of children, 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 2021, the Charity held reserves for pump repairs during 2022 and for the running costs for the school and orphanage.

## **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 2021, 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 young adults, able to help their community. In April 2021, our oldest class sat the school's first national exams, the KCPE exam. Our school attained the second highest mark in the Sub County with many of our students being offered places in Kenya's top secondary schools.

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 £20 per month 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 2021 in the 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 2021, it had produced around 9,000,000 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 £65,000. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> solar powered bore-hole situated about 5km from the school.

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 2021 they had restored around 1500 pumps, providing water to local communities, serving over 380,000 people. This was part funded by the legacy, part funded by money received from Fondation Eagle, a Swiss based charity and part funded by a person living in Kenya. Prior to 2021, we concentrated on repairing broken hand pumps. These typically served around 250



people per pump. During 2021, we expanded the project to include the repair of electric pumps in key areas such as schools or hospitals. Although the cost of repair for these electric pumps is higher, the number of people served by the pump is usually much larger, averaging around 2,000 people per pump. The cost of the repair per user for hand and electric pumps works out at the same cost of around £1 per user.

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 2021, the Charity sponsored 288 children to attend school; 261 at Osiligi Obaya Primary School and 27 at secondary schools. Some are orphans, many are from single parent families. All these 288 children are from poor or very poor families.

Sponsors of primary school children pay £20 per month (about twice this amount 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 May 2022.

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, 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. Due to Kenyan covid restrictions, the orphanage had to be closed during 2020 but reopened in 2021. To help improve the KCPE exam results, most of the oldest class boarded in the orphanage for the months before their exams. The

orphanage that was designed for 28 children now accommodates around 35 children.

## **Proposed projects for 2022**

During 2022 the Charity will:

- Repair another 200-300 broken hand pumps
- Sponsor children at the primary school and secondary schools
- 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](http://www.osiligi.org)

[www.facebook.com/osiligi](https://www.facebook.com/osiligi)

[www.osiligiobaya.com](http://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 Pay Pal. Paypal make a small charge of 30p plus 2.9%. This 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 Pay Pal 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 2021 was £129,886 (£128,871 for 2020) plus approximately £47,100 from a Kenyan donor for pump repairs. The £47,100 for pumps repairs has not been put through the UK accounts so it is excluded from this writeup and numbers below.

Money from UK sponsors for school fees was £63,533 (£47,128 in 2020) 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 £61,911 (£54,424 in 2020) plus £3828 (£2,809 in 2020) to the orphanage. The £65,739 was greater than the £63,533 received so the deficit came from general charity funds.

General fundraising raised £52,876 (£69,715 2020) including £45,000 from the Eagle Foundation (mentioned above) for pump repairs during 2022.

Gift aid contributed £9671 (£8,528 2020) 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.

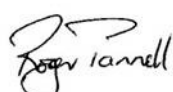
Previous Charitable activities, as shown in the 2010 – 2020 accounts, have all taken place around the South Kenyan area of Olepolos. The hand pump repair project is different in that the hand pumps are scattered across Kenya. This brings its own challenges as transport becomes a major cost and food and accommodation have to be provided. The amount spent on pump repairs was £89,554 (£80,094 in 2020) 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 restrictions made a visit impossible 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2020
Child sponsorship	£63,533	£0	£63,533	£47128
General Fundraising	£7,876	£0	£7,876	£24715
For pump repairs	£0	£45,000	£45,000	£45000
Gift aid recovery	£9,671	£0	£9,671	£8528
Interest	£1,854	£0	£1,854	0
For flights	£1,953	£0	£1,953	£3500
<b>Payments</b>				
School build	£0	£0	£0	£22570
School Equipment	£3,557	£0	£3,557	£5648
Child sponsor & school fees	£61,911	£0	£61,911	£54422
Admin costs in Kenya	£876	£0	£876	£659
Pump repairs	£0	£89,554	£89,554	£80094
Bore-hole & solar repairs	£0	£0	£0	
Flights (to be reimbursed)	£0	£0	£0	£1953
Orphanage	£3,828	£0	£3,828	£2809
UK costs and expenses	£0	£0	£0	
Income - expenditure	£14,714	-£44,554	-£29,839	£-19286

Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.



Roger Pannell

Trustee

Date – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Our intake of twenty five 4 year old children. Their new uniforms will not stay clean for long.





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



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 Projects

On accounts for the year  
ended

31.12.2021

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 **31.12.2021**

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income was less than £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Associated Chartered and Certified Accountants.


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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

 **MR BIRCHALL**

Date:

15.09.2022

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MARK BIRCHALL

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Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.