

Osiligi Charity Projects annual report

Registered Charity Number 1135331

Trustees' report and accounts
For the year to 31st December 2022



The photo above shows another pump repaired, at a combined clinic, school and village pump. The charity repaired around 400 hand-pumps in 2022.



Letter from a founder trustee:

2022 has been a tough year in parts of Kenya due to sustained lack of rainfall. The Osiligi Obaya primary school supported by the charity is in a particularly severe drought zone, resulting in an almost complete loss of livestock and extreme hardship for the Massai people that the charity supports. In response to this, the charity's sponsors donated to a special crisis fund in 2022, providing food parcels to all mothers of children at the primary school.

Despite this hardship, the primary school yet again produced outstanding results in 2022. This was due to excellent teaching staff, hard work by the pupils, and sponsor support. For the second year running, the school out-performed most other schools in the sub-county and across Kenya in the national exams. Admission to the school is now sought after from afar. Nevertheless, only local Massai children from the poorest family backgrounds remain eligible to attend. It is the long-term aim of the charity to bring the local area out of poverty through education.

Many sponsors continued to support the education of the primary school 'graduates' into secondary school. Around fifty children were sponsored and supported at secondary school in 2022. Although situated further afield, many of these are highly reputable national schools, and offers were only made possible due to the outstanding primary school results of the children.

More than 400 broken hand pumps were repaired during 2022, providing clean local water to more than 140,000 people. In total, by the end of 2022, the charity has repaired more than 2000 pumps serving 600,000 people across Kenya. The charity also continued with a 2021 initiative to fix electric water pumps in keys locations, such as schools and hospitals. Although more expensive per repair, many more people are served clean water by these electric pumps.

The achievements of our small charity are only made possible by the generous time commitment and enthusiasm of our UK volunteers, and the generous financial support from yourselves. Thank you.

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 300-400 broken pumps each year and in total, we have repaired more than 2000 broken pumps giving clean local water to more than 600,000 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 thirteenth 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 previous years, this governing principle has been adhered to in 2022.

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 2022, 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 2022, two of the trustees visited the Maasai area of Olepolos in August. 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 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 2022, the Charity held reserves for pump repairs during 2023 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 2022, 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 November 2022, our oldest class sat the school's second national exams, the KCPE exam. Our school again attained one of the highest marks 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. 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 2022 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 2022, it had produced around 10,000,000 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 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 £70,000. 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.

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 a team of water engineers started the repair of hand pumps in October 2015. By the end of 2022 they had restored around 2000 pumps, providing water to local communities, serving over 600,000 people. This was part funded by the legacy (68 pumps repairs including 8 electric pumps in key areas such as schools or hospitals), part funded by money received from Fondation Eagle, a Swiss based charity (176 hand-pumps repaired), and part funded by a person living in Kenya (184 pumps repaired). While the cost of repair for electric pumps is higher than hand-pumps, 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 2022, the Charity sponsored 312 children to attend school; 261 at Osiligi Obaya Primary School and 51 at secondary schools. Some are orphans, many are from single parent families. All these 312 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 looks for 25 new sponsors yearly. The Kenyan school year normally starts in January but due to the pandemic, it started 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. 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 45-50 children.

Proposed projects for 2023

During 2023 the Charity will:

- Repair another 300-400 broken hand pumps.

- Sponsor children at the primary school and secondary schools, including an additional (third) secondary school class
- Enhance the IT infrastructure at the school
- Integrate a new Junior Secondary School (JSS) into the Osiligi Obaya school. This will involve introducing a new prospectus, practical teaching methods and equipment for Class 7 in 2023.
- Dependant on securing funding from Fondation Eagle, run a pilot project to introduce food growing in schools by providing a water supply and agricultural training.

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 Pay Pal. Paypal makes a small charge of 20p plus 1.49%. This reduces the money we receive from donors.

Prior to Covid-19, the Maasai Warrior performers would visit the UK in September and October. The UK tours of the Warriors are separate from the Charity but were previously 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. We do hope that a new tour will take place in 2023.

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 bank charges on money transferred to Kenya. To reduce the amount of money lost in the transfer into Kenyan Shillings, the charity used Moneycorp as its preferred foreign exchange

dealer for larger payments throughout most of 2022. The exchange rate loss is around 1.5% - 2% through Moneycorp. However, due to ease of transactions, faster payments, and no platform fee, the charity moved to using Hamer and Hamer as the preferred dealer in October 2022. Remitly was used for smaller charity payments to Kenya.

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

9. Financial Review

Total income for 2022 was £147,349 (£129,887 for 2021) plus approximately £75,000 from a Kenyan donor for pump repairs. The £75,000 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 £76,331 (£63,533 in 2021) and this money went to the relevant schools.

In the past, our aim has been to match the receipt of money from sponsors to the school fees paid. In 2022, school fees for primary and secondary school amounted to £92,196, which is higher than sponsorship income. Gift aid contributed £10,678 towards this difference. The remaining deficit was taken from the Charity general funds.

The difference between sponsorship receipts and school payments is mainly due to yearly inflationary rises in Kenya. However, we understand that cost of living pressures/affordability is an issue for many of our sponsors in the UK. We therefore cannot request increases in sponsorship amounts each year. In 2023, the charity is aiming to boost sponsorship income by raising additional funds for specific school needs, for example, for scientific equipment.

Payments to the school for the orphanage costs was £4,739 in 2022 (£3,828 in 2021) This came from a mixture of sponsor and general charity funds.

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

While the Osiligi Obaya school and orphanage are situated in the South Kenyan village of Olepolos, the hand and electric pump repair project is different in that the pumps are scattered across Kenya. This brings its own challenges as transport becomes a major cost, and food and accommodation must be provided to the Kenyan team of repair engineers, managed from the UK by Eric McKinnon and Jean.

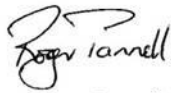
Apart from repairs funded by the Kenyan donor (see above), the amount spent on pump repairs in 2022 was £96,486 (£89,554 in 2021). £45,000 of this was from

funding from the Swiss-based Fondation Eagle, and £51,486 of this was from a legacy fund for electric pumps repairs. Use of the legacy fund was the major contributing factor to the overall 2022 deficit of £46,790.

10.0 Accounts for 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Child sponsorship	76,331		76,331	63,533
General fundraising	150		150	7,876
For pump repairs		60,000	60,000	45,000
Gift aid recovery	10,678		10,678	9,671
Bank interest	190		190	1,854
For flights				1,953
	87,349	60,000	147,349	129,887
Payments				
Primary school fees	71,225		71,225	52,670
Secondary school fees	20,971		20,971	9,241
School equipment	189		189	3,557
Admin costs in Kenya	515		515	876
Pump repairs		96,486	96,486	89,554
Orphanage	4,739		4,739	3,828
Paypal fees	14		14	
	97,653	96,486	194,139	159,726
Net surplus/(deficit)	(10,304)	(36,486)	(46,790)	(29,839)
Cash funds				
Opening balance	79,057	147,867	226,924	256,763
Movements	(10,304)	(36,486)	(46,790)	(29,839)
Closing balance	68,753	111,381	180,134	226,924

Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.



Roger Pannell

Trustee

Date – 14th June 2023



Many mothers attend a meeting at the Osiligi Obaya Primary school to discuss eliminating early marriage and FGM.



Six of our school leavers who are now at Ole Tipi secondary school, one of the best girls schools in Kenya.



**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

31.12.2022

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 31/12/2022.

**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.

**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:

Date: 19/08/2023

Name: Mark Birchall

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

FCCA

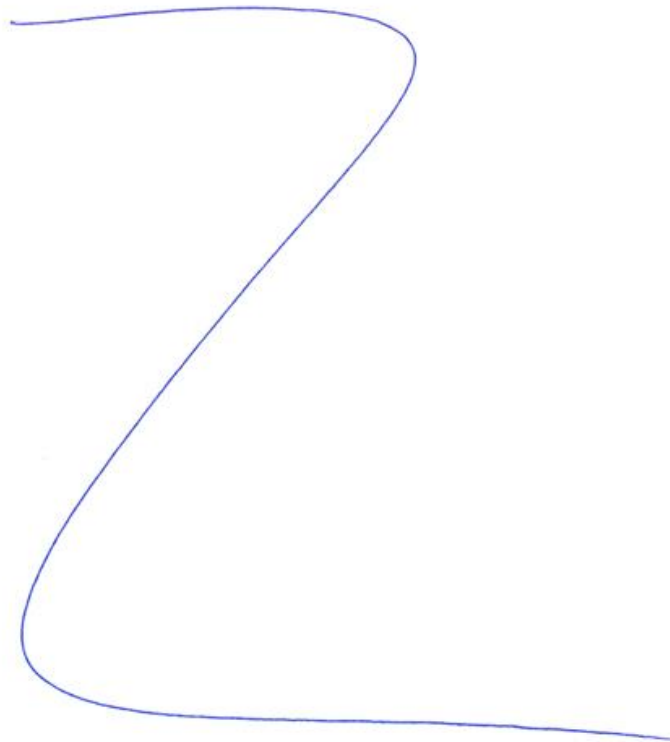
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Section B**Disclosure**

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



MJ Birchall

FCCA