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Nariokotome Nursery School in Turkana, Kenya

Turkana

Turkana is in the northern part of Kenya and is one of the most desolate and remote areas of our planet. Its harsh climatic and environmental conditions are coupled with the political and intertribal instability that affect its inhabitants. The most serious problem for the people of Turkana during the last decades has been the recurring droughts that lead to famine and endemic poverty which leads to tribal conflict.

New Ways has been working to improve access to clean water to reduce the risk of famine and tribal conflicts over water. Providing a reliable source of fresh water allows children, particularly girls, and women to more easily access education as they do not need to spend time sourcing and then carrying heavy water. With this burden lifted, education is much more likely to take place.

Education is a vital component in providing the next generation with advantages their parents lacked, and enabling real change within communities. Our projects include nursery schools and mother-and-child classes, as well as workshops and seminars on topics such as health and nutrition. Each day, thousands of children attend our centres for meals and a basic education.

Education

Our education programme in Turkana, Kenya seeks to support children all the way from nursery to university. The aim of the programme is to empower the local people by supporting as many as possible through primary and secondary school initially, and then to offer assistance to those who wish to study at tertiary level.

By providing the basics of reading, writing and numeracy, we are able to offer children and young people the skills they need to better support their communities and families with better access to job opportunities. Since we began, many of our young students have grown up and remained in or returned to the local communities as teachers themselves to pass on their learning to a new generation.



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Supporting a nursery

Each of the mother and child centres in Turkana has their own challenges and characteristics but they share key aims and activities to improve the nutritional and learning conditions of the nursery children.

The key objectives for the project at the Nariokotome nursery school are:

- Provide a proper learning environment for the nursery children up to 6 years old.
- Promote English especially for school-going children and their mothers.
- Provide portable water for the children and the community.
- Provide a proper balanced diet for the children.
- Empower the mothers of the children who attend the school.
- Improve the sanitation and hygiene of the community especially the children and their families.
- Medical care for the children and their families.
- Promote agriculture in the area.



Budget

It costs almost £10,000 per year to run each of the 6 nurseries in this programme to provide 2 meals a day as well as an education to on average 50 children. The food budget for the year is £4200 per nursery with the remainder being staff costs of £2525 and maintenance of the infrastructure of the nurseries and transport of the food from further south to our remote location approx. £3100 per year. Thus £195 per child per year of which £80 covers the food budget so about £7 per month.



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Summary

These projects help to realise the potential of underprivileged Kenyan nursery school children by giving them an improved environment and materials for learning, basic essential medical support, and food leading to improved nutrition. What a nursery child eats will have a striking and lasting impact on his or her physical and mental health throughout adolescence and adulthood. It is therefore essential and crucial that food of nutritional value is provided. Supporting these activities will help these nursery children across the three centres get much more out of their education and helps provide them with a brighter future.



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