

SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS KATOLO, KENYA

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL SUMMARY



bricks + cartwheels is an Australian charitable organisation that works to provide an opportunity for people and communities to directly influence their own built environment. bricks + cartwheels are working with the community of Katolo, Kenya to design and construct a secondary school for girls as well as financially assist with the project.

OVERVIEW

In 2003 tuition fees in Kenyan primary schools were abolished giving a whole generation of children the chance of primary education. However, because of a lack of education infrastructure many children will miss out on this opportunity if much needed schools are not built.

The rural community of Katolo, Kenya has identified the need for a new secondary school for girls as the most critical issue in their local area. There is an unquestionable need to provide the girls of Katolo with the opportunity to become educated leaders and members of their own community.

“ EDUCATING GIRLS YIELDS A HIGHER RATE OF RETURN THAN ANY OTHER INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD ”

Lawrence Summers, Chief Economist, World Bank

Maureen, aged 13, guided the bricks + cartwheels team through her community and described her dream to attend secondary school. We met Maureen, and other members of the Katolo community on a University break to Kenya in the summer of 2007. It was there that we discovered a community full of great spirit, character and strength. But also a community so underdeveloped and poorly resourced, its promise to develop into a community of great hope and potential was left unrecognised.

If Maureen is lucky, she will be one of only a handful of girls in the Katolo community who will continue her education in secondary school. Despite the abolition of primary school fees in Kenya in 2003, secondary education is still fee paying. On average tuition fees are twice the average per capita income. When forced to make a choice, families traditionally choose to educate their son over educating their daughter. This is where Maureen misses out.

bricks + cartwheels will work together with the community of Katolo to provide the opportunity for girls like Maureen to attend secondary school.

OBJECTIVES

1. Design and build a new Secondary School for Girls in Katolo.

The school will be run by the community to secure the education of Katolo girls so they may reach their full potential and become passionate, confident and intelligent women. This will reduce the gender disparity prevalent in Kenyan society.

2. Generate activities that strengthen the knowledge, abilities and skills of the community.

The project will empower the community, not only the women, through their full involvement and participation in the design and construction process. Whilst the built outcome of the project is important, it is building the local capacity of the community that will sustain the community's development.

PROPOSAL

The Katolo community intends to establish a secondary school for girls in Katolo. The new school will be built in Katolo to serve the needs of girls in the community - a local school for local students. The school will have a total floor area of 4300 square metres. The school will enroll 320 secondary aged girls in a four year education to prepare for university and future employment. The school will have full boarding facilities and residences for the highly qualified teaching staff. The new school will attract infrastructure to the community such as access to clean drinking water, a multipurpose hall and recreational facilities and provide employment opportunities both during the construction and ongoing operations of the school.

bricks + cartwheels will plan, design and document the new school facilities to support the community. bricks + cartwheels will also assist in procurement of the new school development. Upon completion of the project, The Secondary School for Girls will exist as sustainable community infrastructure and operate with financial independence.

PROJECT PROGRAM

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| 2008 | Secure land tenure, fundraising and research |
| 2009 | Begin construction of Secondary School for Girls - Stage 1 |
| 2010 | Stage 1 complete. |
| 2011 | Stage 2 complete. |
| 2012 | Stage 3 complete. |
| 2013 | Stage 4 complete. |
| 2014 | Stage 5 and 6 complete. |

SCHOOL PROGRAM

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| 2011 | Enrollment Form 1 |
| 2012 | Forms 1 + 2 |
| 2013 | Forms 1 + 2 + 3 |
| 2014 | Operation of school at full capacity |

PROJECT CASH FLOW

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| 2008-2009 | \$57 370 for Stage 1 site works and land compensation |
| 2009-2010 | \$349 320 for Stage 2 construction |
| 2010-2011 | \$255 375 for Stage 3 construction |
| 2011-2012 | \$253 800 for Stage 4 construction |
| 2013-2014 | \$121 250 for Stage 5 construction |
| 2013-2014 | \$ 32 072 for Stage 6 construction |

AUD \$1 142 490 Total capital costs

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