



KEN-REC-SFP-P02, Nairobi, Kenya  
Reporting Period: July - December 2017

## Ensuring Learning Through Nutrition - Kenya

**Budget:** \$31,500 over three years. Year 3 (final year) begins 1/1/18 – fully funded.

### Update:

This project provides nearly 300 school-children living in Kawangware slum in Nairobi with two meals a day - porridge at 10am and a meal consisting of protein and carbohydrates at lunchtime. This report covers the last six months of Year 2 of the program. The goal of the school is to provide a quality education and break the poverty trap. The school is in the heart of the slum to reach the families where education is often just a dream.

Life in Kawangware, one of Africa's largest slums, is a constant battle. An estimated 600,000 people live in four square kilometres and it imposes a poverty mind-set within the community. Many of the school children do not have breakfast and come to school hungry, knowing they will receive two meals at school. This is a key driver in keeping the students enrolled in school and turning up every day. It also helps the parents to know their children are not only being cared for educationally but in their physical health as well. Our partners report that this is a cornerstone of the school program and are very grateful for this key support.



As the school grows it is seeking to become financially independent, gradually raising school fees (which are still minimal) until there is no longer a need for Entrust as the nutrition program will be covered by school fees. The Principal reports that this goal is on track and they are hoping the school will be self-sustaining by early 2019 – this would be a huge achievement. Entrust Foundation has been supporting this program on a decreasing scale of support as the funds raised from school fees increases. Our partners report that they are still 21.77% away from reaching this goal and we will liaise closely with them over the next 12 months to ascertain how this is progressing.



Jenny Crameri, Entrust's Project Manager for Africa visited the school in June 2017 and Rev Andrew Kakai from the school paid a visit to Australia in August 2017. Rev Kakai said, *"The main challenge encountered during this period was as a result of inflation. This resulted in increased prices for foodstuffs and fuel, though we were able to manage our way through it by way of bulk purchasing and reviewing our weekly menu to spread the costs. Whilst 276 students have been fed at school, the program indirectly affects other family members as it greatly subsidises the family expense for food."*

Tressy, pictured left, lost both her parents three years ago and she was on the verge of dropping out of school as her guardians struggled to provide for a bigger family. Tressy will now finish primary school in 2019 thanks to the feeding program, which has ensured two meals per day for the past three years.

We thank you for filling the stomachs of young children. Without food children suffer, becoming listless, unable to concentrate and their immune system is compromised. This project keeps children like Tressy in school. Thank you!