



Completion Report

KEN-REC-SFP-P03, Nairobi, Kenya
Reporting Period: January – October 2018

Ensuring Learning Through Nutrition - Kenya

Budget: \$31,500 over three years. Fully funded!

Update:

This project has provided 307 school children living in Kawangware slum in Nairobi with two meals a day - porridge at 10 am and a meal consisting of protein and carbohydrates at lunchtime. This report completes a 3-year project with our partners and has been a great success, helping move the school to a self-sustainable position and to provide consistency. 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. Poverty in these areas is generational and the goal is to provide a quality education and break the poverty cycle. 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 as from a safety perspective. Our partners report that this has been a cornerstone of the school program and are very grateful for this key support.



As the school has grown its aim has been to become financially independent, gradually raising school fees (which are still minimal) until there is no longer a need for Entrust funding as the nutrition program will be covered by school fees. Our partners report, "We expect the levies to sustain the "Learning Through Nutrition" project beginning January 2019.



Rev Andrew Kakai the Director of the School said, "Inflation continues to be a challenge and there have been changes with the introduction of a new school learning curriculum which means we have had to retrain teachers." He added, "Whilst 307 students have been fed at school, 280 other family members have been indirectly helped as it greatly subsidises the family expense for food. We are so grateful for your support."

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. We are so pleased to be associated with these partners who have worked diligently and consistently towards their 3-year goal to stand on their own. We congratulate them and we thank you for standing alongside our partners and the community they serve – real partnership bringing real results!

*Top: Children growing and thriving due to good nutrition and education.
Left: Joyce, one of the kitchen staff serving lunch in the hall. A busy job!*