



End of Year Report

2015 Project

Open Arms International

School Classroom Block

The funds provided to your organisation for the current year by TFWA Care were donated following the approval of the TFWA Management Committee and Board. Among the prerequisites for funding by TFWA Care are transparency and accountability. We would be grateful if you could send us a brief summary of the project, the objectives achieved, problems encountered, impact on the local community and indicators of the project's success. We will share the report with the Management Committee at the end of year meeting.

Please do not hesitate to report on the project's successes as well as any aspects that did not go according to plan. This serves to provide a greater understanding of the challenges and issues encountered by the communities on whose behalf your organisation is working. Any quantifiable indicators will also be helpful in your report.

Thank you.



Project details

1. Please summarise in a few words the project supported by TFWA CARE, including the principle objectives and duration.

To build one classroom block, providing four new classrooms for Open Arms Academy.

What activities were carried out within the scope of the project over the course of the year?

The build was finished in spring 2015, following which the pupils were moved immediately from the previous classrooms (old mud huts). In addition, the additional classroom space has given the teachers more room to plan lessons and receive additional training.

Evaluation

2. Has the project been successful? Please outline the success factors for each objective as well as the challenges encountered and solutions adopted to overcome them.
Very successful.

The provision of the additional classrooms built to an exact specification has produced a much more positive learning environment, which is already being reflected in improved academic results.

An additional 31 children from the local community, for whom Educational Sponsorship had successfully been secured from donors in the US, UK and Kenya, were enrolled in April 2015. This would have been impossible unless the new classroom block had been made available.

The build was completed on time and well within budget, which meant the remaining funding was used to provide all the equipment to ensure the block could be fully utilised immediately.

3. Did the work accomplished this year help you learn lessons that will benefit future work?

The TFWA block was the third purpose-built classroom to be built, and as a result many lessons had already be learnt prior to the build. Substantial funds were saved because all building materials were sourced and bought in advance.

Sustainability

4. How has the project had a positive impact on the community/ies at the core of the project and what will be the long term benefits? Please explain if the project has helped empower the beneficiaries by providing greater autonomy.

The provision of the block enabled the Academy to transform its learning environment, the classrooms being so bright and airy. Children from the local community, whose families are unable to afford school fees/costs, were enrolled as soon as Education Sponsorship was secured.

The additional space has also ensured that the teachers have space to plan lessons and receive training. Two highly successful 'teacher exchange' programmes, funded by the UK government, have taken place, the benefits of which have been relayed to the whole OAA teaching staff.

With the growth and success of the Academy, plans are being put in place to ensure that, in the long-term, the management of the Open Arms Academy is overseen by its own Board of Development, made up of Educational professionals from the UK and Kenya.

Will the project continue in the future or is it now complete? Will further funding be required in the future to complete the work? Please indicate if the initial funding request was a multi-year project. ** (see footnote).

Whilst the Open Arms Academy will continue to grow both numerically and professionally, this particular stage of the project is now complete.

Finance

5. Please provide a summarised breakdown of how TFWA Care funds were utilised for the project. (please find attached)



Please attach your latest annual report as well as any pictures you would like to use to illustrate this report.

We would be grateful if you could send this to John Rimmer (j.rimmer@tfwa.com) by **November 6 2015 at the latest.**



TFWA Classroom Block



Open Arms Academy Classroom Blocks



Pupils at work inside TFWA Classroom Block

** If you would like to submit a request for further funding for a **new project** to be funded by TFWA CARE in 2016, please complete the form on the following page.