



Transforming Young
Kenyan Lives

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KARIBUNI CHILDREN CHRISTMAS 2021 APPEAL

Can you please help us to continue to educate and feed Karibuni's sponsored children?

Dear supporters,

As Christmas approaches I would like to provide you with an update and to seek your help.



First, some good news. Reported new COVID-19 infections in Kenya are declining. But there is a long way to go because so few Kenyans have yet to receive a vaccination. As I write, just 4% of the population have been fully vaccinated. Some project staff have suffered from COVID-19 but thankfully have recovered. Effective hygiene is still a priority and we continue to help with the costs of PPE equipment including face masks.

The very worrying news is that, following two consecutive poor rainy seasons, many parts of Kenya are experiencing a crippling drought which is so serious that the Kenyan Government has declared a national disaster. The drought is affecting the supply of foodstuffs throughout the country.

Combined with record fuel costs this means

that when our partner projects go out to buy the staple ingredients for the midday meals they provide to our sponsored children, they are faced by rapidly increasing prices and, in some cases, food shortages. By way of example, the 2022 food costs budget for Kibra, our largest partner project, is 40% up on 2021.

We don't want the projects to cut corners in the quality and size of meals they serve up for the children and so we will be ensuring that we provide larger grants to cover those increasing costs.

Following the long periods of COVID related lockdown the Kenyan Government has launched a commendable initiative to help children to make up some of the lost learning, running four school terms per year in 2021 and 2022, rather than the usual three terms. The additional weeks of education mean that where fees are payable we have faced requests for extra school fees both this year and next.

Closer to home, since the pandemic struck, our income from the many fundraising events which our supporters usually run has fallen considerably. As a result our overall income is down. On the plus side, many of you have continued to send us regular donations for which we are most grateful. Additionally, earlier this year we benefitted from a supporter leaving us a donation in their Will. This took the form of a percentage of their estate and really encouraged us at a time when our income was under severe pressure.

Hopefully we will soon see a more benign fundraising climate, but for the moment we face the challenge of increasing costs in Kenya just when our income in the UK has dropped. So yet again we are having to dip into our cash reserves to make ends meet.

Eighteen months ago, at the start of lockdown in Kenya, our supporters responded most generously to our appeal for help and this enabled us to support sponsored children and their families with food parcels and in other ways for many months. One way we used that money was to purchase solar radios for the sponsored children at Tharaka, so enabling them to tune into school lessons on the local radio station.



As we enter the season of goodwill and of giving, we ask for your help again. Can you contribute to our appeal now so that we can continue to help the

Kenyan children for whom Karibuni is an extra parent. This could take the form of a one-off gift or a more direct sponsorship of an individual child in the final stage of their education at University, College or Polytechnic. In either case your contribution will help us in our work of transforming young Kenyan lives.

Thank you for your support,

John Cotton
Chairman of Trustees
Karibuni Children

You can support our appeal by:

- Making a bank transfer to Karibuni Children, Sort Code 20-03-18, Account number 70692697 (Please add your surname & initial as a reference and, if possible, notify us of this donation by emailing us : office@karibuni.org.uk)
- Sending a cheque (payable to "Karibuni Children") to Karibuni Children, Stoke Mandeville Methodist Church, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville, Bucks HP22 5UJ.
- Donating via our website: <https://www.karibuni.org.uk/donate/>
- Ringing 01296 614887 and making a donation by credit or debit card

NB Via Gift Aid your donation can be boosted by 25p for each £1 you donate. If you are not already registered with us we can send you a form for completion and return.

If you would like to find out more how a gift in your Will could help Karibuni Children in the future, please contact Trustee, Nigel Roberts on 01494 681766 or nigelroberts@karibuni.org.uk in the strictest confidence.

To discuss sponsorship for an individual child, please contact Kate Winterbottom, our UK Sponsorship Co-ordinator (sponsorship@karibuni.org.uk)