



Wamba Community Trust

Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended
31 March 2020

Charity No 1138173

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Wamba Community Trust – Aims and Objectives

- To promote the benefit of young people living in the Wamba district of Kenya, by:
 - the advancement of education
 - the prevention or relief of poverty
 - the promotion and preservation of good health
- To advance in life and relieve the needs of young people through the provision of education, support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Wamba Community Trust was set up in 2005 and after 5 years of growth, was registered with the Charity Commission in September 2010.

This small family run charity's ethos is that all donations go directly to the people that need it most, the people of Wamba. We have no paid staff and no CEO, we don't use your money just to run the charity like many do or to fund trips to Wamba.

- The projects use locally sourced materials, supporting local suppliers and avoiding import costs and duties.
- Local labour is used on all projects, supporting the local community and developing ownership.

My Visits to Wamba

February 2020

It was my first trip to Wamba in 13 months as for many different reasons I was unable to do a second visit in 2019 and I got back just before the country virtually shut down due to Covid-19. It was a very busy trip as I had so much to catch up on, people to see, schools and projects to visit, and following the very heavy rains in December, I have never seen Wamba so Green with so much vegetation for the animals. It was such a pleasure to take



my wonderful friend Nicole with me to see the work of the charity and experience life in a semi nomadic tribal community. We visited our sponsored girls at Wamba Girls' School and bought them books they required, visited Wamba Mix School, enrolled 2 students on computer courses at Eclipse College, visited our water tank which is in need of restoration - big fundraising target for

2020!! We took clothes to Huruma Children's home where Jeremia is now living (an update on Jeremia below) and gave football kits to Milimani Primary and Namunyak Wildlife Workers. We visited the first of our bathrooms which we are funding this year and had meetings with Sam the Community Health Volunteer. We spent time at Ruby Pre-school where we saw the effects of the heavy rains on their toilets we built about five years ago - another fundraiser for 2020 to repair them!



Report on our Achievements this Financial Year

Beds, Mattresses and Lighting for Ntepes Primary School Dormitory

When I visited Ntepes Primary School in January 2019 I was taken to see the new girls' dormitory that they had built by a Kenyan NGO but there was no money to furnish it so only a few who could afford to bring a mattress to school were able to stay there. They also had solar panels fitted but no light fittings and wiring to the panels to be able to make use of them. As more and more children access education there is a real need to provide accommodation for those that are orphaned, live a long distance away, or are vulnerable due to family situations. With help from very dear friends, money was raised to provide 30 bunk beds, 60 mattresses and light fittings and wiring so the girls have light at night to do homework and socialise.



Jeremia

It has been a very difficult and emotional year on our journey with Jeremia. He was so happy and thriving when I saw him last year at Divine Providence School even though the holiday times going back to Wamba were a logistical nightmare. In May 2019 Wamba Community Trust raised the funds to provide the school with a proper physiotherapy table and other equipment that would not only benefit Jeremia, but all the other children at the school. However in June 2019 I received a message to say Jeremia had fallen from his wheelchair and broken a leg. He was admitted to Isiolo Hospital and eventually transferred to Wamba Hospital but once his leg mended a few months later, the Sister at Divine Providence School said it was too much of a risk to take him back as he is so fragile. His uncle took him to Huruma Children's Home attached to Wamba Hospital where he has been ever since. At first I thought this



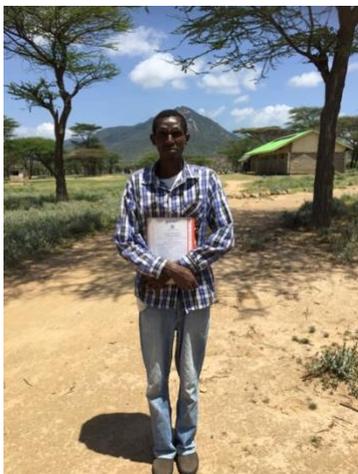
was a good place for him as his family could visit him regularly, but on my recent visit I realise that they never visit him and he is in a home full of orphaned children all of whom have severe learning disabilities. He is the only one with physical disabilities and has no interaction or stimulation from the other children. The staff do however take him to the local pre-school a few mornings a week. The home is clean and tidy and full of caring staff but I cant help feeling that there must be somewhere better for him to be with other children he can grown up with.



Ruby Pre-School

A few years ago the government built two new classrooms attached to Ruby Pre-school as the number of children attending has risen dramatically over the years. These classrooms have now been registered to run a Primary School which will help the older children who have to walk quite a distance to another Primary School once they move on. However, it is not up and running yet due to hold ups with the Government that I can't begin to understand!

Ruby Pre-School has not received food for many months from the County Government so the attendance has been low as this is often their only meal of the day. If it is not there they don't waste energy walking to school. Wamba Community Trust has been able to fund a few months' supplies and will try to raise the money to continue. Unfortunately I was unable to meet with the local MP on my recent visit to discuss this issue.



On my visit to the school I met with Johnson who lives in the local community and has just completed his ECDE (Early Childhood Development & Education) training and we discussed the possibility of him volunteering at the school whilst seeking paid work. He has all the relevant Police Checks and Antonella the Head Teacher was happy to take him on for a month's trial. This trial has been very successful and he has even started teaching the elder women in the community how to read and write when the school has closed. Wamba Community Trust will pay him volunteer expenses whilst at the school which will be for a maximum of a year. Once finished, the position will be offered to some of the girls we sponsor who are currently doing the training.

Working in Partnership with Wamba Community Health Volunteers

Wamba Community Trust continues to provide projects that promote healthy lifestyles in partnership with Wamba Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). Following our very successful Toilet Project in 2018 where we funded the build of 16 community long drop toilets working in partnership with the CHVs, we plan to fund the build of 16 community bathrooms (a small room where they can take a bucket and wash in private) next to each toilet. Four bathrooms have been built so far.



Why are the bathrooms needed? Due to the crowded conditions of the homes it is difficult for girls and women to have a private space to wash and many will go months without doing so. It is especially difficult for them during their monthly periods, and those in education often don't go to school during this time. Most boys and men are happy to wash in the river, but this brings health risks as when the river is low and stagnant it is not a hygienic place to wash. Recent feedback from the CHVs has revealed the need to have separate community bathrooms next to each toilet. The reason for this is that the current toilets are being used mainly by girls and women as bathrooms as it is a private space to

have a wash. This makes the toilets out of use for long periods of time whilst they are being used as a bathroom.

The CHVs work hard educating the communities on their regular visits. They discuss issues of personal hygiene, encouraging the use of the toilets and tip taps to wash hands instead of using the river, but if the toilets are always unavailable it will drive people back to use the river beds. The bathrooms will benefit the whole community especially girls and women as they will have a private space to wash. Wamba Community Trust funded a motorbike to aid their work travelling long distances between the communities.

Further Achievements

- Funded four students to do a 4 week computer course
- Bought Laptops for two students and phones for four students
- Bought sanitary towels for Wamba Mix Secondary School – the Government gives sanitary towels to all Primary Schools but not Secondary Schools where they are needed!
- Bought NHIF Cards for 6 families (National Health Insurance Fund) enabling them to get free healthcare for a year.
- Paid for Sam to do his Fifa Referees Advanced Training
- Bought a sheep to be used to help a women who had a cesarean operation. She was very ill afterwards and needed the blood to bring her back to health which she drinks everyday in soup.
- Bought miscellaneous food and clothes for some of the very vulnerable members of the community, and mended bikes and paid for small items of health care during my visit

Sponsored Students

Unfortunately due to Coronavirus all the schools in Kenya were ordered to shut down on 16 March 2020 with 7 cases confirmed in the country. Students have all had to return to Wamba on public transport where costs of travel have been inflated to take advantage of the situation.

The situation is very sad for one of our students Leah who was just about to graduate from University and was selected as one of 6 students to visit the UK with a trip to Brighton University for a month in April/May 2020. We funded the cost for her to get a passport but the trip has obviously been postponed along with her graduation. I was very excited about the prospect of visiting Leah in Brighton but hopefully it will still happen at some point in the future.

We are currently supporting 38 girls through primary, secondary and further education and contribute towards Jeremia's living costs at the children's home. Primary schools are developing their boarding facilities to enable the most vulnerable children to stay at school during term time. Those that have to walk for miles to school or who are from semi nomadic families can also stay at school and Wamba Community Trust is increasingly supporting those that need it most. Wamba Mixed Secondary Day School is developing into a very good school and pupils in Form 4 gained excellent results in November 2019. Secondary education in day schools in Kenya has been free since 2018 with only fees for school meals to be paid for. It is a great school for students who have stable family lives to go home to each day and Wamba Community Trust has increased the support of those students who need it most.

Our support of vulnerable girls from Wamba through further education is proving more and more challenging each year. Once they finish secondary education and move into further education, for most of them the support costs increase considerably. They need accommodation, equipment for their chosen course, placement costs where they have opportunities to gain experience, and transport costs to and from home during holiday times. As education develops in Kenya most of the students need their own laptop and we buy them phones so they can contact us via WhatsApp. We try to get the families to take some responsibility for their daughter's costs where possible, but some are orphans, others have such large families, their families withdraw all help when a sponsor is identified so that they can concentrate on their other children who don't have a sponsor.

Current Sponsored Students – January 2020

Ntepes Primary

Sunday Lemargerroi
Napunyu Lekero

DEB Primary

Naanyu Lekutai
Scolla Lekutai
Teresia Lekutai
Jane Lekutai

Wamba Mix

Martha Lesowapir
Catherine Lesurmat
Nasha Deborah Lenaitalaiyio
Beatrice Ngilayon Loloju
Violet Loldikir
Maurine Dorcas Leikar
Lina Lelenguya

Amboseli Institute

Diploma in Tourism & Business Studies
Mary Paula

Tracom College

Certificate in Secretarial Studies
Milva Nguyan

Mount Kenya University

Diploma in Community Health & HIV AIDS
Ann Naramet

Mwangaza Mixed

Lynet Lemalita

Wamba Girls

Leah Lesurmat
Betty Soila
Lorine Alvoch
Naima Antuan
Rose Lenkirira
Samwella Lesuper
Achichi Lalkalepi
Margaret Mkamburi

Thika School of Medical & Health Sciences

Diploma Applied Biology
Merina Napeyok

Aboselli Institute

Diploma in Wildlife Management
Sylvester Lenaimado

Jomo Kenyetta University
Agriculture & Technology
Doreen Khoboso

Rongo University - Bachelor of Science in
Communication & Journalism
Leah Lemalon

Technical University of Mombasa
Diploma in Procurement & Materials Management
Asha Lelenguya

Nairobi Institute of Business Studies
Diploma in Hospitality Management
Naisula Malkia

Chogoria College
Certificate in ECDE
Christine Nina Lororua

East Africa Institute
Secretarial Certificate
Catherine Naanoi

Egoji Teachers College
ECDE Certificate
Michellita Letoto

Eclipse College - Computers
Naserian Narunyu
Everline Lemalon

Eclipse College - ECDE
Catherine Ledoko

TIBS College - Diploma
Front Office Operations & Admin
Ambrail Kawira

Catholic Technical Training Centre
Mechanic Grade 1-3
Suleman Lekuder



How we Raised the Money

Most of the money raised is from kind donations from friends and family and we couldn't achieve what we do without their support. A very big thank you to all that have contributed.

I spend a great deal of my time applying to Trust Funds and Foundations and I am always delighted when applications are successful and the Trustees can see the real benefit the money is making to the community of Wamba. A very big thank you to all that have granted funds.

Fundraising was very much down this year compared to other years. We held a car boot sale, a coffee afternoon, a good friend held a raffle at her garden party and I gave talks to local community groups.

And lastly a very big thank you to all my friends in Wamba especially Kerikeri, Kamanga and Antony without whom none of this would be possible.

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Income & Expenditure 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020

Income		Expenditure	
Grants	13,600.00	Projects	28,457.58
Donations	7018.08		
Gift Aid	999.50		
Fundraising	767.00		
Misc	240.51		
Interest	5.71		
Total	£22,630.80		£ 28,457.58
Balance b/fw	17408.98		
Balance c/fw	11,582.20		

Projects

School Fees & Associated Expenses	19,155.60
Beds, Mattresses & Lights for Ntepes Primary School Dormitory	2,899.62
Ruby Pre-School uniforms, food & books	1,397.91
Clothes, food & support for community	1,120.79
Physiotherapy Equipment for Divine School	1,041.51
Motorbike to Assist CHV's	815.69
Medical Support	556.15
Care for Jeremia	528.16
Bathroom Project	510.92
HIV / AIDs Awareness Training Final Expenses	284.19
FIFA's Training for Referee	76.36
Water Pump Mended	70.68

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