



Wamba Community Trust

Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended
31 March 2022

Charity No 1138173

Charity Information

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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.

Another Year with no Visits to Wamba!

With the Pandemic changing the lives of all of us in so many ways, I have not been able to visit Wamba since February 2020 but I'm very happy to say that I am finally planning to visit in June 2022.

Due to the lack of visits we have not been able to plan any new projects so it has been another quiet year. We have however been able to fund essential maintenance at Ruby Pre-School and fund the distribution of food for the most vulnerable families in the community. You can read about both projects below. But the main focus of this report is to celebrate the students we have supported over the years and the ones we are currently supporting and how our support has changed their lives. Read some of their reports below.

Empowering Girls and Young Women Through Education



Our funding supports vulnerable young women from Wamba to continue their education. Many families from the Samburu tribe do not value girls' education so they drop out at the end of primary education and stay at home to help look after younger siblings. Most secondary schools in Kenya are boarding schools, enabling the girls to escape harmful cultural practices such as FGM, beading and child marriage. Education is so vital in making a significant difference to the quality of the young women's lives, promoting equality, enabling them to understand their basic human rights, and disrupting the poverty cycle. We work closely with the Principle of Wamba High, local Primary schools and

Women's groups to identify those that are in the most need of our support. Many of the girls we support are orphans of HIV AIDS and are looked after by older siblings or extended family members, and sometimes just members of the local community looking out for them.

Our support of vulnerable girls from Wamba 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, costs when they have opportunities to gain experience on attachments, 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 also buy them phones so they can contact us via WhatsApp. We try to get the families to take some responsibility for their daughters' 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. We try to encourage the girls to find part time work whilst they are studying to help with their living costs but this isn't always very easy for them as so many people are chasing the same jobs.

Ambrail – TIBS College – Diploma in Front of Office Operations & Administration



"Hello I'm Ambrail, I'm 22 years, I'm in college but currently I'm on an industrial attachment for three months before I return to school for my final 6 months then I will go and get a job. My attachment is at a water supply company and my job is to record problems and soon I will be on reception receiving visitors.

Im very happy because before I got the support from the charity I had stayed home for two years, my mum is single, I have siblings and she doesn't have a job, but since I am educated I can go and take care of her and my siblings. Im happy because without this support maybe I could be married, I could be a maid, but at least I can see my life is changing, very soon I will get a job, very soon I will have a better life compared to before".

Christine - South Eastern Kenya University – Bachelor in Commerce

"I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making Wamba Community Trust possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection and deeply appreciate the support. I have just completed my second year at University and I am also studying for a CPA which is an additional course in accountancy. My background is from a pastoral community of Wamba where education, especially the girl child, is not valued. But my dream is to make a difference and become a role model in future. My parents and even my immediate neighbours have never been to school and would never encourage education, but rather marriage which to me is not the way forward. Thank you for the support and helping me achieve my dreams".



Catherine - Harvard Institute of Development Studies – Diploma in Computerised Secretarial



"Am Catherine, am an orphan girl my parents passed away long ago when I was in nursery school. I was taken to one of the children's homes here at Wamba (Kindfund Children's Home) it's where I was raised up until I finished my primary level. After there I went back home to an unemployed sister of mine as at the home they were not paying school fees for high school to any child they were only helping until one is done with primary level. My sister and I went to look for the well wishes who can help me pay the school fees for my high school level and that's how I managed my high school level it's only the well wishes and the bursaries that helped me finish. After my high school this is where I met mum Clare, it's where I saw my dreams come true... I explained all my problems to Clare and I appreciate she is a listening mum, she listened and accepted me to be one of the many girls she is sponsoring. For sure Wamba Community Trust has been my hope I get all the help from here. Can't thank you enough. I went to college and did my secretarial course and currently am in attachment at Wamba Boys School as I wait for my final exams. Am really grateful for the love and kindness of Wamba Community Trust if where not for you I couldn't have reach where I am today with my education. Thanks to Wamba Community Trust, your daughter here is grateful. Thank you".

Stella - Bahati Technical College – Certificate in Information Technology

"I come from Ntepes in Wamba, Samburu County. Most Samburu's live in Manyattas as shown in the picture. My family consist of two parents and seven children. We are a pastoralist community that means we have seasonal migration along traditional routes. My parents are jobless and as for the children, one has learning difficulties and the rest face challenges of schooling. As the first born I want to show that I can be educated and give back to my wonderful community and be a good example to my siblings that anyone can make it regardless of their background.



No words could possibly express how happy I am from benefitting from the work of the charity. Mom your generosity encourages me not only to continue to be hopeful but also to continue on my academic path as a future information technology guru. I may not ever be able to say or show this enough to you, but thank you so much for your kindness. From the first day Wamba Community Trust started supporting me I have had a positive vibe with life since from where I come from no one would ever say I could make it in life, but here I am today doing my certificate in information technology. For sure this is a dream manifesting itself. Mom is a wonderful person indeed since apart from supporting my education acts as a mother as she always is an encouraging person" Stella has just secured a part time job being a trainee of sales

and marketing websites for a company in Nairobi.

Leah – now in full time employment at Radio Ashe 106.5fm.



Following the completion of her degree in Journalism and Communication and an internship at a radio station in Nanyuki, Leah has secured a full time job at a radio station in Maralal. One of her main roles is to do a feature story that goes out on air each week and talks about different problems facing young people. The radio station is running a campaign in conjunction with Samburu County Government, UNICEF, Amraf and WHO to stop FGM, early marriage and many other problems facing the community. The campaign also encourages people to have good health and embrace education.

Christine Nina is now employed at Stars Kinder Garden in Wamba.

We supported Christine through secondary school and then through college to do her Early Childhood Development Education course which has led her to be employed back in Wamba. Christine writes *“thank you so much for your support through my education journey. Im so grateful to have you in my life, you are a blessing”*.



Current Sponsored Students – January 2022

DEB Primary

Scolla Lekutai
Teresia Lekutai
Jane Lekutai

Wamba Girls

Betty Soila
Lorine Alouch
Margaret Mkamburi
Achichi Lalkalepi
Tracy Tamr
Florian Lematambash
Naanyu Lekutai
Francisca Naserian
Sunday Lemargerioi

Wamba Mix

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

Mwangaza Mixed

Lynet Lemalita

Uaso Girls Secondary

Samwella Lesuper

Mary Paula

Amboseli Institute
Diploma In Tourism & Business Studies

Milva Ngyan

St Mary's, Isiolo
Certificate In Secretarial Studies

Ann Naramet

Mount Kenya University
Dipolma in Community Health & HIV AIDS

Merina Napeyok

Thika School of Medical & Health Sciences
Diploma in Applied Biology

Catherine Naanoi

Harvard Institute of Development Studies
Diploma in Computerised Secretarial

Catherine Ledoko

Eclipse College - ECDE

Stella Regina

Bahati Tech College

Certificate Information Tecnology

Ambrail Kawira

TIBS College - Diploma

Front Office Operations & Administration

Christine Lesuper

South Eastern Kenya Uni

Bachelor in Commerce

Purity Muthoni Murithi

Meru Institute for Business Studies

Cert in Journalism & Media Studies

Waiting Form 4 results

Naserian Narunyu

Everline Lemalon

Leah Lesurmat

Overall we have supported 76 girls and young women with 31 ongoing and 3 waiting to get their exam results before continuing with further education.

Report on our other Achievements this Financial Year

Food for the most Vulnerable in the Community

Hunger in Wamba has been a really big issue over the past two years. During the height of the pandemic people were not able to travel to earn money to feed their families, and severe drought has made accessing water even worse and many livestock have died. Wamba Community Trust has been able to respond to this in a small way. Working in partnership with the Community Health Volunteers a list of the most vulnerable in Wamba was obtained from the EDOWA Group (Empowering Disabled, Orphans, Widowed, & Aged) and we supplied a months food for 100 families three times in the past year. It was a very well organised project led by CHV Johnson with help from a local Church where the food was distributed and volunteer police and other helpers to make sure it all ran smoothly and social distancing was maintained.



Ruby Pre-School

This year we provided funding for a new floor to be laid as the old floor was crumbling away and leaking water from outside when it rained. The teacher's desk also needed to be replaced as it was badly damaged by termites and we provided new cupboards to store books and equipment in. We also provided books, pens and bowls for the children's lunch meal and provided food when the government failed to. We continue to fund the expenses of a volunteer ECDE teacher who supports the work of the head teacher and provides much needed assistance to provide quality education to the children. Due to the success of the school with attendance growing all the time, the government has finally granted the school with primary statues so the children from Ruby Pre-school don't have so far to travel when they move up to primary level.



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. Our Patron Robin Ince was able to resume his Christmas Charity event again and donated some of the takings to Wamba Community Trust which was so gratefully received. Some friends of mine ran guided cycling trips and donated the money to WCT.

Wamba Community Trust Income & Expenditure 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

Income		Expenditure	
Grants	15,250.00	Projects	19,413.04
Donations	4,535.71		
Gift Aid	1,397.50		
Fundraising	1,952.37		
Western Union	100.00		
Interest	3.01		
Total	£23,238.68		£ 19,413.04

Projects

School Fees & Associated Expenses	16,111.75
Food for Disabled, Vulnerable & Elderly	1,917.86
Ruby Pre-school food	643.46
Ruby Pre-school floor mended & furniture	535.69
Ruby Pre-school books, pens & bowls	67.37
Ruby Pre-school Volunteer Expenses	62.96
Volunteer Referee Training	73.95

Balance b/fw 25,535.57

Balance c/fw 27,859.26 + £1501.95* cash in hand

Cash in hand for community – taken out for
January trip that was postponed and carried
forward to June 2022 trip 1,501.95*

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