

THE EBCCK/EKHS REPORT 2024

Preamble

The EBCCK-EKHS Board of Management is pleased to report that in the last two years, the ministry has grown in leaps and bounds, to the Glory and Honour of the Lord.

From the onset, the board glorifies the Almighty God for the gift of life, abundance of grace and provisions received through the years.

To the entire twin boards, both local and the WALINDWA, that have been used by the Lord to accomplish so much in the last 2 years or so, your dedication to the Lords work is evident.

To the donors, their immense support and trust has made the projects reported therein to materialize and cause the desire impact on the children and the entire community. May the Lord richly bless everyone who contributed spiritually and materially.

Background

In the last 2 years, a number of needs came up, each with both the urgency and importance to the welfare of the children we serve. It is amazing how today, we can look back with gratitude at how each need was addressed and the impact each project has brought to the centre and made the whole campus a palace to marvel and enjoy living in.

In this report, a number of projects will be highlighted- both minor and major, with a brief background on the need that was there and how the project has not only addressed the need but created a better environment for the children and the community.

However, with the growth of the campus, this report will equally shade some light on future needs that are meant to make the entire place even better.

1. The Edify Program

The *EDIFY* program was introduced to us a year ago. The board took some time to understand the idea behind the whole program.

With the powerful connection of Dr. Keith, the board held its first meeting with one of the program directors from Uganda. From the discussion, it was clear that the group had a lot to offer that could benefit our institution. However, at that time, the group had not made formal entry into the country-they were in the process of getting the required clearance from the ministry of education - so as to formally set base in Kenya.

Having developed the interest, the board asked that the group to conduct an assessment of the school and identify areas that needed improvement. More meetings were set via zoom. So far, two other zoom meetings have been convened, latest on 29th May 2024, where the two parties agreed that EDIFY would send evaluation parameters/ indicators to

the school. The board and other stake holders would use the parameter to evaluate itself again and send a report to *edify* who would in turn look and identify areas they could come in for training and guidance.

The board is eagerly waiting for communication from the *Edify* representatives. It is ready to undertake the evaluation, especially during the school vacation.

Overall, the *EDIFY* idea is positive and the board hopes to learn a lot from the group so as to realize one of its objective of setting a not only financially independent institution but also a profitable one.

2. Farley's water well

For many years, water shortage has been a thorn in the flesh in the daily running of the institution. Efforts to get sufficient water supply had been put in place from the start. The old well kept the home running for some time. But with the introduction of the school, the water need could not be sustained.

However, the blessing of the Farley water well has turned everything around. The well did not only produced cleaner and fresh water, but it did so with so much sufficiency that other ideas which were not thought of before are beginning to take shape.

Today, the whole campus has sufficient clean and fresh water. With the sufficiency;

- ✓ The health of the children has improved tremendously. Cases of water related sicknesses have reduced.
- ✓ Animals have sufficient water to drink
- ✓ The flushable toilets that had been abandoned and locked away are now being utilized maximally hence improved hygiene.
- ✓ The cleanliness of both the people and their living areas have been improved.
- ✓ The environment is clearly changed

The surplus water (overflow) is now slowly and ambitiously breeding more ideas of beneficial projects which will be detailed later in this report.

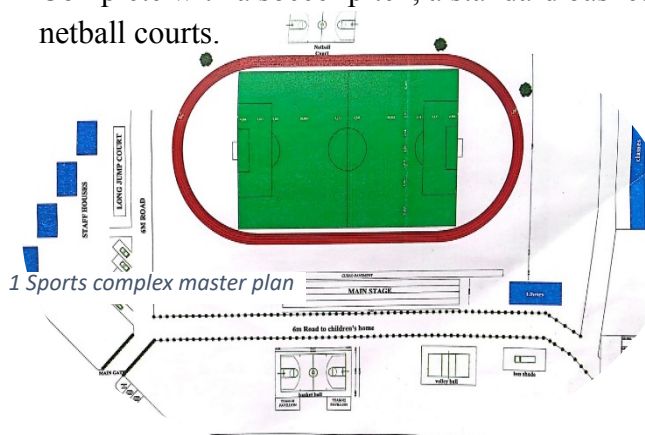


and environment for the provision of quality
 student space for the community to get
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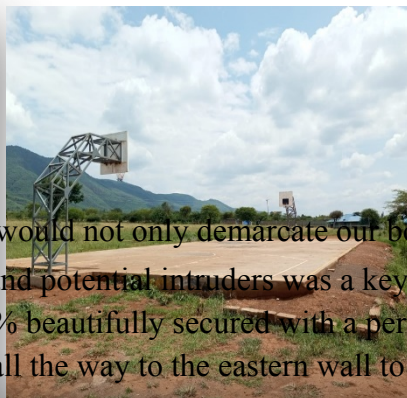
the new system in Kenya- Competency Based
 Curriculum (CBC), the need to have out door facilities became paramount. The school were
 to be assessed and rated in terms of her ability to accommodate the broad curriculum that
 went beyond class work into field activities. A school that would therefore provide
 opportunity to develop a whole round learner would stand a higher chance of attracting more
 learners.

The blessing of the Hoehn sport complex would not have come at a better time than now.
 Complete with a soccer pitch, a standard basketball court, athletics space, a volleyball and
 netball courts.



Today, EKHS prides itself and stands high among the well-endowed schools, with the ability to accommodate the CBC curriculum. With the facility 80% complete, the impact has already been felt;

- Students have shown a positive attitude towards the school and games activities
- For the first time, the school has been able to participate in the games competitions to the county levels.
- The school is promising to present a basketball team in the next games completion season, thanks to the new administrator who is an ardent basketball player and coach.
- The kids from the centre have a place to conduct their play time activities
- The school has hosted outside teams for friendly matches in both soccer and basketball
- The school environment has been elevated to a standard school set up- a true face of a standard school.
- The beautiful terraces has served well during graduation ceremonies



4 The perimeter wall

The need for a descent perimeter that would not only demarcate our boundary but provide security for our kids from stray dogs and potential intruders was a key prayer for years. It is with joy that today, our campus is 70 % beautifully secured with a permanent perimeter wall. The northern end from the main gate all the way to the eastern wall to the chicken parlour is well secured.



The wall has not only provided the needed security but has also enhanced the beauty of the compound and more so, enhanced the conduciveness of the learning environment. The little squabbles with the neighbours due to straying animals and sometimes kids has been reduced significantly.

5. The Weller-Sparling Computer Centre

Computer skills and knowledge in the 21st century is vital. With the gift of the Weller Sparling Computer Centre, complete with functional modern computers, the school has been able to offer computer studies, not only as a lesson but as an examinable subject. In the last 2 years, the school has registered candidates for the computer studies examinations.

Today, the subject is one of the top performing subjects with one of the candidates scoring grade A in the national examinations. The student in return came back as a volunteer teacher to help in coaching other students. This is sure testimony of the impact the computer centre has had in the school.

6. The Science Centre

Sciences contribute significantly in the overall examinable areas of the curriculum. Our students take all the three main sciences (Chemistry, Biology and physics) from form one. The science centre thus provides an opportunity to expose them at their early stage through the necessary practical lesson.

With the change in the curriculum, schools were re-assessed to establish its ability to host the different paths offered. Our school was able to receive a good rating, thanks to the science centre among other facilities.

However, there is an urgent need to have an extra room to accommodate a separate lab for Biology and Physics. At the moment, all the three sciences conduct its practical lessons from one room.

7. Bathroom and Septic systems

There has been a lot of improvements on the bathrooms in both the school and the children centre. The water sufficiency meant that the bathrooms were now usable. However, the original design had to be redone and refurbished. Whereas the work is ongoing, the status is not only neat and pleasing but more comfortable.



In the month of May, heavy rains caused unforeseen floods in the country and more so in our campus. Some toilets were rendered unusable, septic tanks were flooded. Emergency measures were put in place to salvage the situation in readiness for the second semester of the academic year. The efforts paid off for a while.

Fortunately, the modern washrooms developed within the boy's dormitory (*above picture*) served much to alleviate the rather dire situation.

The old washrooms within the girls' dormitory was refurbished giving it the all needed conditions befitting the girl child.

Similarly, the washrooms in the girl's dormitory at the children centre had to be done afresh since the walls were beginning to collapse. The old rooms were filled up and converted to sanitary stores. Today, the girls have clean and all tiled washrooms.



8. The Dr Keith Chicken Parlour

The chicken parlour is one of the oldest projects that has sustained the centre for the longest time. The project received the heavy hand of support from Dr Keith and immediately took off and has never looked back. The kids enjoy at least an egg once per week and chicken meat from time to time, not to mention the delicacy served to visitors who visit the centre. As it the African tradition, there is nothing more pleasing and honourable to a visitor than a meal of



Recently, the kids enjoyed a rare meat of a geese. Since then, the kids have asked that the parlour be expanded to include other birds like geese and ducks among others.

It is worth noting that this project has received a boost from the fact that the food left-overs are utilized well as feeds, *thanks to the perimeter wall that kept off stray dogs and chicken that used to scavenge for food.*

9. The New members of Staff

The support staff play key role in the day to day running of our institutions. Getting the right staff that have the passion for service has been the prayer of the board. In the last 2 years or so, it is worth testifying that God has sent to us the right people to support the children.

The need to retire the cooks that were serving before was necessitated by the fact that there were complains of neglect of duty, discrimination, insubordination and general negative attitude. Today, we are proud to report that the changes witnessed in the last two years had paid off. There is a complete change in the attitude among the staff which has also affected the kids positively. Some of the changes include;

- ❖ The Board saw it fit to have **Mr Bernard** (former social worker)

take up the Role of the Centre Manager.

Bernard has made tremendous improvements

In the home and the whole Institution.

He is an organized, well informed and commands

Respect among the staff and the kids.

As a trained Social Worker,

Bernard has been instrumental in advising the board

on the requirements by the government,

Represents the board in court during admissions

or exiting kids, keeping records and reports

of each child, Receiving officials from the government



and institutions...all have made positive comments about his leadership. Because of his role, the home has been ranked very highly by key government inspectors and have recommended the center for bench marking by other institutions.

- ❖ While looking for a cook, a passionate dorm mother came on board. Today we have 2 ladies, popularly referred to as '*mathees*' (corrupted from the name *mothers*) by the kids: Ruth and Caroline not only take care of the kids but **cook with LOVE**. The genuine smile of the kids is a testimony... it was the right time and the right people- God's timing. The two mothers work hand in hand with our own son- Robusta in the kitchen. The kids now are happy and enjoy their meals and fellowships.



There was a need to recruit a dorm parent for the boys to be with the boys.

Robert is passionate, caring and ready to go an extra mile- **a true father figure to the boys**. He is also a mobilizer and cuts across the campus in supporting others with manual duties. Robert has every detail of every Boy



on his fingertips.

There is a positive attitude among the boys;

who have now nicknamed him “*mr bonde*”- the elder.

- ❖ We also have new security guards. One for the day and one for the night. The day guard doubles up as the dorm parent for the high school boys.

They are well kitted and equipped for their job.

It is worth noting that they also come from the community;

in fact one of them is a parent to a girl in high school.



We are therefore enhancing our relationship with the community as well as supporting our own.

- ❖ The Administrator came on board to address the lack of balance needed among the teachers. It was noted that the teaching staff was composed of a certain age bracket- they lacked an elder/father figure to give direction and authority.

After years of prayer

and searching, the Lord blessed us with

Mr Timon Turmet; a professional trained teacher, a retired High school Principal and a Christian leader.

Mr Turmet is also a basketball player and trainer.

Within the short period he has been in office,

he has managed to raise a basketball team and promising

to participate in school competitions next year.



10. Sponsorship and Academic Performance

We are happy to report that a good number of our kids have continued to post good results in their academics.

This positive change in performance is attributed to a number of decisions taken by the board. They include change of school to from Orinie to St Johns Academy and the commitment of the staff in assisting them in their evening coaching lessons.



The high school is equally projected to post good results at the end of the year. This year, a total of 56 candidates are set to graduate on 22nd November. This is one of the largest class in the history of EKHS. This class also has the highest number of kids (20) under our scholarship program.

Other projects

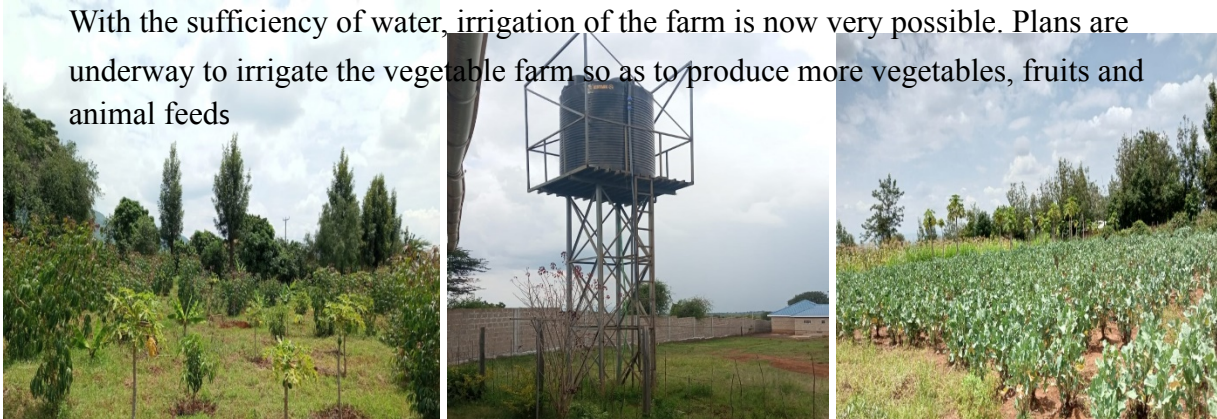
11. The CCTV cameras Project

The state department in charge of child welfare in one of their recent visit emphasized on the security of the campus. It recommended installation of CCTV system to enhance the security and general monitoring of the facility.

The board has already begun the process of procurement and scheduled the project to be done during the December vacation.

12. The Farm Irrigation Project

With the sufficiency of water, irrigation of the farm is now very possible. Plans are underway to irrigate the vegetable farm so as to produce more vegetables, fruits and animal feeds



Recently, we realized a **good cassava harvest** from the small area that could be fed with piped water.

This motivated us to have the project on a larger scale. An irrigation expert will be invited to help in the design.

13. Pig Keeping

As mentioned earlier, the kids have been introduced to other rare delicacies in their meals like gees and rabbit meat. The idea of having a piggery is viable and worth pursuing. There is an old cow shade below the dining room which can be used for a start. With the perimeter wall now securing the eastern wing, it can be used as one part of the piggery. An expert vet would be invited to advise more.

It is the view of the board that this project would help in expanding the food security and variety other than providing learning experience to the kids as they grow.

14. Hay store

Considering the harsh weather conditions witnessed around our area, animal food can sometimes be a challenge. However, with proper planning, we can get enough feeds from our farm or other areas during seasons of abundance in preparation for dry season.

Having a big hay store would therefore serve the purpose.



16. Food Refrigeration/ Freezer

It is the desire that the children centre can be able to have a good freezer to keep fresh food for long. There are seasons that we have good and healthy bulls which can be slaughtered and kept for quality meat.

A solar powered refrigerator can serve better in terms of reliability and cost.

Conclusion

It is the hope of the board that this report would shade sufficient light to the WALINDWA board and our friends on what is happening on the ground. The board is now working on the costing of the anticipated projects and will sharing them in the subsequent communications.

Most importantly, this report will serve as a record of the blessings we have continued to receive from the Lord through the various supporters.

This report will equally be a constant reminder of our faith and gratitude to the Almighty GOD. Amen!