



MAASAI EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Fall 2020 NEWSLETTER

MEF #GivingTuesday Matching Fundraiser, Dec. 1, 2020
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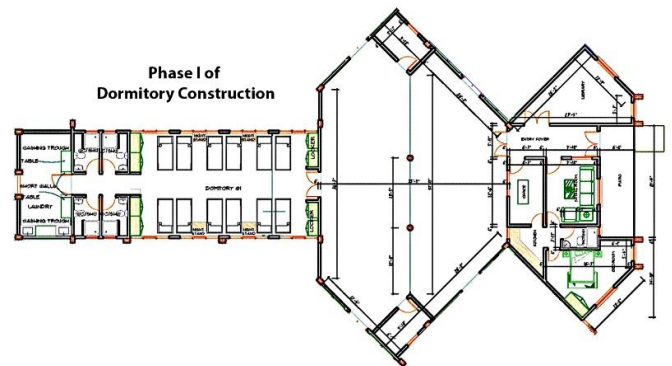


Construction starts on EEMPS's first dormitory!

The Engaruka English Medium Primary School (EEMPS) will start construction of its first dormitory in December 2020 with an initial grant of \$30,000 USD from MEF. The estimated cost of the dormitory is \$119,476. The completed dormitory will house 120 students and a matron. When completed, the dormitory will have a central hub, matron's quarters, entrance and 5 dormitory wings as shown in the figures below. We hope to complete the dormitory in 2021 if funding permits.

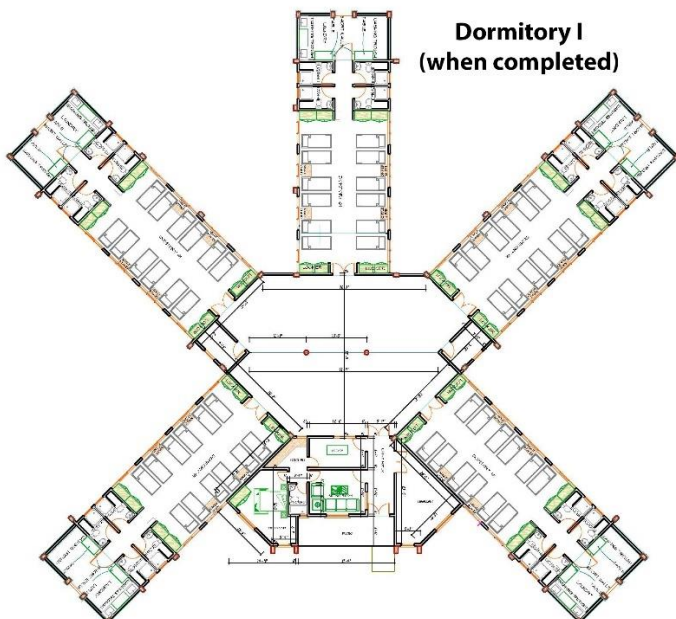


Phase I Dormitory Construction: Initially, it is proposed to build the central hub, matron's quarters, entrance and one wing at a cost of \$51,476. An additional \$22,000 is needed to complete Phase I and raising these funds will be a principal focus of our 2020 #GivingTuesday fund drive on Dec. 1, 2020. Additional wings accommodating 24 students each will be constructed as funds become available at a cost of \$17,000 per wing.



#GivingTuesday Matching Fundraiser, Dec. 1-13, 2020 – Double your impact!

MEF's #GivingTuesday Fundraiser kicks off on Dec. 1, 2020 at 8AM EST. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and Facebook will be matching donations for a few seconds at 8:00 AM EST. Other MEF supporters will be matching donations not matched by Facebook up to \$10,000. Matched funds will be used to complete the Phase I dormitory construction. Last year we raised \$43,890 through our 2019 #GivingTuesday fundraiser and this year our goal is to raise \$26,000 in scholarship funds and \$22,000 to complete the Phase I dormitory construction for a total of \$48,000. The \$26,000 in scholarship funds is what our generous donors who sponsor children at the school donated in 2020. The cost to sponsor a child in 2021 is the same as last year, \$700, and includes tuition, room and board, clothing, and medical care for the 11 months the students are in school.



HOW TO DONATE

BY CHECK: Send checks payable to the Maasai Education Foundation, 345 Woods Lane, Newport, VA 24128.

BY CREDIT CARD (with no fees):

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/747985299262359/>
<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2457198>



Summer Matching Fundraiser a Huge Success!!!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those that contributed to MEF's 1st matching summer fundraiser! We received a total of \$15,935 in donations and \$10,120 in matching funds or \$26,055 total.

EEMPS News

- School has operated continuously since June 29 after closing for 3-months due to COVID-19. So far the school is COVID free and the 110 students are happy and healthy (38 in pre-school, 30 in 1st grade, 17 in 2nd grade, and 25 in 3rd grade). All students now board at the school in unused classrooms.
- EEMPS completed a 5-year business and financial plan.
- 19,000 bricks have been fired on-site and will be used in the construction of the new dormitory.
- 39 goats and sheep donated by parents of students were sold to help support the school.
- The school farm produced enough corn and beans to feed the students and staff for the next year. The school cows and sheep are producing sufficient milk for the school.
- The school will receive a grant from the Virginia Tech Service without Borders student organization to start a computer lab and provide satellite TV at the school for distance learning via the schools' cellular modem. The Virginia Tech students will use the computer lab to start a reading/English language program with the students.
- The school is experiencing water shortages one to two days a week. A new pipeline is needed from the Engaruka River to the school. The school has raised \$11,000 but \$29,000 more is needed to complete the pipeline.

MESSAGE FROM A STUDENT



My name is Tomonick Mereso. I am in class three and I have been registered here since year 2018. Since then I have seen the school growing in very good speed but what really impressed me is the construction of new and modern toilets. Before that we only had three washrooms inside our dormitory and one pit poor toilet that was not enough for all of us and also It did not have water to wash my hands. Sometimes on break time we make long queue to use the toilet, so some children use the

bush, it was not safe for our health. Since we got the new Crane Family Restroom Building, we feel so good and safe, we are just like town children. The boys also can have showers for the first time. We thank you MEF and Crane Family. We love you so much!

STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

Interested in sponsoring a child such as Tomonick? A student sponsorship is \$700 per year and supports the child for 11 months and includes their tuition, fees, clothing, room and

board. You can also provide partial support for a child. For more info, please email maasaieducationfoundation@gmail.com.

EEMPS Personnel



Moinga Mbukoti is the EEMPS Head Teacher. He obtained his bachelor's degree in secondary education from St. Augustine University in Tanzania. As a young Maasai man from Engaruka village he feels very privileged to work in his home village to inspire the youth on the importance of education. As Headmaster, he is responsible for the overall leadership and management

of the school. He coordinates and supervises all services offered to the children. Moinga has been at EEMPS since it opened in 2017.



Archery class



Maasai jewelry making class

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