

# The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

## African Children's Fund

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### **1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us**

We would like your help to install energy-efficient jiko cooking stoves at Mwtingiri and Ng'ate Primary Schools in Kiambu County, Kenya. School cooks currently prepare morning porridge and lunches for children born into poverty over open fires, which present a danger of burns and smoke inhalation, are expensive to run on quick-burning wood and are not environmentally friendly. A new jiko stove would provide health, financial and environmental improvements to these two primary schools.

### **1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative**

UNESCO reports over 1 million – or 17% of - school-age children in Kenya do not attend school with fewer than 50% of all children graduating to secondary school. Furthermore, it is proven that educated children improve both their own mortality rates and those of their children, are better paid in the workplace and are able to participate in social, economic and political decision-making according to both UNICEF and Plan UK.

In Thika and Kiambu County, several low-paying industries including flower farms and tea plantations are prevalent. It is widely reported that workers' wages in both industries are insufficient and while a growing number of Collectives are leading to improvements, they remain among the lowest paid in Kenya.

Since 2006, African Children's Fund has supported a programme of school Porridge Clubs in Kenya to eliminate school absenteeism caused by food poverty. Prior to the Porridge Clubs' inception, many children came to school without breakfast and with no lunch provision, they often resorted to scavenging for food instead of coming to school. Porridge Clubs are a simple and effective solution to this problem and they now run in several schools in and around the town of Thika, including Ng'ate and Mwtingiri Primary Schools where a popular school lunch programme has also been introduced.

In these two schools alone, Porridge Clubs and school lunches enable around 400 children – many of whom have parents working in the tea plantations and flower farms – to go to school every day instead of working, begging or scavenging for food on the street.

School meals are currently prepared by cooks on traditional open fires. Not only do these present a health risk of burns and illnesses caused by smoke inhalation, they are expensive to run as they require a lot of wood to maintain, and they are not environmentally friendly.

As such, the schools would like to install a modern, energy saving jiko cooking stove which typically reduces fuel consumption by 20-50%. As well as being more environmentally friendly than their current open fires, the jiko stove will also be more cost efficient in terms of fuel and ongoing maintenance, and will create a much healthier environment for the school cooks.

### **1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?**

D - Climate change mitigation

F - Sustainable development

### **1.3d Climate change mitigation**

As open fires burn 20%-50% more fuel than a jiko cooking stove, less wood would be required to provide school meals. The jiko stoves also produce significantly less smoke than open fires, reducing pollution.

#### 1.4 Which country is the project based in?

Kenya (KE)

#### 1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

No

#### 1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Our local NGO partner, Watoto Kwanza Kenya, will oversee the purchase and installation of the jiko cooking stoves. Watoto Kwanza Kenya will send photographs and ad-hoc reports to us via WhatsApp throughout the installation, together with copies of purchase receipts. Once the new jiko stoves are in use, they will provide case studies from school cooks to evaluate improvements to their health and work, and they will also report on school fuel cost savings.

### 2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
100 litre double burner jiko stove with stainless steel pot and body - Ng'ate Primary School	£1,640	100 KES = £0.66; Morningstar for Currency (14 Sept 2021)
100 litre double burner jiko stove with stainless steel pot and body - Mwingiri Primary School	£1,640	100 KES = £0.66; Morningstar for Currency (14 Sept 2021)
TOTALS	£3,280	

### 2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
School board and parent contributions - Ng'ate Primary School	£131	£0	100 KES = £0.66; Morningstar for Currency (14 Sept 2021)
School board and parent contributions - Mwingiri Primary School	£131	£0	100 KES = £0.66; Morningstar for Currency (14 Sept 2021)
TOTALS	£262	£0	

#### 2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£3,018

#### 2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

#### 2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

23-Jan-2019

#### 2.4c Was this previous application successful?

No

#### 2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£180,257

**2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?**

No

**2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful**

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**3.1 Your name**

Tamsyn Wymer

**3.2 Your contact telephone number**

07760 157383

**3.3 Your position within the organisation**

Social Media & Events Coordinator

**3.4 Your email address**

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**3.5 Organisation name**

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**3.6 Please state the status of your organisation**

UK charity

**3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does**

African Children's Fund is a small charity whose work with community-based grassroots partners in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe in the fields of education and children's rights is making a real difference to the lives of 2,500 children born into poverty every year. Helping children off the streets and into school gives them chance to improve their lives and build a better future.

**3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation**

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**3.9 UK telephone number**

01865 820570

**3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)**

1114699

**3.11 Year established**

2006

**3.12 Website (if applicable)**

<http://www.africanchildrensfund.org>

**3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)**

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/africanchildrensfund>

Twitter - <http://www.twitter.com/afchildfund>

LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/african-children%27s-fund>

**4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?**

Charity Commission website

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust