

East African Children's Fund

ANNUAL REPORT

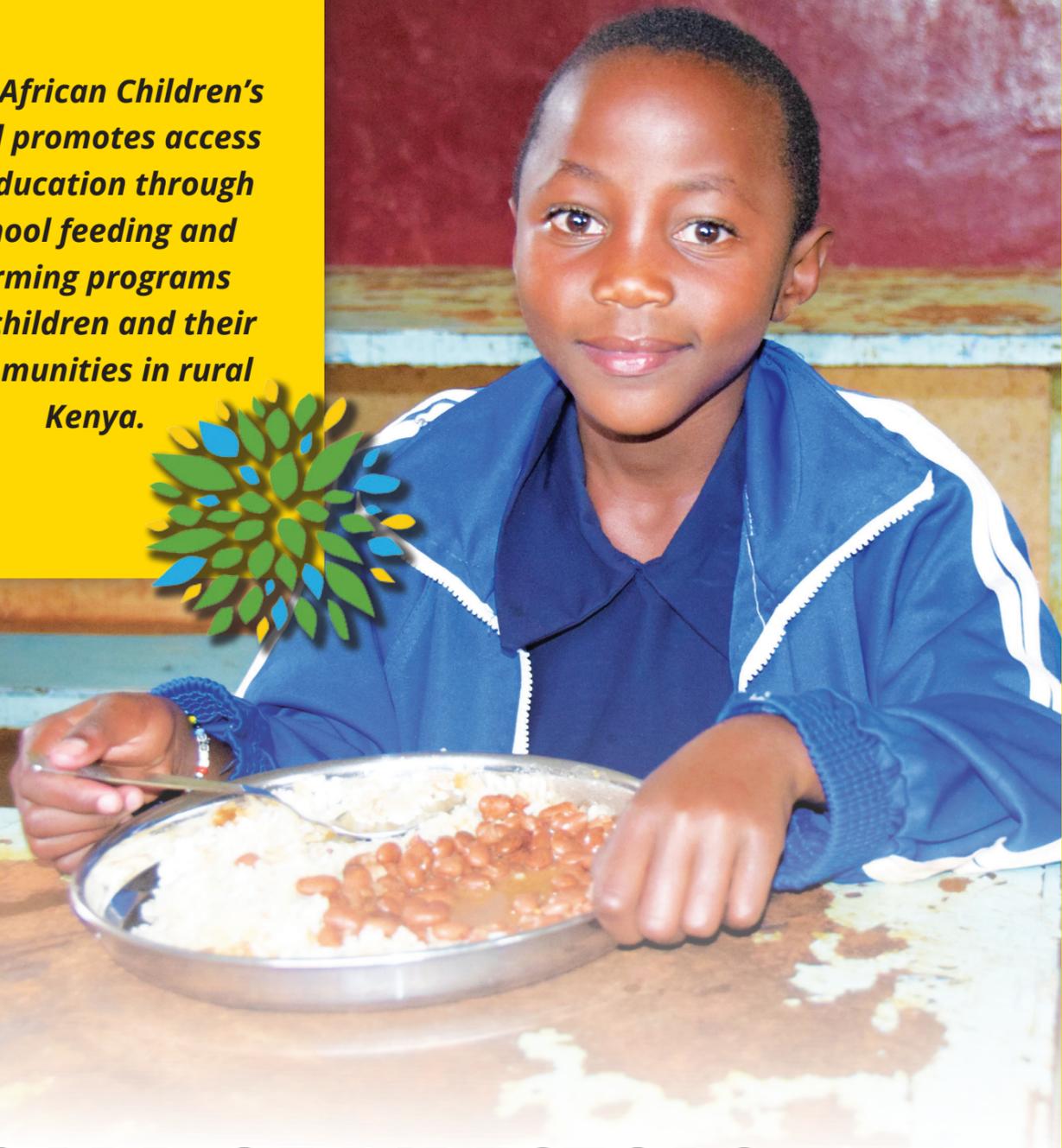
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East African Children's Fund promotes access to education through school feeding and farming programs for children and their communities in rural Kenya.



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Dear Friends,

First, we sincerely hope that you are well and safe. Understandably, we're focused on our own well-being and that of our local communities. More broadly though, I write to share some good news of the positive impact of your generosity to the children and mothers with whom we work in rural Kenya, East Africa.

COVID-19 continues to negatively impact both food security and education. Thanks to your support, however, our partner schools have remained open and safe. Serving also as homes to almost 1,000 disadvantaged children, our partners stocked up on staple foods in order to quarantine the campuses. Thank you for making this possible. You may recall that in our partner communities, nutrition is the foundation of health care. Nourishing the body also nourishes the mind and spirit. Thank you for supporting the school food security programs. Take a look in this report at the harvests from the school farms!

A new program as a response to COVID-19, *Seedlings and Soap*, gives mothers the seedlings and skills to grow food at their own homes for their families. Bar soap and COVID-19 awareness information is also distributed. Thank you for stepping up to support this initiative. It has been so successful that we have waiting lists of mothers who want to participate!

None of this would be possible without you. There are many inspiring organizations, so we're humbled and grateful for your past support. Thank you! Please let me know if we can provide any other information or answer any questions.

Wishing you continued good health and safety.

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Cracchiolo Peracchio
President

CHALLENGES



COVID-19 has increased food insecurity due to higher unemployment and more food market closures.



The population in East Africa is young, with more than one third of the population age 14 or younger.



Most people rely on small-scale farming for both food and income.



Many parents from our partner communities must choose between feeding their children and educating them.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

100% DIRECT GIVING. 100% OF YOUR DONATIONS MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

830,000

SCHOOL MEALS FUNDED
for 550+ disadvantaged children and youth, 60% orphaned.

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FISHPONDS MAINTAINED
so that almost 1,000 children ate fish weekly, an alternate protein source.

990

SCHOOL CHILDREN
participated in a deworming program.

200

SCHOOL YOUTH TRAINED
in growing their own food.

12,000

MORINGA OLEIFERA TREES PLANTED
Moringa, considered a superfood, is added to school meals to boost immunity. Moringa powder is pressed into fish, pig and chicken feeds, all produced at the schools.

2,400+

WOMEN RECEIVED SEEDLINGS
and training for growing kitchen gardens at their homes benefitting 8,400+ children across 2 counties.

560

BARS OF SOAP RECEIVED
by mothers for COVID-19 sanitation precautions.

24

DIFFERENT VARIETIES
of vegetables, fruits and beans grown at 4 school farms to boost school meals for 1,000+ school children.

COVID-19 RESPONSE: SEEDLINGS AND SOAP

With your support, EAC Fund developed community nursery gardens with partners across 2 counties, Meru and Isiolo. More than 2,400 women received seedlings and training to grow food at their homes for their families. You also enabled us to provide hand soap to families and promote COVID-19 awareness with WHO/CDC materials translated to local languages.

“COVID-19 is frightening because everything stopped. My family has 6 members, including my parents. This kitchen garden is the first time I’ve planted at my home. Now, we grow spinach, kales, tomatoes and onions. It was a struggle to buy these foods before my own garden. I am the bread winner. I saved some of the harvest and sold it to others. This has helped us a lot.”



SCHOOL FEEDING AND FARMING PROGRAMS

Your donations purchased staple food items like beans, flour, and cooking oil for serving almost 2,000 school meals daily to 550+ disadvantaged children and youth. Children who are not hungry in school are better learners.

You supported our partner's farming programs for 2 schools with 990+ children and youth to boost school meals with nutrient dense fruits and vegetables. Eating a variety of foods improves children's health. Further support maintained our partner's livestock programs for fish, pork and eggs. 200 school youth learned how to grow their own food, a skill for improved future self-reliance.

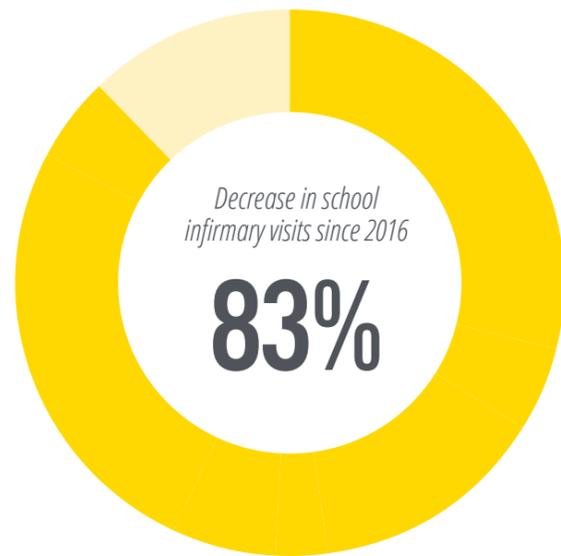
"Life was hard before I came to St. Francis because my mother really struggled to buy food for us. Sometimes she was able to pay my school fees so that I could go to school. Now at St. Francis, there is enough food and I go to school everyday. I am so happy here. My friend is Dickson and we push each other to do our best in studies."



OUTPUTS AND IMPACT

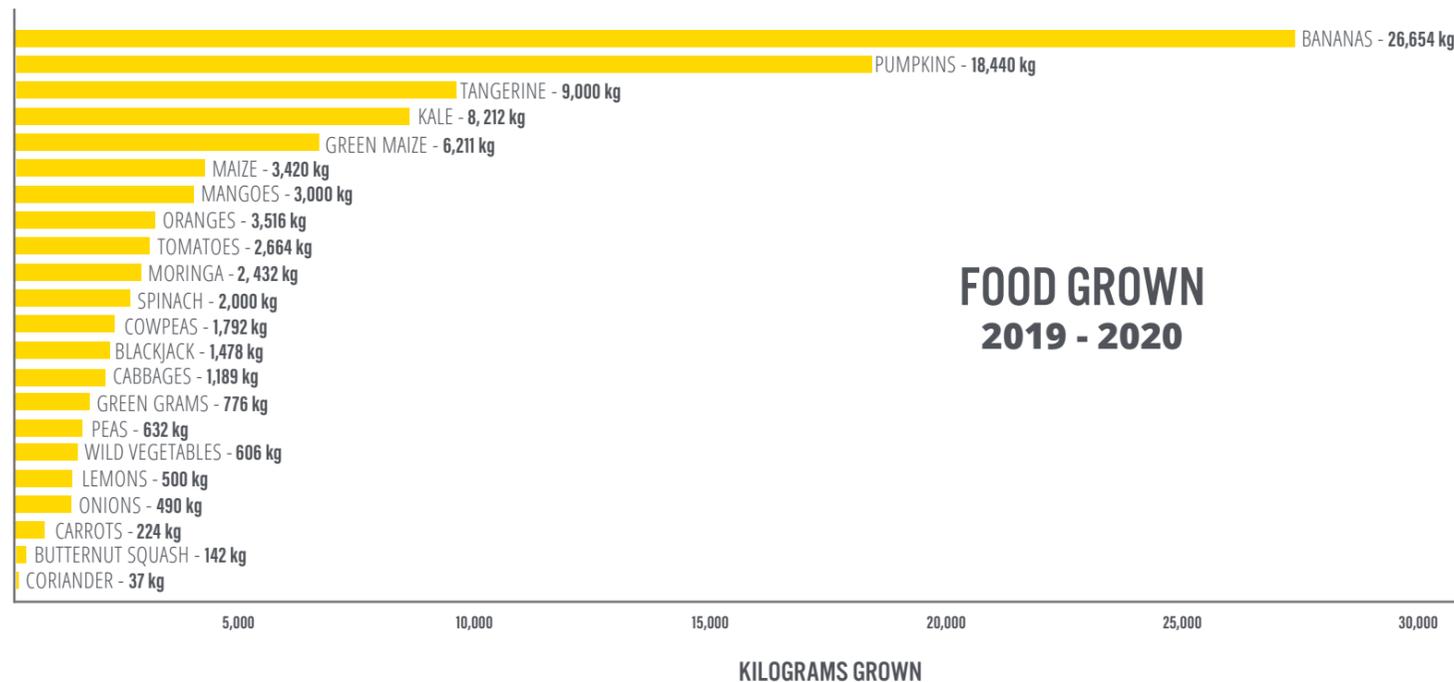
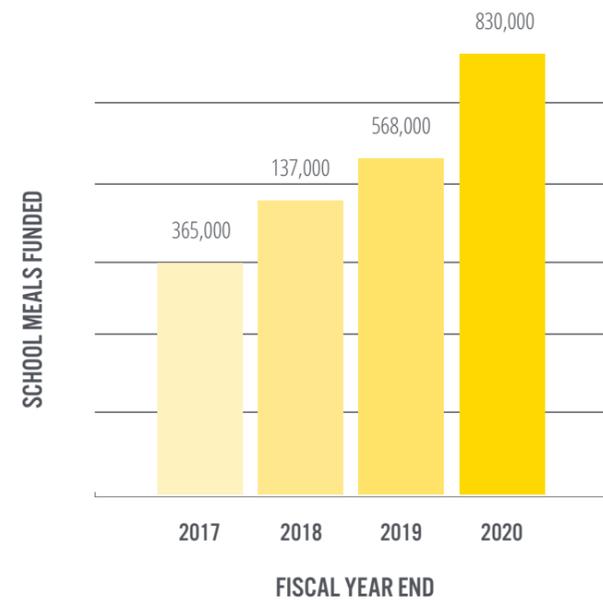
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IMPROVED HEALTH



830,000 SCHOOL MEALS FUNDED

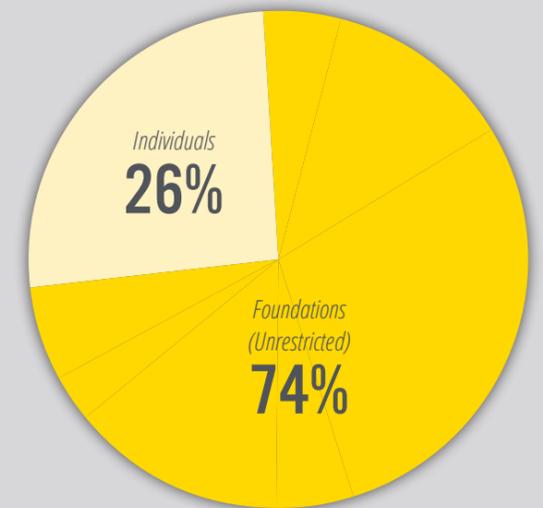
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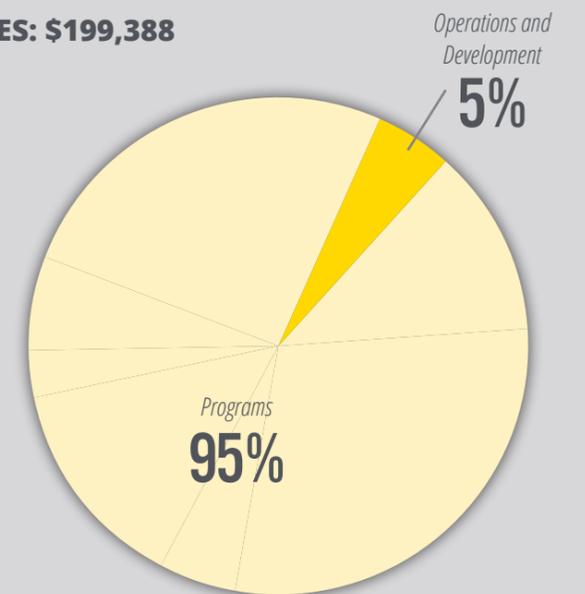
FINANCIALS

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INCOME: \$235,072



EXPENSES: \$199,388



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WHAT'S AHEAD

COVID-19 is increasing food insecurity in our partner communities in rural Kenya. We continue to receive partnership requests from women's community groups and schools.



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