



East African Children's Fund



# ANNUAL REPORT FY2020-21

East African  
Children's Fund  
strengthens  
school communities  
by mobilizing women  
and other local  
leaders to engage  
in agriculture that  
nourishes children's  
bodies and minds.

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Conducting the intake survey with interviews

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making a difference to women and children in Meru county, Kenya. This year we expanded our women’s community program to include more than 5,000 mothers in 3 counties. Although our women’s program began as a COVID pivot, it continues today to be integral to our mission to strengthen school communities. After all, worldwide, mothers are key members of any school community.

This year we conducted an extensive intake survey with women in our garden program. Almost all mothers shared that their children do not attend school when their harvests are poor because it’s prohibitive to pay for a school uniform or other supplies. Likewise, 100% affirmed that a school meal program is important with an additional 1 out of 5 mothers stating that they would have their children walk even further to attend a school that served a meal.

Thank you for supporting school feeding and farming programs which keep children engaged in school. Please reach out if there are questions or if additional information is requested.

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Cracchiolo Peracchio  
President, Executive Director

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# Outputs and Impact

Making a Difference

100% direct giving:  
100% of your donations made this possible.



Borehole upgrades, pump and solar panels

## FY 2020–21

- Completed a deworming program for 1,000 school children.
- Harvested 142,000+ pounds of nutritious vegetables and fruits from school farms to boost school meals.
- Stocked and maintained 8 school fishponds to feed fish weekly to 900+ children for an additional source of protein.
- Installed 1 solar borehole pump for access to clean water for 3,000 women participating in our community garden program.
- Provided seeds, skills and other inputs to 5,000+ women from 3 counties in rural Kenya to grow vegetables at their homes to help feed their families.

## Making a Lasting Impact

2,500,000  
school meals served



300  
school youth trained on best practices to grow their own food for increased self-sufficiency



83%  
Decrease in School Infirmary Visits



# Women's Community Groups

With our access to high-quality seeds, tools, key inputs, and local expertise, the women in our partner communities have everything they need to lead the efforts to provide daily, nutritious meals to their children in school. The knowledge they gain through our programming supports them in growing more food at home, to feed their families and sell in local markets for additional household income.



# Home Grown School Meals

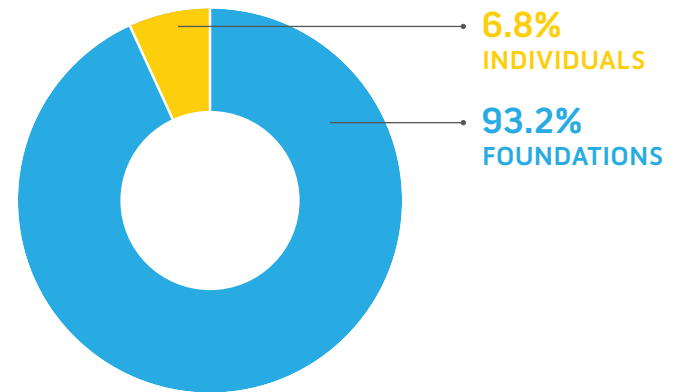
With your support, EACF has provided resources and training that have enabled three schools in eastern Kenya's Meru County to provide nutrient-dense, fresh food to 1,155 students since its founding in 2015. By partnering with local women's groups, school leaders, agronomists, and other local stakeholders, EACF is building the capacity of schools to provide a daily, healthy meal to all of their students.



# Financials FY2020-21

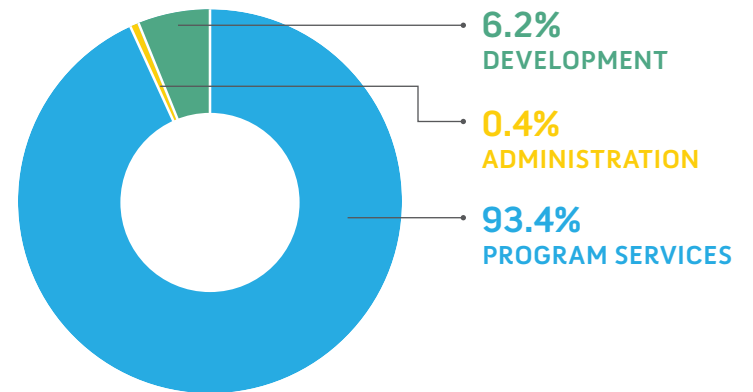
**Income:** \$266,426

- Public and Private Foundations: \$248,261
- Individuals: \$18,165



**Expenses:** \$240,220

- Program Services: \$224,332
- Administration: \$970
- Development: \$14,918





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