



THE ROOF OF AFRICA

SCIO

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2018**



# OUR MISSION

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The Roof of Africa (SCIO) is a not-for-profit organisation, dedicated to improving the lives of children and families from the poorest communities in East Africa. We believe that through education, the cycle of poverty can be broken.







# 2017-2018 HIGHLIGHTS

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- **£6579** raised through public donations, child sponsorship and fundraising activities
- **60 children** enrolled in our school, all receiving two free meals per day
- Land acquired and work commenced on our own ***permanent school building***

# OUR OBJECTIVES

## **1. IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

We use the UN convention on the rights of the child to guide our activities in disadvantaged areas of Tanzania

## **2. PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION**

We aim to make education as accessible as possible for children of all ages, by running schools, activities, sports and clubs in impoverished areas

## **3. SUPPORT ADULT LEARNING**

Education should not stop at school, so we support adult learning and the transition of Tanzanian students from school to Higher Education

## **4. SUPPORT FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY**

To help break the cycle of poverty, we offer support to families within our school's community when needed

## **5. PROVIDE STRUCTURED EDUCATION**

We use guidance from the Scottish Government to structure our teaching, including 'Getting It Right For Every Child'

## **6. RELIEVE POVERTY**

Whilst education is our primary focus, we aim to expand on activities away from education, in an effort to relieve poverty in a sustainable manner



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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Our main activity is running a nursery and primary school in the village of Sonu, in the Kilimanjaro district in Tanzania.

We run a sponsorship programme to allow children to attend the school without needing to pay, which opens up education to children living in abject poverty.





# OUR SCHOOL

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- We run and fund a pre and primary school in Sonu, Tanzania. Through fundraising activities and our sponsorship programme we have been able to employ local staff to teach three classes for children aged 2-7 (nursery, pre-1 and pre-2). By the end of the financial period, 60 children were enrolled in the school.
- All pupils receive two free meals while at school, mainly simple porridge, fruit and vegetables. It was observed by the school nurse that this was improving the health of the pupils, in particular one boy who was very malnourished at the start of the school year.





## 2017-18 ACHIEVEMENTS

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

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- With the help of a volunteer from the UK, the current school building was painted.
- A clay oven was built at the school, allowing us to bake fresh bread for our pupils.
- A set of swings and seesaw were built in the garden for the children to play.





## 2017-18 ACHIEVEMENTS

# NEW SCHOOL BUILD

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- It was agreed that for long term stability and for the school to be registered with the Tanzanian government, it was necessary to acquire land and build our own school, as the current building is rented.
- Meetings with members of the community led to the donation of a piece of suitable land in Sonu on which we can build the school.
- Fundraising to start the school build began and the foundations were laid.





## 2017-18 ACHIEVEMENTS

### FUNDRAISING

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- We held several successful fundraising events including a school nativity at Ratho primary school and two community yoga nights.
- We were awarded a £1000 grant as Baillie Gifford's charity of the year.
- We were picked as a chosen charity by Area 20 Ladies Circle, who will run fundraising events for us.

LADIES CIRCLE AREA 20 2018-19

LADIES CIRCLE AREA 20 IS RAISING MONEY FOR THE ROOF OF AFRICA (SCIO)

AREA 20 LADIES CIRCLE

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Long Eaton  
Loughborough  
Rugby

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SUPPORTING THE ROOF OF AFRICA  
2018-19

***BAILLIE GIFFORD***

*Investment managers*



# FINANCIALS

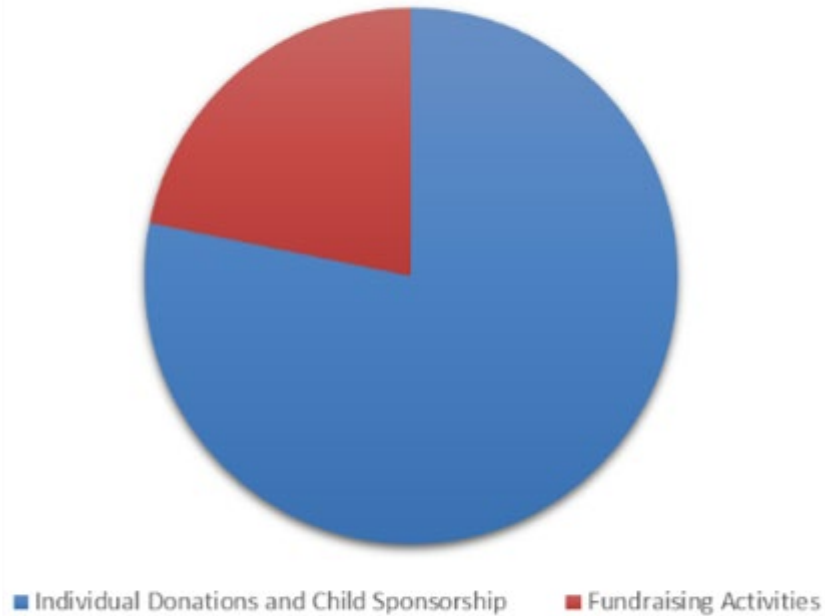
We are committed to using **100% of public donations to fund our charitable activities**, so you can rest assured that every penny you give will go towards improving the lives of children and their families in Tanzania. We are so grateful to our generous donors, fundraisers and child sponsors, without whom we would not be able to carry out the work that we do.



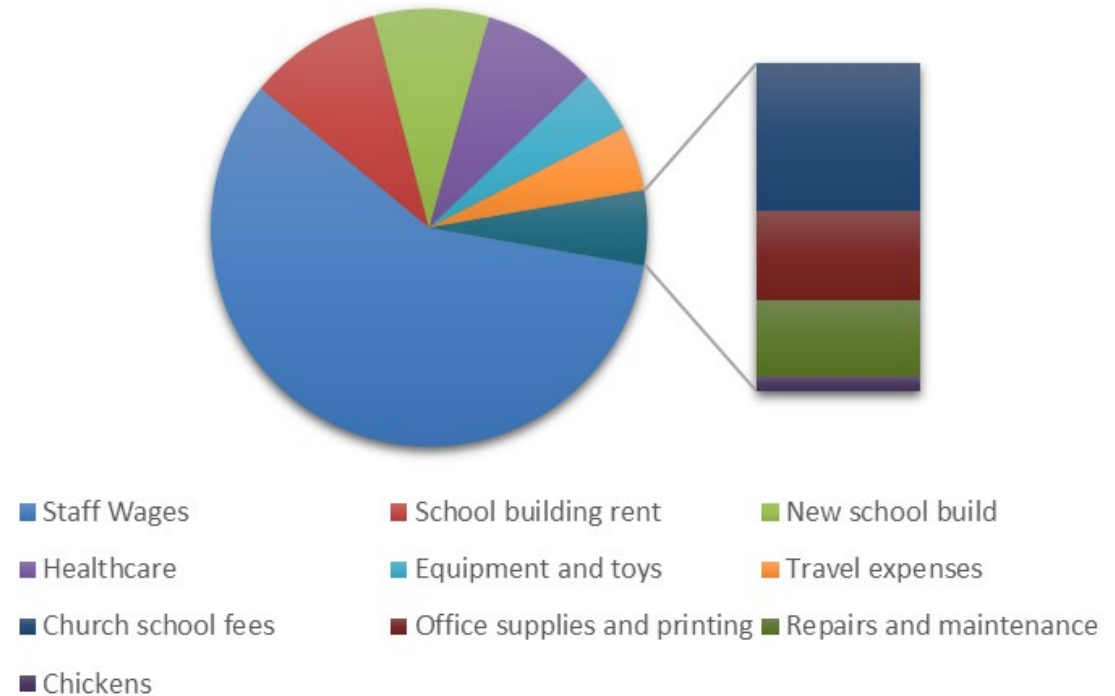
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- Our total income for this financial period was £6,579
- Our total expenditure on project costs was £6,143
- We aim to keep one month's running costs (approximately £500) in reserve. We plan to increase this as the income of the charity increases.

### Income 2017-18



### Outgoings 2017-18





## MESSAGE FROM THE ROOF OF AFRICA TRUSTEES

We are extremely proud of what we have achieved in our first year as a registered charity, and we could not have done it without the generous donations of our supporters. We have ambitious plans for the development of our work and we hope that the charity will continue to grow with your ongoing support over the coming year.

**Thank you!**

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