



THE ROOF OF AFRICA

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Our Mission

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.

2018-19 Highlights

- £13,674 raised
- Five classes
- Three new classrooms
- New school garden
- First school trip





Our Activities

Currently, our main activity is running a nursery and primary school in Sonu, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

Our Objectives

- To use the UN convention on the rights of the child to guide activities in disadvantaged areas of Tanzania, to **improve the lives of children and their families**
- To use guidance from the Scottish Government to **structure teaching**, including 'Getting It Right For Every Child'
- To support families in the community to help **break the cycle of poverty**
- To make education as **accessible as possible** for children of all ages by running schools, activities, sports and clubs in impoverished areas
- To expand on activities away from education in an effort to **relieve poverty in a sustainable manner**
- To **support adult learning** and the transition of Tanzanian students from school to Higher Education



2018-19 Achievements

Continuous fundraising allowed us to make good progress on the school building. By the end of the year, 3 classrooms were almost complete, the toilet blocks were in progress and foundations were laid for 2 more classes.



A new school garden was planted at the new school site to grow tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and cabbage. Banana trees are already growing at the site. These will be used to supplement school meals and keep costs low.



2018-19 Achievements

As our classes entered the new academic year in January 2019, we welcomed in a new nursery class. There are now 5 classes - Nursery, Pre-1, Pre-2, Standard 1 and Standard 2.

The children sit exams every term as required in Tanzania. Academically, they have been excelling. One of our girls in Standard 2 scored an incredible 498/500! The teachers are very encouraged by all the children's progress.



2018-19 Achievements

Last year, one of our pupils sadly tested positive for HIV, and has since been on retroviral medication. His health had hindered his ability to learn as he was suffering quite considerably. Since his treatment started, he has shown great improvement and academically is now one of the top in his class.

In August 2018, the school nurse organised HIV testing and counselling for all other pupils at the school and we were happy to find that all other children tested HIV negative.





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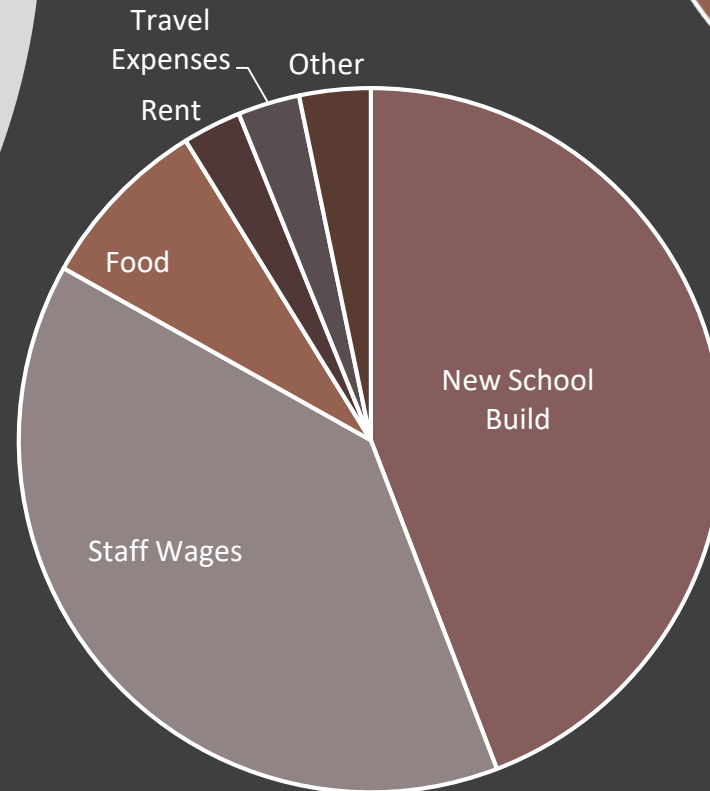
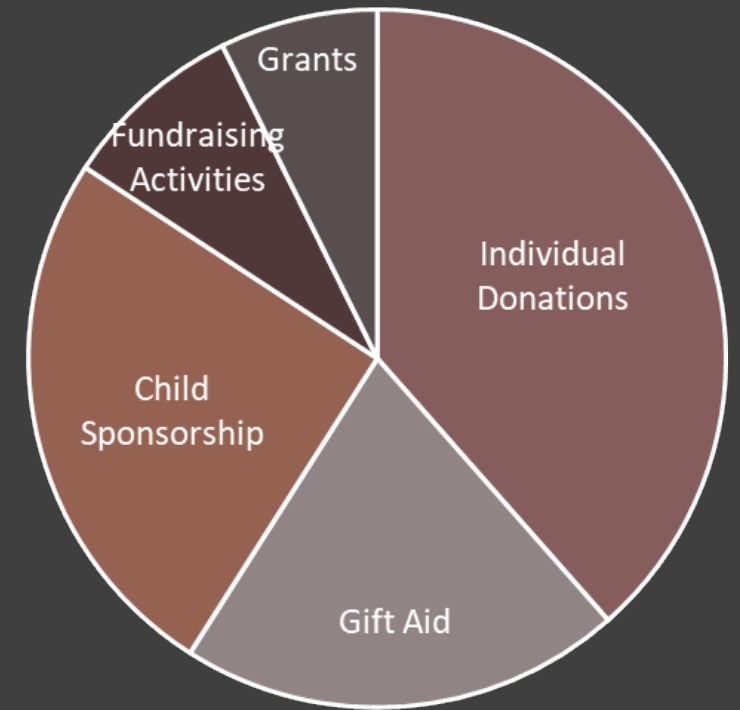
In August 2018, we received a donation that allowed our Standard 1 class to go on their very first school trip - to the airport. They were allowed inside the planes and were very excited. For some, this was their first time outside of the village.

In April 2019, we received a donation of school uniforms from Lambourn Primary School, England. The school and children were delighted to receive them as many have very few changes of clothes.

Financial Review

- We are proud to be able to say that 100% of public donations go directly towards the costs of running this project
- Our total income for this financial period was £13,674, an increase of £7,095 from last year
- Our total expenditure on project costs was £12,472, an increase of £6,329 from last year
- We aim to keep £1000 in reserve

Income



Outgoings

“Other” includes family support, garden, chickens, school trip, healthcare staff, social worker and postage costs

Plans for 2019-20

We will continue our school build with the aim of achieving registration with the Tanzanian government. Once complete, we will relocate the pupils to the new school.

We will continue to invest in the garden, to grow fresh produce onsite at the school and provide nutritious, healthy meals to the pupils.

We will continue our child sponsorship program so as to offer free education to as many children living in poverty as we can.

Message from the Trustees

We are so incredibly grateful to our supporters, donors and sponsors, without whom we could not have built upon our successes of last year. We are proud of our small team of volunteers and staff for working so hard to keep the school running and make the new school a reality. This is an exciting time for us, with the new school build well underway, and we can't wait to see it completed!

Thank you for your support

Genuine, Freda and Jo



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