



# PEPO LA TUMAINI

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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# MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR



I am so grateful to our friends and partners from around the world who support our vision of the restoration and rehabilitation of human dignity. Every day I say thank you that we can move on in memory of the lives we have lost and those we hope to save. Pepo La Tumaini is an oasis in the desert, a sanctuary for lost souls to find their way while sharing love and belonging for the first time. It is in the songs we sing that you can find our pain and our hope.

*Are you walking with me in the measure of life...*

*Or are you seeing me in the shadow of Aids?*

*Am I just a number in your books and files...*

*Or are you seeing me as a child in this world?*

Khadija O. Rama



# OUR VISION

We use our vision 'the restoration and rehabilitation of human dignity' to enable us to cultivate a positive attitude towards people and life. This means we provide employment opportunities to people who deserve a second chance. We believe in both the professional and personal development of everyone who works with us. The management team works alongside staff to build on their strengths, learn new skills and develop their leadership qualities. Over the years we have seen teachers grow into administrators, heads of departments, managers, and entrepreneurs.



Meet Nassir, senior gardener in our school feeding farm. Nassir has worked with us over 10 years and was among the founding beneficiaries back in 1998. At Tumaini we believe in building community leadership by giving employment opportunities to our beneficiaries. Nassir is an example of one of our longest standing staff members who is also a beneficiary, community leader and volunteer.

*"Pepo La Tumaini gives us meaning and belonging, especially in times of hardship and crisis. When I see all the children who pass through this place grow up and take care of their families, I feel there is some hope."*

Nassir Abdalla





# **ABOUT PEPO LA TUMAINI JANGWANI**

The Wind of Hope in the Desert is a locally led, community-based organisation based in Isiolo, Kenya. We build community integration and empower people to lead self-sufficient, healthy and dignified lives with reduced vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and poverty.

An arid transit town in Northern Kenya, Isiolo has a predominant Muslim and pastoralist population of over 300,000. Recent urbanisation has further isolated the poor and pastoralist communities, whilst displacement from neighbouring Sudan and Somalia adds pressure on Isiolo's diverse and multi-ethnic communities. Isiolo has a fast growing, young population (80% growth in 12 years; 43% under 15). More than half of people live in poverty and Covid has exacerbated inequalities.

Pepo La Tumaini Jangwani has been a keystone of the community in Isiolo for over 25 years. During this time PLTJ has developed our community-led approach, responding to changing needs and prioritising marginalised communities, including pastoralist and nomadic tribes.

## **USING A HOLISTIC APPROACH THAT INVOLVES AND EMPOWERS PEOPLE, WE PROTECT AND PROVIDE:**

Education	Health	Community	Therapeutic Support
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# OUR TEAM

We are registered as a charitable trust in Kenya, and as a fundraising charity in the UK with governance provided by our trustees who meet with us three times a year including planning an on-site visit to Iсиоlо with the entire team. For fundraising and tax exemption purposes in the USA we have 501 (c)(3) status. In Kenya, our steering committee provides programme oversight and expertise across the different departments. We work with 35 full-time employees and 45 volunteers prioritising diversity, inclusion and safeguarding for staff and beneficiaries.

## UK TRUSTEES



### ANGELA WHITTLE

Angela joined as Secretary and a Trustee in 2018 and was appointed as Chair of the UK charity in late 2022. Angela has been an Executive Assistant at Spencer Stuart, a global executive search firm, for more than 17 years including working for the former Global Chairman.



### KASHIF GANATRA

Tax and financial accountant and member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Kashif joined the UK Board as Treasurer in 2022. He provides financial oversight of programme operations in Kenya and financial governance for the UK charity.



### STEPHEN OXLEY

Managing Director in PGIM's Institutional Relationship Group (IRG). Responsible for managing chief investment officer relationships and other larger institutional clients in continental Europe and the Middle East. Stephen was Chair of the UK charity for the last 4 years and oversees best governance practices with a keen focus on managing risk.



## CATRIONA SPILLER

Since first volunteering at Pepo La Tumaini 15 years ago, Catriona has helped build the health programme, secured international resources and worked alongside the team to manage their own health and design care provision for the community. Catriona's work as a grant analyst (including with T&J Meyer Family Foundation) across Sub-Saharan Africa informs our current policies and allows us to promote our successes as a community-led model on the International Development stage.



## SIÂN NEWTON

Fundraising consultant with over 25 years of experience. She is the Director and member of the team of accredited consultants at Craigmyle, the longest-established firm of fundraising consultants in the UK with a strong vocational approach to its work with charities. Sian leads our fundraising strategy and manages the fundraising committee.



## PAX NINDI

Chief Executive at Global Carnivalz, renowned carnival expert and cultural and strategic consultant on carnival and combined arts. Pax first came to Pepo La Tumaini in 2015 as part of the first SBK international arts residency to produce our first peacebuilding carnival. He offers a wealth of experience from working across sub-Saharan Africa and ensures we maintain our grass-roots approach.



## SARAH KRUGER

In 2009, Sarah started volunteering at Pepo La Tumaini and has been Executive Director for the last 12 years. As the UK and Kenyan trustee, she is instrumental in fundraising, managing funds and providing transparent accountability to our stakeholders and donors.

# HOW WE WORK

Early Childhood Development & Primary School Education

Specialised Boarding School for Children Heading Households

Graduate Scholarships

Trade & Talent Centre

Community Health Outreach Network

Mama Tumaini Healthcare Facility

Peacebuilding

Crisis Preparedness & Response



## WHO WE CARE FOR:

Children in need of special care & protection

Single mothers

Prostitutes

Drug & alcohol users

School drop-outs

People living with HIV and other chronic illness

Grandmother generation

Semi-nomadic & pastoralist communities

# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Kept our early learning centre and day school open for

**144**

children under the age of 10 during the election year.

Facilitated sexual reproductive health education to

**3,450**

youth and community members.

**98**

boarders (aged 9-18) provided with healthcare, education, and therapeutic support.

**89**

pupils participated in the therapeutic Art for Life club collaborating with the community in peacebuilding campaigns.

**49**

local youth from the community taught and mentored in trade and business skills.

**5**

TTC youth and products participated in the trade fair for East Africa in Uganda.



**68**

patients living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic lifelong conditions were supported by our team of 43 CHBC volunteers.

**8**

alumni mentored in work placements at our school and trade centre.

**27**

women empowered to have their voices heard in leadership circles advocating for their rights and the welfare of their children.

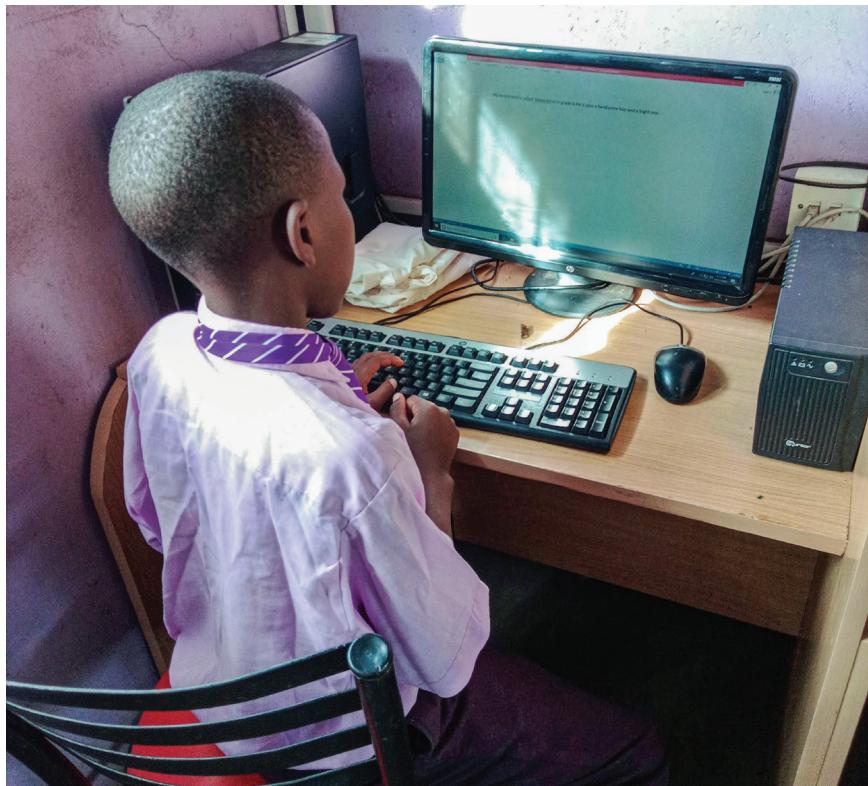
Positioned among the top schools by Ministry of Education

in Isiolo pioneering the new competency-based curriculum (CBC) through innovative and practical learning for all primary school pupils.

# EDUCATION

We are meeting the needs of children who have never been in school. Our school facilitates 8 primary school classes as well as an early learning centre for 35 young children between ages 3 and 5. Our children have fragmented schooling experiences and for some, it is their first time being in school. We work hard as a staff team to help reinforce children's autonomy during their participation in our rehabilitation programme which places special education, healthcare and physical activity at its heart. Our school provides a therapeutic environment in a safe setting.

During this election year, we were able to keep our school open for over 200 neglected children by building community support and strengthening family networks to prevent displacement. Changes in the school calendar due to the elections meant frequent school closures that disrupted the delivery of our education programme. This threatened to hinder the progress of our pupils by forcing them to return to desperate family conditions at home. We were able to successfully reduce these risks by keeping our pupils in our home camp for short breaks, where they were able to continue their academic and vocational learning. We were also able to coordinate safe home placements during the longer breaks ensuring that no child was forced to return to a high-risk home environment.



**19**

pupils sat for final primary school KCPE exams and transitioned to secondary school and vocational training.

Achieved a mean score of

**251**

for the final KCPE, with 3 pupils achieving over 300 marks out of 500.



## **CLASSES 1 - 6**

fully transitioned to new CBC curriculum with practical skills development included in their syllabus of learning.



**1014**

trees planted by pupils as part of environmental efforts to improve the land.

**15**

pupils with highest emotional and behavioural needs had creative arts and play therapy.



## TRADE & TALENT

We are currently positioned among the top schools in Isiolo pioneering the new competency-based curriculum (CBC) through innovative and practical learning for all primary school pupils. Our unique Trade and Talent Centre has been celebrated as a positive step forward in offering essential life skills to those who have been left out of mainstream education.

From the local community, we supported and provided training to 7 youth leaders keen to start their own trade skills projects. We enabled them to each work with a group of 7 young people. This enabled us to teach and mentor 49 youth from the community in trade and business skills. In addition to this target, we also delivered vocational training to 86 children from our specialized boarding school integrating vocational training into the school programme.



**16%**

income generated through sales of TTC products.

**95**

students participated in collaborative production of uniforms, clothes, jikos, chairs and tables.



**50**

girls participating in welding and metal workshops at TTC.

**49**

local youth from the community taught and mentored in trade and business skills.

**5**

youth and TTC products participated in the trade fair for East Africa in Uganda.

# HEALTH

At the heart of Pepo La Tumaini is our commitment to making healthcare accessible for marginalised communities. Our clinic runs services for HIV testing and counselling, family planning and mother-to-child healthcare. We provide primary healthcare for all our school pupils, local community, and staff. Our network of 47 volunteers reaches out to people who feel scared of accessing healthcare. With guidance and counselling people are encouraged to take their first steps in caring for themselves and their families.

We faced extreme challenges during the year as we amplified efforts to curb the joint spread of TB affecting both our CHBC carers and their patients. This meant supporting our CHBC volunteers to access treatment and creating alternative community networks of support for their patients. We played a pivotal role in partnership with the Ministry of Health in leading the dissemination strategy across the most vulnerable communities for the TB campaign in Isiolo Central.



# PEACEBUILDING AND CRISIS RESPONSE

During a year of elections and political uncertainty, we increased our peacebuilding efforts to reduce conflict and violence across our community centre points. Through reparative meetings, we succeeded in preventing violence across our centre points, and enabled the sharing of water sources for the poor and marginalised families during the drought. Thanks to additional funding we extended our family feeding programme to include those most severely affected by the crisis.

While food packages only bring temporary relief, in times of crisis survival becomes a priority. The increased support at household level helped traditional homesteads to share their resources preventing displacement so children could stay in school. We were able to respond to the needs of single mothers struggling to meet the needs of their children by supporting them to form self-help and savings groups. This enabled them to sustain their families through financial difficulty.



**19**

self-help groups of single mothers supported to start small businesses and save.

**45**

marginalised women from urban and rural communities participated in music and drama therapy collaborations.

**621**

households supported through family feeding during the drought.

Prevented the displacement of

**117**

families and kept 36 of their children in school.

**100**

safe home placements coordinated for children at risk during school closures.

# THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS IN 2022

Despite a very challenging year, with drought, rising costs and national elections, Pepo has continued to support the most vulnerable individuals and marginalised communities in North Eastern Kenya. Thanks to the partnerships we have built over the years with individuals and foundations from around the world we continue to be a symbol of hope for all those affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty. Your funding helps us to meet the needs of children left out of mainstream schooling and enables them to find their place in education.

We are extremely grateful to Tara House Nursery School in Chiswick, for their ongoing partnership with our Early Learning Centre. Our pupils meet regularly on Skype with the UK nursery pupils to exchange songs, stories and projects. We also received a special donation of school bags and stationery materials.

Special Thanks to our new local funding partner, Timaflor Rose Farm in Timau who are supporting the additional needs of our children and their families during the current economic and environmental crisis.



## INTERNATIONAL



T&J Meyer Family Foundation



## The Claude and Sofia Marion Foundation



Segal Family Foundation



## LOCAL



Ministry of Education



SIRIKOI



MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND  
SOCIAL PROTECTION

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

