

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Child.org
Name of the project TFN funded:	HealthStart / School Health Committees
Date Funded by TFN:	30/01/2017
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>HealthStart is a large-scale comprehensive school health intervention in western Kenya and aims to increase the well-being and reduce health barriers to learning for school-attending children. One aspect of the programme is to train School Health Committees to promote good health within their school and to encourage students to be agents for change. School Health Committees are made up of Headteachers, Health Teaches, members of the school Board of Management and select ministry of education and health representatives. Training this group of professionals allows for effective communication between parents, pupils, the school and the Board of Management, to recognise the importance of school health policy and to highlight how schools can be the agents of change within communities. Topics covered within this training include Child Rights and Responsibilities, Water, Sanitation and Health, Values and Life Skills, Gender, Nutrition, Disease Prevention and Control, Special Needs and Children with Disabilities and School Infrastructure. TFN funding has contributed to the training, monitoring and supervision of 9 School Health Committees. After having received the training, many schools have sourced funds to purchase new handwashing and water tanks to improve sanitation within their school for all pupils. Since the beginning of the programme, 4 schools have sourced funds to begin building fences around their school protecting their school environment from potential destruction of the grounds by wildlife.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	1%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	43
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	3,465
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No

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<p>If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?</p>	
<p>How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?</p>	<p>We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding</p>
<p>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</p>	<p>A year on from presenting at TFN, our staff numbers have increased with new roles being created as the charity has grown. We have opened an office in Nairobi and now have a team of five working there. We launched our first ever Christmas campaign with the money raised being put towards a brand new pilot project measuring the impact Finnish-style baby boxes can have in informal settlements in Nairobi. We will be measuring the efficacy of the box and how this can impact upon Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and additional infant diseases. It will then be an indicator as to whether this incentive encourages pregnant women to give birth in a health facility; a future research project we'd like to carry out.</p>
<p>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</p>	<p>The training on the National School Health Policy included empowering leaders of the school to identify and make change themselves and with their community. There are many examples of this within these schools. One headteacher, after the training session organised a fundraising day within their community to raise funds for a new latrine within their school. They managed to raise enough funds in one day to begin digging and building the foundations of the latrine. They are planning on holding another fundraising day to raise more funds to complete the build. This latrine will improve the ratio of students to latrines subsequently improving the sanitation in their school and reducing the likelihood of diseases contracted from poor sanitation.</p>