



Esupetai Primary School, Maasai Mara, Kenya

Welcome to Esupetai Primary School in the heart of the proud Maasai Mara. A beautiful place with beautiful people where life and traditions are both unimaginable and cherished. The families that make up this community are some of the most resilient and humble people on the planet but they need our help dealing with basic issues of hunger and education which are compounded by the same challenges of 21st century that we all face.

Help Us... Help Them

Please help us accomplish our goals at Esupetai by donating to our projects. We recognize the many options you have to do good in this world with your time, treasure, and talent and sincerely hope you find ours particularly interesting.

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<https://www.facebook.com/mamawatotofeedingthekids>



Feeding the Kids (lunch)

The 'Power Porridge' **initiative** targets the basic hunger needs of the entire student population at Esupetai Primary School. All 442 students will be provided a hot 'high nutritional porridge' for lunch so that many of them won't need to leave school in search of something to eat. The porridge is high in protein, grown in Kenya, and processed locally.

Construction of a food preparation and serving area, including kitchen equipment and high efficiency stoves, is also included in this project.

Donations required: USD \$7,000

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Current cooking facility at Esupetai



Hearty Meals (dinner)

In addition to the Power Porridge program, the 'Hearty Meals' **initiative** is needed for 50 students living at the school. Esupetai provides boarding for some of its students in grades 7 and 8; many sleep at the school due to distances traveled on foot between school and home. Unfortunately, many families cannot afford to provide their children consistent nutritional meals while boarding. Based on fundraising success, it is our goal to provide the boarders with a hearty supper meal including maize, rice, cabbage and beans.

Additional cooking and cleaning upgrades are also anticipated in order to accommodate full meal plans.

Donations required: USD \$12,000

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Bush Babies Program Garden

Food Security & Sustainability

Increasing global population and shifting climate conditions have forced us to rethink how we grow food and what we grow. The 'Shamba' **initiative** will be scaled large enough to sustain the entire student population using low-tech, low-cost farming techniques on the school property. Other NGO's such as Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group and Transfrontier Africa have been consulted to maximize skills and resources; we intend to employ such things as solar powered drip irrigation systems and hydroponics. Project budget TBD.

www.foodplantsolutions.org
www.transfrontierafrica.org

Environmental Patriotism

Finally, a youth conservation **initiative** similar to our Bush Babies program in South Africa will be established and aimed at developing 'Environmental Patriotism' to celebrate the Maasai culture and heritage towards the treatment of natural spaces and natural resources including all flora and fauna with an emphasis on endangered/threatened species.

Our environmental **objectives** are simple, to help the Esupetai school community battle food & energy poverty, help preserve Maasai traditions, promote climate resilience, and protect ecosystems and natural heritage. Project budget TBD.



Bush Babies Program Learners



The Mama Watoto Program

Our **mission** is to 'fill the hunger void' by providing the students at Esupetai Primary School with meals that will 1) better prepare the students to receive lessons during the day and improve academic standards, 2) encourage children to stay at school during the day and improve overall school attendance, and 3) relieve family pressures to seek alternative sources of food such as bushmeat hunting/poaching.

Rhino Mercy founders Tom and Julie Tochterman witnessed the needs of these children first hand in 2021; they decided something had to be done to help the children of this community.....to fill the gaps between what the local community was attempting to do for the health and education of these children and what more might be possible with a little help from friends.

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