



Annual Report 2013-14

Board members

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CEO's executive summary

The GSP Board all stood for re-election at the 2013 AGM and were unanimously reappointed.

The financial year 2013 -14 was busy and rewarding for Global School Partners (GSP). It saw GSP consolidate the management team in Kenya following the dismissal of NGO Hope Mission Centre in January 2013. This culminated in June 2014 with the registration of Global School Partners Kenya Chapter as a non-profit NGO in Kenya. This enables GSP to apply for Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme which would result in donations in Australia for overseas projects being tax deductible for donors. The GSP Board see this as a priority for the long term future of the organisation.

The year saw 24 projects undertaken in Kenyan partner schools and an increase of 12 on last year to 56 sponsored students. One Kenyan school received emergency relief funding of \$2000 for food for the boarding students. This was the first time GSP funded an emergency relief program and was undertaken in Riamabana Orphanage Academy because the boarders in this primary school were only receiving food every third day.

The new agreement with Brian and Pam Ness saw GSP operations begin in Zimbabwe under their guidance and the partnering of Hunter Valley Grammar School with Jabulani School in the Victoria Falls region of Zimbabwe. The University of Newcastle became involved and two academics visited Zimbabwe in January 2014 to investigate the possibility of creating a program for teacher training – this project is ongoing with another trip planned.

Contact by a teacher in the USA, who had spent time as a volunteer teacher in Kenya, lead to discussions which continue as we explore the possibility of GSP operating from USA.

In addition, the collection of education resources by schools in Australia lead to the shipping of a container to Kenya in May, with an anticipated arrival late June to coincide with the GSP team's visit. A team of two teachers, a doctor and Simon Carroll traveled to Kenya in June-July 2014. Following the difficulties and costs faced in getting the container into Kenya and to the schools the GSP Board has voted to no longer ship containers to Kenya.

One school in Kibera, Nairobi has stopped responding to communications and appears to have closed.

Current status at 30 June 2014:

15 schools in Kenya partnered with 15 schools in Australia.

1 school in Zimbabwe partnered with 1 school in Australia.

68 projects have been undertaken in Kenyan partner schools since commencement in 2011. In addition thousands of exercise books, hundreds of text books and numerous education resources have been supplied.

56 students are sponsored.

Almost all sponsored students received an additional gift from their sponsor when the GSP team visited their school.

Hand washing stations implemented in 2013 are still operational in schools.

Financial report

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| The opening balance at 1 July 2013 | \$21 843.10 |
| Income 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 | \$75 483.96 |
| Expenditure 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 | \$79 566.33 |
| Closing balance 30 June 2014 | \$17 760 73 |

Expenditure includes \$650 for GSP-KC committee travel expenses in Kenya and a camera for committee use to report project status.

Expenditure includes \$715 for expenses within Australia:

- Banners for Kenyan schools
- T-Shirts for GSP team
- Packing boxes for container goods
- Small gifts for Kenyan schools

Expenditure includes some Kenyan travel costs incurred by the GSP team, for which they made the equivalent deposit, reflected as income.

Note: all travel and accommodation costs incurred by GSP Directors and GSP team members are 100% self funded.

Future plans

Website

Relaunch the GSP website. The website came under some form of cyber attack in May 2014, was restored but had to be taken off line in late June 2014.

Currently the new website is under development and is intended to be more functional and easier to update. The program being used is Square Space.

Email program

GSP is looking to transition its email hosting to gmail, as the new website does not have facility for email hosting.

GSP is currently exploring email programs to streamline and better utilise emails as marketing tools. Programs being investigated are Campaign Monitor and Mail Chimp.

Overseas deductible gift recipient status

The registration of an in-country NGO in Kenya that GSP is partnered with enables GSP to apply for overseas deductible gift recipient (DGR) status.

This application will take priority from November 2014 with Simon Carroll's changed work pattern enabling him to spend more time on GSP.

Fundraising

A number of fundraising activities are planned including crowd funding websites and linking to other organisation events (Go-Fundraise). GSP has a fundraising licence for ACT activities, which opens the door to public fundraising in the ACT. The concept of an interschool competition (e.g. trivia night) has been discussed in the past.

Investigations into available grants from foundations, such as the Gates Foundation will be explored.

Accounting

GSP is fortunate to have the services of a volunteer accountant from the 2014-15 financial year. This means that a full set of accounts will be available from the 2015 Annual Report. It also means that once DGR is received the accounts have to be audited and will be in the correct format for the auditor.

Projects – Kenya

GSP schools are located in the Kisii District, which is in the mountainous south west of Kenya. The area has a rich farming heritage and produces much of Kenya's famous tea as well as many food crops. Located on the equator it usually has plentiful rain in the 2 rainy seasons in April-May and September-October, but can be very dry at other times of the year. The temperature is a pleasant 25°C as the altitude is approximately 2000m.

GSP had one partnered school in Kibera, which is Africa's largest slum located in Nairobi. The preschool GAF Kibera was started by Mwangi Kuria who was concerned that many very young children in the slum were either locked in their shanty home all day or allowed to roam the streets, while the parent(s) were at work, or looking for work, all day. Mwangi started the preschool to give these children (2-8 years of age) somewhere safe to go, somewhere to learn about school and somewhere to have some food. Unfortunately despite months of attempts to make contact with Mwangi and GAF Kibera GSP is unable to make contact and have had to abandon the partnership.

GSP – Kenya Chapter projects

The GSP-KC is looking to achieve projects that support all member schools such as:

- Sewing machines for uniform making – currently one school has 2 sewing machines that parents volunteer and make school uniforms. This could be expanded to a cottage industry where sufficient machines are available and parents are hired to make uniforms for all GSP-KC schools and potentially other schools, for money.
- Mobile health worker – a health worker in a vehicle could visit all the GSP-KC schools to maintain basic sanitation and health conditions both from an educational perspective and a health service perspective.
- Sustainable food program – this would entail the purchase or leasing of land to grow food crops for all the GSP-KC schools to share. Currently several of the schools do grow a very small amount of food on their limited land.
- Computer tablet PhD project – Jann Carroll would be a supervisor to a Kenyan PhD student who undertakes a thesis examining the educational advantages of students having access to the world of computers and the internet. The student would conduct the research travelling to GSP-KC schools with a set of tablets to interact with students.

Canberra Sunshine Academy

Partnered with Canberra Girls Grammar School Junior

The school has approximately 300 students from Year 1 to Year 8, the Director of the school is Mr Vincent Maseno, who is also the Chairman of GSP-KC.

Canberra Sunshine Academy was originally called Mwangaza Academy and in 2012 the mud and sticks buildings were washed away after heavy rain. The school relocated about 400 m further up the hill and began to rebuild.

Partner school CGGS Jnr has been very supportive and the school now has permanent brick classrooms and brick toilets.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--|---------------|
| Water tank and guttering | CGGS Jnr |
| Tent and chairs | Private donor |
| Classroom construction and furnishings | CGGS Jnr |
| Container goods | CGGS Jnr |
| Water tank and guttering | CGGS student |
| Classroom construction | CGGS Jnr |
| Double storey classroom | CGGS Jnr |
| Desks | CGGS Jnr |
| Toilets | CGGS Jnr |
| Text and exercise books | CGGS Jnr |
| Electricity | CGGS Jnr |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Container goods | CGGS Jnr |

Current project status – a second double storey classroom block is under construction, along with more toilets and desks.



Charcha Academy Esamba – now Garthill Academy

Partnered with St John Vianney Primary

Charcha Academy Esamba has officially changed its name to Garthill Academy. The school has progressed from mud and stick classrooms and even a class operating under a tree, when GSP was first introduced, to having permanent brick classrooms. The school has many children from poverty stricken homes and orphans who live at the school. A brother and sister family (the Kibeni's) came to the school in very poor health suffering extreme malnutrition which had stunted their growth (photo below). Unbelievably these two are over 10 years old. The school is seeking sponsors for many of its students.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Water tanks x 2 and guttering | Private donor |
| Desks | Private donor |
| Office and classroom walls | Private donor |
| Electricity | Private donor |
| Classroom roof | Private donor |
| Container goods | St John Vianney |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| 4 brick classrooms | Private donor |
| Container goods | St John Vianney |

Current project status - No further GSP projects currently underway though the school is seeking to finish another 4 brick classrooms that are currently under construction (roof only) , but the work is stalled through lack of funds. The school would also like to start keeping dairy goats to assist with feeding the students.



Charcha Academy Kiomanga

Partnered with Cabramatta Public Primary School

Charcha Academy Kiomanga has now resolved the water security issue it was having with the installation of the fence and gate. The school has many orphans and is seeking sponsorship of students to ensure that the children remain in the education system.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--|-------------------|
| Water tank and guttering | Private donor |
| Classroom completion – flooring, windows and doors | Cabramatta Public |
| Gate and fence for water security | Private donor |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Container goods | Cabramatta Public |

Current project status – funds from Cabramatta Public are being used to complete more classrooms. The school would like to build new toilets for the students when funding becomes available and install electricity.



Ikoba DEB Primary School

Partnered with Cabramatta West Primary School

This school has large grounds, with brick buildings that are in a very poor state of repair.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Electricity | Private donor |
| Container goods | Cabramatta West |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Toilets | Cabramatta West |
| Container goods | Cabramatta West |

Current project status – the toilets are being finished and the school would like to build some new classrooms.



Kerobe Joybright Academy

Partnered with Latham Primary School

The school consisted of 4 stick and mud classrooms when GSP was first introduced. The school grows by a class a year (e.g. 2011 it had baby to class 1, then in 2012 it offered class 2 etc) to keep pace with the students. So the construction of 3 more classrooms was vital for the schools progression. The school was not near a road so visitors had to park and walk approx 600 m to the school.

This year the local government decided that a road was needed in the area and so without consultation or compensation the 4 original classrooms, plus nearby farmer's tea bushes were bull dozed to make way for the new road. The school was decimated and displaced classes operated under a tarpaulin until GSP was able to fund the construction of new brick classrooms.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Water tanks x2 with guttering | Private donor |
| 3 classrooms | Latham Primary |
| Container goods | Latham Primary |
| Classroom dividing walls | Private donor |
| Text books, chairs | Private donor |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Container goods | Latham Primary |

Current project status – generous donors have enabled GSP to fund the construction of 8 new brick classrooms.



King's Angels Academy

Partnered with St Clare of Assisi Primary School

This school was originally partnered by Weston Preschool, which has since closed down. Fortunately GSP was able to secure St Clare of Assisi Primary School as new partner.

The school has moved from its original position on the outskirts of Kisii to a more rural area, where demand for the school is much higher.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--|------------------|
| Chicken run, chickens and feed | Private donor |
| Text and exercise books and stationery | Weston Preschool |
| Container goods | Weston Preschool |
| Desks, tables, water containers | Weston Preschool |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Toilets | Private donor |
| Container goods | Various |

Current project status – the school would like to build a library for the students and equip itself with computers.



Nyamira Boys High School

Partnered with James Meehan High School

This school changed from a co-ed to boys only in 2012 and has experienced strong growth in numbers since then. Consequently they have required several hundred new desks to maintain a sufficient quantity to match the student population.

Recently they have graded their oval to create better sporting facilities (athletics track and soccer field) as the school does well in the district for sport. The school has all students as boarders so has large dormitories plus several agricultural projects to assist with food supply.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Water tank and guttering | James Meehan |
| Toilets | Private donor |
| Container goods | James Meehan |
| Desks and chairs | James Meehan |
| Toilets | Private donor |
| Desks and chairs | James Meehan |
| Hand washing stations | Private donors |
| Container goods | James Meehan |

Current project status – The school still requires more desks, plus double decker beds for the dormitories and would like to renovate their dormitories.



Nyamusi Girls Secondary School

Partnered with Cabramatta High School

This is a girl's secondary school with most of the students staying as boarders on the campus. Growth in numbers has meant that the school has required beds and desks to accommodate the students.

The students all stood to eat all their meals, either in the hall or outside, so the school used funds from their partner school to purchase chairs for them to sit on.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Beds – triple deckers | Private donor |
| Desks and chairs | Cabramatta High |
| Beds – triple deckers | Cabramatta High |
| Container goods | Cabramatta High |
| Chairs for dining room | Cabramatta High |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Chairs for dining room | Cabramatta High |
| Container goods | Cabramatta High |

Current project status – the school needs more chairs and tables to complete the dining room and would also like more desks and laboratory equipment for science.



Obwororo Academy

Partnered with Arawang Primary School

Obwororo Academy has large grounds and a mix of brick and wood classrooms. There are many boarders, mainly girls (for safety) and they used to eat sitting on the dirt floor in the hall. The hall has now been completed through GSP projects and in addition to being a more pleasant environment with doors, windows and a cement floor, for the students, the school can also hire the hall for community functions.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--|-----------------|
| Chairs for dining hall | Arawang Primary |
| Water tank | Private donor |
| Exercise books and education resources | Arawang Primary |
| Container goods | Arawang Primary |
| Beds | Arawang Primary |
| Water tank | Arawang Primary |
| Windows and doors on hall | Private donor |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Container goods | Arawang Primary |
| Cement floor for the hall | Arawang Primary |

Current project status – the school would like to complete the construction of a new girl's dormitory, install electricity and replace the wood classrooms with brick ones..



Riamabana Orphanage Academy

Partnered with St Joseph's Primary School

Riamabana is both a school and a refuge for orphans who board there. The school itself probably ranks as one of the poorest and most inadequately resourced of GSP-KC schools.

GSP has undertaken an emergency feeding program in 2013 and 2014 when it was discovered that the boarders were only being supplied food every third day, due to the lack of funds and food resources.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beds | St Josephs |
| Toilets | Private donor |
| Container goods | St Josephs |
| Electricity | St Josephs |
| Emergency feeding program | St Josephs |
| Text books | St Josephs |
| Library/office and classrooms | St Josephs and Private donor |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Cow | St Josephs |
| Container goods | St Josephs |

Current project status – the school is wanting to complete construction of the brick classrooms, would like a kitchen and wants to expand its chicken population.



Riamajeshi Bright Start Academy

Partnered with Canberra Boys Grammar School, Garran House.

Riamajeshi Academy is a newly partnered school that has just enjoyed its first project – a water tank – that for the first time provides clean, potable water on the school premises. This is a huge improvement especially for the boarders who had to walk about 800 m to a stream to get clean water.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Water tank and guttering | CGS Garran House |

Current project status – the school is wanting to construct a new dormitory for girls, build some permanent brick classrooms and a kitchen.



School of Hope

Partnered with Good Shepherd Primary School

This school has a wonderful atmosphere with the director Moses embracing the community in decisions affecting the school and students.

The school has progressed well and Moses is very inventive and imaginative in providing facilities for the students, for example with the water tanks he set up a system to provide the first shower GSP has seen in schools, for the boarders. (Most school bathing is done from a bucket)>

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Water tanks x 3 and guttering | Good Shepherd |
| Classroom | Private donor |
| Text books and educational resources | Private donor |
| Classroom finishing | Good Shepherd |
| Toilets | Good Shepherd |
| Container goods | Good Shepherd |
| Text and exercise books, stationery | Good Shepherd |
| Classroom | Private donor |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Container goods | Good Shepherd |

Current project status – The school would like to convert all its wood and tin classrooms to brick and would like to install electricity.



Surgeon Primary Academy

Partnered with St Jude's Primary School

Surgeon Primary regularly tops the district academically in the Primary Schools Certificate examinations. The school was founded by a group of teachers who felt that the government schooling system was not delivering good educational outcomes for children.

The school has moved from rented premises nearby to its current location that is on ground that it owns. The children at the school always seem happy and engaged in learning.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Water tank and guttering | St Judes |
| Classrooms x 3 and roofing | St Judes |
| Text books and educational resources | Private donor |
| Toilets x4 for boys | Private donor |
| Container goods | St Judes |
| Toilets x 4 for girls | St Judes |
| Classrooms x 2 | Private donor |
| Library /office | St Judes |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Container goods | St Judes |

Current project status – The school would like to build permanent brick classrooms, they require more desks and would like electricity.



Tabaka Academy

Partnered with Amaroo School

Tabaka Academy is the largest primary school in the group and in many ways the best resourced, managed and maintained. The founder is a former top ranking Kenyan public servant who retired to Tabaka, his home region, and is giving back to the next generation through the school.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Water tank and guttering | Amaroo School |
| Verandas and classroom entrances | Amaroo school |
| Container goods | Amaroo School |
| Double story classrooms | Amaroo School and private donor |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Container goods | Various |

Current project status – Tabaka is wanting to finish the upstairs classroom and would like to set up a computer laboratory. In addition they are seeking a printer / photocopier to help with exam paper production and a generator to assist through the frequent power outs, especially for the boarding hostels.



Takima Academy

Partnered with Sacred Heart Primary School

Two teachers from Sacred Heart joined the GSP team in Kenya in 2014 and spent a day at Takima Academy seeing the projects, meeting the staff and interacting with the students.

Takima has two campuses with the main one receiving most of the development projects. The school has a very competent head teacher Ms Yunis who runs the school effectively and maintains good consistency of staff members, many of whom have been there for some years.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Water tanks x 2 and guttering | Sacred Heart |
| Text books and educational resources | Private donor |
| Classroom construction | Private donor |
| Water pump for the well | Private donor |
| Container goods | Sacred Heart |
| Classrooms / hall | Sacred Heart |
| Text and exercise books | Sacred Heart |
| Hand washing stations | Private donor |
| Education resources and text books | Sacred Heart |
| Chairs | Private donor |
| Container goods | Sacred Heart |

Current project status – the school is seeking to purchase beds and mattresses for the girls who board as they currently sleep on blankets on the floor.



Projects - Zimbabwe

Jabulani Primary School

Partnered with Hunter Valley Grammar School

GSP activities in Zimbabwe commenced in 2013 and the operations are run by Brian and Pam Ness.

The University of Newcastle has two committed academics who have visited Jabulani School twice as they work to create a teacher training program to up skill teachers. The objective is to improve teacher quality and to encourage teacher retention. In addition they look at the educational resources available in the school and seek to improve them.

Projects in date order:

| Project | Donor |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Teacher training | University of Newcastle |
| Playground | Private donors |

Current project status – a partner school project is being planned.

