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*KWAMUTU KITCHEN PROJECT. MADE POSSIBLE BY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN  
KWAMUTU PRIMARY AND STICHTING K.O.O.K THROUGH STICHTING T.O.P.  
AND MACHEO CHILDREN'S ORGANISATION.*

**Thika Outreach Project  
Foundation (TOP) &  
stichting K.O.O.K.**

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## OUR MISSION

The mission of Macheo is to empower and protect vulnerable children and their communities so that they can lead a bright future.



## OUR VISION

Our vision is a society where children live happily in a safe, caring and stimulating environment.



## OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to release restrained potential in children.

## INTRODUCTION

Macheo cooperates with 28 schools in the Thika area, Kenya, among other things, by providing school meals and desks. School meals ensure that many more children attend school, reducing dropout rates and improving concentration and education performance. Providing healthy and nutritious meals positively impacts students' physical health, cognitive function, and academic performance.

We are so grateful to stiching K.O.O.K. and TOP Foundation for supporting this project to see 250 children from Kwa Mutu Primary School have porridge to enhance their concentration in school.



## FINANCIALS

We have been able to carry out all proposed changes within the budget and have even been able to make a few extra improvements. Due to a more favourable exchange rate than anticipated, and high contributions by the school community, we still have an amount of KES 96.462 (appr €736 with today's exchange rate) left.

Below you find two tables, the first one shows how the funds were spent, the second how the two transfers from TOP Foundation were exchanged. More detailed accounts are available on request through [finance@macheo.org](mailto:finance@macheo.org).

Incomes	Budget FX	Actual FX	Budget income (KES)	Actual income (KES)
<b>€ 5,400 received from stichting K.O.O.K. through TOP Foundation</b>	<b>115</b>	130,98	<b>616.403</b>	<b>707.289</b>

Expenses	Budget (€)	Budget (KES)	Actual expenses (KES)
Kitchen Construction Materials	€ 2.694	309.850	329.851
Construction Labour cost	€ 897	103.200	86.100
Energy saving stoves installation	€ 1.513	174.000	164.000
Administration cost	€ 255	29.353	30.877
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>€ 5.360</b>	<b>616.403</b>	<b>610.828</b>

It is our humble request whether the remaining funds can be used for another purpose within Kwa Mutu school, such as the school feeding program or other infrastructure needs (for which the school and Macheo would have to fundraise first).

We would like to reward the school community for their great contribution by using the savings in their school.

**Please communicate to Marnix Huis in 't Veld ([marnix@macheo.org](mailto:marnix@macheo.org)) about your decision regarding the allocation of the remaining funds of Kenyan Shilling 96.642**



Upgrading to a new modern kitchen offers several benefits, such as increased storage space for kitchen equipment, reduced clutter, and improved environmental sustainability. Additionally, modern kitchen designs are durable, making them a smart investment in the long run, saving money over time. Providing porridge to school children has been linked to improved concentration and academic performance. The water storage tank not only provides cooking water but also drinking water for the learners.

The construction of the new kitchen at Kwa Mutu Primary School has significantly improved the hygiene of food preparation and serving. An internal store was built, allowing the cook to store utensils within the kitchen, thus reducing the risk of unhealthy situations or diseases that may affect the children.

Parents contributed sand and water for the construction, supervised by Macheo staff, teachers, and the school board of management. The new kitchen has been equipped with energy-saving modern stoves, and a water storage tank was purchased for the school, with gutters installed to address water security challenges.

## Testimony from the head teacher

“ Previously, we used a small old kitchen with no floor. It was usually muddy during the rainy seasons and was insufficient to serve porridge for the children and store firewood. It was also unsafe since it was made of weak wire mesh, which could be broken and utensils stolen. It was also challenging for the cook because it was not well-ventilated and was usually full of smoke which posed health risks to the cook and the children.

With the new kitchen, it’s now easier for the cook to prepare porridge for the children. We now have modern cooking stoves which emit little smoke, and our school cook feels more comfortable and happy when working. The kitchen is also now cemented so we can easily clean it and efficiently serve more children during the rainy seasons. With such a clean kitchen, we are most likely to serve clean meals, reducing health-related issues. The school, parents and the community are happy and grateful for Macheo and the donors for constructing the new kitchen!”



## CONTACTS

This report has been compiled by Macheo Children's Organization in Kenya, also on behalf of Stichting Macheo Nederland. The board of the Macheo Nederland Foundation consists entirely of volunteers.

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## WORD OF THANKS

On behalf of all the children Macheo can help, we would like to express our thanks for your interest in reading and, hopefully, considering continuing the long relationship between TOP and Macheo.

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