

Program Descriptions

Educational Operating Grants and Scholarships:

Most student sponsorships provide everything the students need while at school. We provided 291 students sponsorships at MGLSS. In its 28th year, the school continued to provide an opportunity for pastoralist and semi-nomadic girls to be educated in a safe and nurturing environment. The monthly grant to the school supports teacher and staff salaries, food, textbooks, utilities, and other necessary expenses.

Additional scholarship funds were provided for: 45 primary students at Best School Academy in Kenya, 8 students attending Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania, 1 student at Kimandolu Secondary School, 1 student at Haydom Institute, 2 students at Kitambolu Secondary School in Arusha, Tanzania, 1 student attending the Bassodawish schools in the Karatu region of Tanzania, 2 students at Umambwe Secondary School, 3 students at Michaud Secondary school, 1 student at Suma Engikaret Secondary School, and 3 students attending schools in the Ketumbeine region of Tanzania. In Uganda, multiple grants were presented to Kiyooro Secondary School for student aid.

In Madagascar monthly grants were provided to pay teacher salaries at five primary schools in the rural South. These teachers taught more than 1,000 students in one of the most impoverished areas of the country. They also provided salaries for a Teacher Trainer.

Leadership Development:

The OBA post-secondary program provides scholarships for graduates of the MaaSAE Girls School through sponsor support. This year, 85 MGLSS graduates pursued degrees at colleges, universities, and vocational schools in Tanzania with scholarships through Operation Bootstrap Africa. Five graduates of other secondary schools also received post-secondary scholarships. The financial support OBA provided to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre School of Nursing lowered the tuition considerably for all of 83 students at the institution. This yearly grant helps subsidize the total of nursing training in Tanzania. Additional grants provided funding for the renovation of the older buildings on their property to be used as classrooms, a library, and a computer lab.

Construction and Special Projects at Schools in Tanzania:

Funding was provided for the following items at MGLSS: COVID supplies, books, uniforms, and an Emergency Fund. Funding was also provided for numerous primary and secondary school projects, including: clothing and building construction, for Best School Academy in Kenya.

Monthly grants were supplied for the Lunch Program at Olchoki Primary School. A dormitory construction project for the Oneko Secondary School in Kenya was completed, as well as a monthly grant for the Madagascar Lunch Program. Finally, the Plaster House was provided some funding for their activity center.

OBA also gave funds to Olarush Primary School for "uji" (porridge) at lunch time. Menstrual care kits were provided to the following establishments: The Plaster House, Olchoki Primary School, Moringe Sokoine Secondary School, and the ALMC School of Nursing.