



SHOCC is a small charity working with trusted partners. We work with managers who have demonstrated need and have clear goals. We will then support a project financially and through tailored advice and encouragement. As a result, our projects illustrate reciprocal philanthropy where we have an ongoing relationship with our partners, treat them with respect and have a two-way, empathetic approach, aiming for projects quickly to become self-sustainable. We have very few administrative costs and 99% of every donated pound goes to our projects.

ST KEVIN'S INFANT SCHOOL MARIGAT KENYA [SDGs 2,4]

PROJECT STATUS: COMPLETE

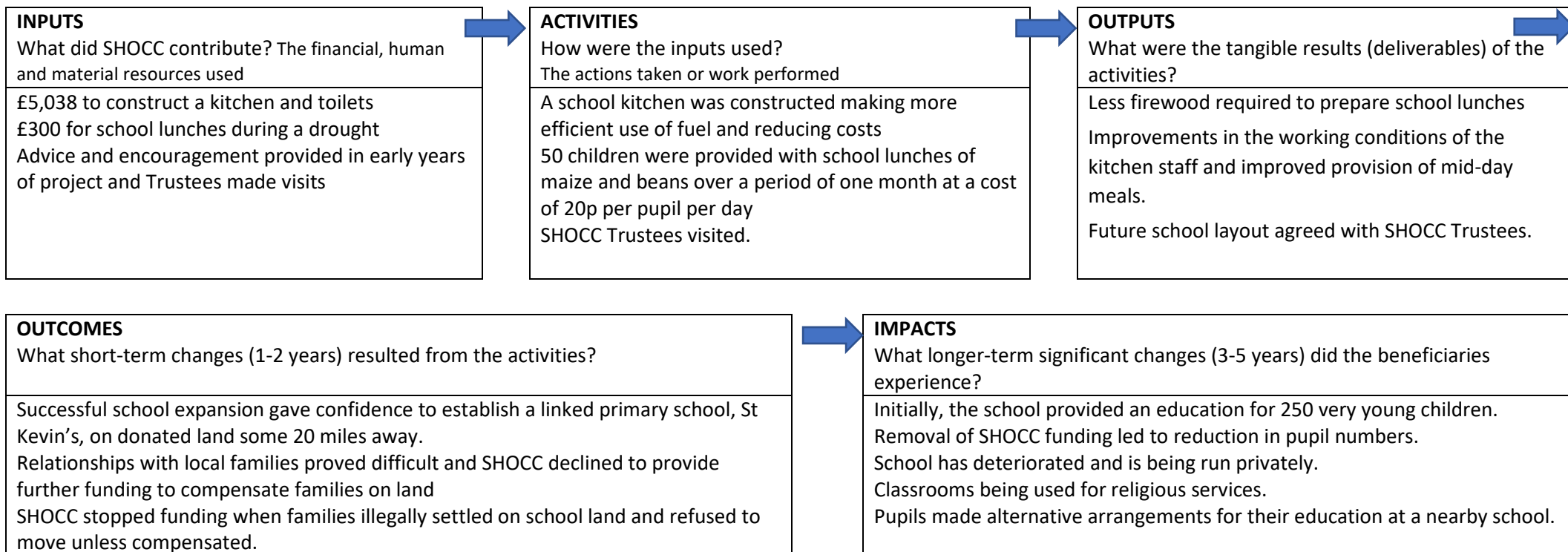
Project brief: SHOCC worked with several parish priests at Marigat, Kenya to construct a new infant school on land donated by the Irrigation Board. Three classrooms, an office, toilets and kitchen were constructed between 2013 and 2016. Unfortunately, local politics and corruption made completion of the project difficult and it was concluded in 2016 with no further funding being allocated.

Date of entry:	23.06.2022
Project type:	School build
Year(s) of project:	2013 - 2016
Awarded to date:	£5,338

Background: In 2013 Fr Peter Kway, Parish Priest at Marigat Kenya, received funding to construct three small classrooms and a staff room on 6 acres of land donated by the Kenyan National Irrigation Board. SHOCC provided £5,338 to construct a kitchen, toilets and food for lunches. The Government of Kenya funded a Headteacher and two class teachers. Between 2013 and 2016, infant numbers increased from 45 to around 250 in 2016. Numbers varied over time as pupils live in an area subject to cattle rustling between tribal groups and are reluctant to walk to school during these periods of unrest.

In 2016 it transpired that the land had not been legally registered in the parish name and, following a series of meetings with the local Chief, the Irrigation Board and Parish representatives, this was successfully arranged. After a survey, it became clear that several dozen refugee families had settled on the land. Following discussions with the local Chief, alternative living arrangements were found and it became possible to develop the school. However, despite these agreements, several families moved back on to the land and demanded compensation to move away. SHOCC agreed with Fr Kway that this was not acceptable and the planned project with additional three classrooms, offices and storage facilities costing £9,842 was terminated. This was the first SHOCC project that was not carried through to a satisfactory conclusion. Donors were informed and funds reallocated to St Paul's primary, Marigat.

Our theory of change



Photographs taken by Trustees and others when visiting the project.



St Kevin's baby class and infant school at Tuyapei is located some 20 miles north-east of Marigat on land donated to the church by the Irrigation Board. The area is inhabited by refugees from Turkana and further north, who migrated to the area over 20 years ago and still live in very poor conditions. Thatched houses of the kind shown in the photo bottom right are all that most families can afford and few, if any children attend school. Work on the first two classrooms, toilets and kitchen block proceeded well with SHOCC's financial help. Unfortunately, the land was not properly demarcated and fenced and refugee families moved onto school land. Negotiations did not go well and the amounts of compensation required to re-settle the families was too high for SHOCC to consider. As a result, the link with this very much needed school was closed. The photographs show work on the first two classrooms in progress in 2013 and parents carrying desks and chairs into the building. The first class was small but numbers soon grew. The photo bottom centre shows Fr Peter, the Parish Priest, handing out mid-day lunches to the children

