



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.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL TOMBURA-YAMBIO SOUTH SUDAN [SDG 1, 4, 5]

PROJECT STATUS: CURRENT

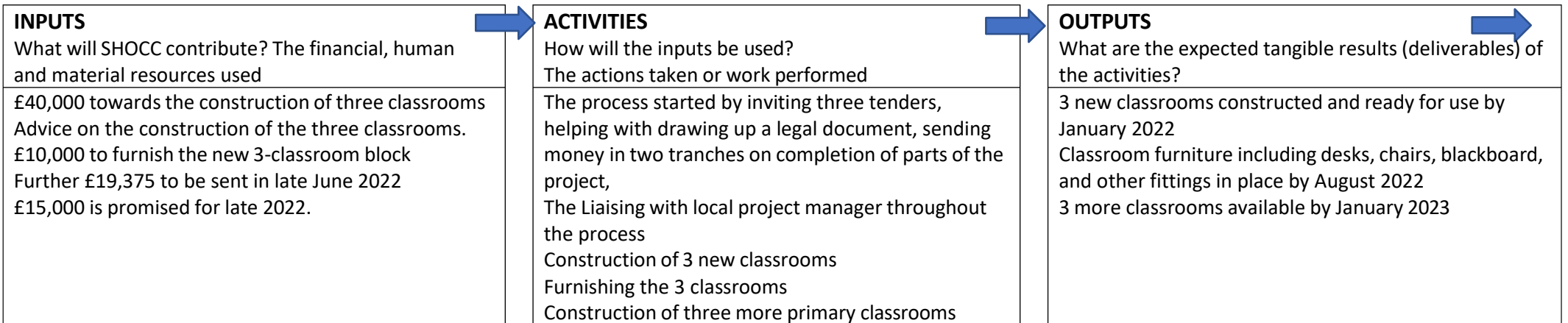
Project brief: SHOCC is working with a former student of St Mary’s University to build and furnish three new kindergarten classrooms at Christ the King Kindergarten School Tombura-Yambio in South Sudan. The numbers attending school decline markedly in rainy periods which are common for much of the year, when the mud floors disintegrate. Four new brick-built classrooms are needed to stabilize attendance.

Date of entry:	21.02.2023
Project type:	School build
Year(s) of project:	2018-
Awarded to date:	£103,268

Background: More than two million children, or over 70%, are out of school in South Sudan, putting at risk their futures and the future of the country. The country gained its independence in 2011 after protracted conflict since 1956. The country remains a fragile state with 80% of the population living below the poverty line and its literacy rate, at 27%, is the world’s lowest.

SHOCC has been supporting the work of the kindergarten school at Tombura Yambio in South Sudan since 2018, receiving regular donations from Leatherhead catholic parish. It is managed by Sister Jacinto Dagbaaboro, and in 2021 had 150 pupils. There are three classes for children aged 3 - 6 years. Currently only the youngest children are taught in a permanent, brick building. The other two classes are taught under temporary structures made of wood and thatch. On rainy days that occur throughout much of the year, children do not attend school and classes are not held. Few other facilities such as tables are available and the children sit, cramped together, on wooden benches.

Our of change



OUTCOMES

What short-term changes (1-2 years) will result from the activities?

School numbers increase to around 350

40 new pupils join school each year

Attendance rates >80%

Gender balance moves towards 50-50

The drop-out rate reduced by 10%

SHOCC continues to provide support if requested

**IMPACTS**

What longer-term significant changes (3-5 years) will the beneficiaries experience?

Pupil numbers in kindergarten and primary stabilize at around 360

80% of pupils continue to primary education

Parents consider constructing a primary school

The school is recognized as one of the best kindergartens in the area

Fee revenue provides for upkeep and running costs

Stories and case studies, with descriptions and anecdotes from beneficiaries [to be added when received from partners]



THE SITUATION IN 2020

Christ the King kindergarten school at Tombura Yambio in South Sudan currently consists of one brick-built classroom (photo bottom right). Few other facilities such as tables are available and the children sit, cramped together, on wooden benches.

Other classes are housed in temporary wooden accommodation with thatched roofs and sacking walls. There are few facilities except for wooden benches.





THE SITUATION IN JUNE 2021

The contract has been signed, Fr Morris has agreed to be Project Manager and a contractor has been appointed. The first tranche of funds of £20,000 was sent in early 2021 and work has started.

The second tranche of funds were sent in June 2021 following receipt of evidence of good progress. This will enable the completion of the classrooms and their purchase of furniture. For the pupils and their teachers.

Arrangements are being made for an official opening with Mass celebrated and Fr Morris will represent Leatherhead Parish and SHOCC.

The photos were taken by Fr Morris and show construction work in progress.

We are most grateful to Leatherhead and its parishioners for supporting this excellent new kindergarten school.





THE SITUATION IN JUNE 2022

Work on the construction of the three new kindergarten classrooms was completed in May 2022 according to the contract and within the agreed time frame.

The three classrooms have been designed to withstand the heavy rainfall and guttering and water harvesting tanks will be added at a later date. The classrooms have been decorated inside and out in the school colours.

The parish of Great Bookham and Effingham in Surrey, UK has provided £10,000 for classroom furniture and this is being purchased.

Following discussions with Fr Morris and the local community, the Parish of Great Bookham and Effingham has also agreed to provide additional funding to construct a women's refuge. This is urgently needed following the recent inter-tribal violence in the area. They will also invite members of the parish to support the education of orphan children whose lives have been damaged as a result of the insecurity.

Funding of nearly £20,000 has been received and will be added to the £20,000 that could not be sued during the recent unrest. A further £15,000 is promised and, together, this funding will be sued to construct three further primary classrooms

Arrangements are being made for an official opening by the Bishop. Fr Morris will represent the parishes of Leatherhead and Great Bookham and Effingham and SHOCC.

