



Kenyan Schools of Hope/Ewuaso Osiligi Center 2025 Annual Report

Overview

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! God continued to bless the ministry of Ewuaso Osiligi Rescue Center and School (EOC) and Kenyan Schools of Hope (KSOH) throughout 2025. At the end of 2025, the EOC provided safety, hope, education, and care for 90 girls fleeing female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced early marriage (FEM). Out of the 90 rescued girls, 52 lived full-time on campus and attended the Ewuaso Osiligi School, 35 attended secondary school at a boarding school, and three attended vocational school or university. High school girls returned to the rescue center during school breaks unless they were reintegrated with their families.

The EOC safely reintegrated 10 girls with their families in 2025 following graduation from high school and will continue to support their education if they pursue post-secondary education, such as vocational school, college, or university. The EOC also safely reintegrated two more girls still in school so that they could live at home and maintain connections within their communities, bringing the total to 12 rescued girls being supported from home. All reintegrated girls receive regular check-ins by EOC staff to ensure their safety and well-being.

Following a yearslong effort by the EOC, the Kenyan government recognized the Ewuaso Osiligi Rescue Center as an official rescue center in Kajiado County in January 2025. This significant milestone comes after years of navigating bureaucratic challenges and is especially meaningful amid government initiatives to close centers not adhering to new policies. On November 27, 2025, the courts formally approved 60 previously rescued girls to continue in the EOC's care for a three-year period. These successes strengthen the center's capacity to offer safe shelter, protection, and support services to vulnerable children. We anticipate additional girls being approved for residency at the EOC.



With the completion of the new Multipurpose Hall in early 2025, the EOC 12-acre campus now consists of a dormitory, pre-k through 9th grade classrooms, a playground, staff quarters, a guardhouse, water tower, cistern, and spaces within the new Multipurpose Hall for worship, dining, a kitchen, classrooms, and laboratories.

EOC staff, rescued girls, and community members continued to gather on campus for worship each Sunday. On November 15, Reverend Stanley Chepkwony and Deacon Joseph Nguku led a service in which 10 rescued girls and two children from the community were baptized, and an additional five girls confirmed their faith and received their first communion. The day also included a memorial service for Edwin Macharia, Joseph Mbugua, and Julie Davis, all dear departed friends of the EOC.

Ewuaso Osiligi School



During 2025, the Ewuaso Osiligi School experienced a surge in growth with enrollment doubling from the previous year to 134 students. Praise God! The completion of the multipurpose building also enabled the Ewuaso Osiligi Junior Secondary School to add 9th grade, allowing the girls to stay at the EOC for an additional year before going away to a boarding school for secondary school. Not only does this growth contribute to the long-term sustainability of the school, but as more children join our institution, we see the impact of quality education and the love of Jesus in transforming lives and bringing hope to the community.

Students in grades 6, 9, and 12 sat for national exams in late October. The Ewuaso Osiligi School emerged as the leading school in the Ewuaso area for those taking the Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (grade 9). These test scores significantly influence which school the government places the girls in for secondary school.

Ewuaso Osiligi School Student Enrollment for 2025

Class	Local Community (pay tuition)		Rescued Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls		
Play Group	6	7	0	13
Pre-Primary 1	2	2	0	4
Pre-Primary 2	2	4	1	7
Grade 1	4	6	0	10
Grade 2	3	3	2	8
Grade 3	2	8	3	13
Grade 4	4	3	3	10
Grade 5	7	4	2	13
Grade 6	2	2	4	8
Grade 7	3	4	8	15
Grade 8	2	1	14	17
Grade 9	1	0	15	16
Totals	38	44*	52**	134

* Four of the community girls were boarding students who lived in the dormitory with the rescued girls.

** The remaining rescued girls are either in secondary school or pursuing post-secondary education or training.

The EOC’s partnership with Compassion International expanded significantly from six beneficiaries in 2024 to 26 in 2025. Compassion provided partial scholarships for 22 rescued girls and day students at the Ewuaso Osiligi School, three rescued girls in high school, and one in college. The scholarships for the rescued girls supplement the KSOH/EOC sponsorships and help cover costs of caring for the girls since sponsorships no longer cover all expenses due to high inflation.

Dedication of the Multipurpose Building



The journey began on November 7, 2023, when the EOC broke ground on a multipurpose hall. On May 31, 2025, EOC and KSOH staff and board members, the rescued girls, church representatives, missionaries

from Trinity Ablaze in Kenya, and hundreds from the local Maasai community joined to celebrate the completion of the facility and dedicate it to the glory of God. We praise God that this project came to completion ahead of schedule and with no injuries.

The multipurpose hall provides a commercial-grade kitchen, indoor space for dining, vocational training facilities, a computer lab, and additional classrooms to meet the new requirements to maintain accreditation as a Junior Secondary School (middle school). In addition, the large dining space serves as a place for the community to gather and to hold worship services.

This journey has been one of dedication, teamwork, and steadfast faith. Your prayers, contributions, and encouragement have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life. Thank you for journeying with us! Together, we are building something extraordinary.

Other Improvements and Maintenance Projects

In 2025, the EOC made steady progress on a number of projects and maintenance initiatives, including hostel roof and ceiling repairs, increasing the height of the water tower, adding more solar power to enhance water pumping capacity, and construction of a bus “cage” to help protect the school bus from the severe elements in the Rift Valley. The EOC board also developed plans for an extensive campus painting project that will take place in 2026.

During 2026, the EOC and KSOH boards will focus on all aspects of maintaining and appropriately growing campus infrastructure, with a special emphasis on current and future water and solar power supplies. The boards carefully evaluate all potential projects to ensure they are in alignment with comprehensive strategic and operational plans for the campus.



Community Outreach

At various times throughout 2025, the EOC hosted viewings of the Jesus Film in the Maasai language. Locations included a local manyatta (cluster of homes in which families are related), the Ewaso Market, Ol’ Ng’arua Primary School, and the nearby village of Olgumi.

On most Tuesdays, Deacon Joseph goes house to house in the area around the EOC, visits with families in the community, and shares the love of Jesus with them.

From May 31–June 4, Concordia University students visited the center. They spent mornings conducting door-to-door outreach and offered Vacation Bible School (VBS) with the students in the afternoon.

On June 2–6, Vision and Mission for Kenyan Society, the registered mission society under which the EOC works in Kenya, held a vision clinic at Maai Mahiu, a town within the catchment area for the rescue center and in which the EOC has helped plant a new church. The clinic attended to 2,723 people, volunteers issued hundreds of eyeglasses, 132 people received cataract surgeries, and 162 people dedicated or rededicated their lives to Jesus.

On June 13, St Mark's Lutheran Church (Houston) visited the girls and hosted a one-day VBS for the community.

On November 17–21, Vision and Mission for Kenyan Society held a vision clinic at Ngong Hills, a town within the catchment area for the rescue center and in which the EOC helped support a newly planted church. The clinic attended to 1,331 people, volunteers issued hundreds of eyeglasses, 46 people received cataract surgeries, and 76 people dedicated or rededicated their lives to Jesus.

In December, Deacon Joseph and Teacher Jackline Kimeu traveled to Nyamaiya, Kisii, to join Pastor Fred Nyamweya. They held church fellowship in the morning hours, conducted house-to-house evangelism later in the day, and showed films in the evening. At the end of the five days, 20 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Also during school break in December, the EOC hosted VBS for several days at the center with the theme, "Your light has come," from Isaiah 60:1.

Other Highlights from 2025

In March 2025, the EOC held a stakeholders meeting to share updates and to hear from the community. Representatives from various groups attended, showing genuine interest and ownership of the EOC mission. The presence of the senior chief signified a strong endorsement from local leadership. As the EOC and KSOH take stock of the journey since the establishment of the ministry in 2016, we are encouraged by the growing support from the local community. This meeting marked a significant step forward in community involvement—a clear sign of impact, acceptance, and shared responsibility. We remain hopeful and committed to deepening this partnership in the years ahead.

On November 26–28, twenty-seven EOC rescued girls competed in a Rescue Center Sporting Tournament in Ngong with five other Christian Charitable Institutions (CCI). EOC took third place and took away two balls and awards for best player, best goalkeeper, and best coach. The sporting tournament provides inclusivity for our girls and other children from CCIs. Often these children struggle to join in such activities, making them feel shy and/or embarrassed. The competitive events help participants feel included and build confidence.

Looking to the Future

Transitioning Rescued Girls from high school to career paths and independent living

The EOC and KSOH boards continue to strategize and plan for rescued girls who are beginning to graduate from high school, all within a complex environment of new and changing regulations for rescue centers and orphanages in Kenya. The EOC works with graduates on a one-on-one basis to help identify opportunities for further education and/or training and supports them as they continue on the path towards independence and self-sufficiency. For example, the three rescued girls who graduated from high school at the end of 2024 are pursuing the following:

- One-year certificate course in Human Resource Management,
- Bachelor of Entrepreneurship from Maasai Mara University, and
- Two-year program in fashion and dressmaking from a vocational training college.

Water Security and Sustainability

EOC currently harvests rainwater and receives water via an over-subscribed pipeline system. During 2025, members of the EOC and KSOH boards actively engaged with water authorities in Ewuaso to evaluate and advance a potential project to significantly enhance the capacity of the water pipeline system. Both the potential project and collaboration look promising. Improved water supply would benefit the EOC as well as the greater Ewuaso community. In 2026, the EOC and KSOH boards will continue pursuing this opportunity along with other projects that improve capacity for rainwater harvesting and storage.



Girls help the house mother carry water

Food Sustainability

Following a bumper harvest last year, the EOC zealously tripled the shamba (farm) in Suswa Town to three acres in 2025, aiming to reduce food costs at the center. The EOC cultivated maize and beans on two leased acres and one acre generously donated by one of the EOC parents. Initially, the EOC anticipated a good harvest, similar to the previous season, but unfortunately, heavy rains in April flooded one acre of the shamba, damaging the beans in particular. The rest of the crops were thriving with moderate rain, and the EOC anticipated harvesting about eight bags of maize, with each weighing approximately 90 kilograms. However, just a few days before the scheduled harvest, the maize was stolen from the shamba by members of the neighboring community. The girls and several EOC staff members went to the shamba with high spirits, only to discover the theft on their arrival. In the end, the girls were able to harvest just one bag of maize. Despite the disheartening experience, the EOC looks forward to improving their strategies and remains optimistic that the next season will bring better results.



Financial Sustainability

We praise God for blessing the new Kenyan Schools of Hope Endowment Fund! Established in 2024, this professionally managed fund has nearly reached the halfway point of its \$3 million goal. Relying on God's continued providence, we pray the endowment will underpin the future of the Ewuaso Osiligi Center and help sustain the mission and vision of Kenyan Schools of Hope for many years to come. In 2026, the KSOH board will work on creating a separate 501(c)3 organization to hold the endowment.

Finances & Administration

In 2025, approximately 97.5% of all donations went directly to providing a safe home, hope, and education for girls at risk of female genital mutilation and forced early marriage. The remaining funds were spent on administrative costs, such as fees for wire transfers, credit card processing, website hosting, development of grant proposals, and software subscriptions.

The response to the 2025 fall *Let Hope Flow... Through You!* campaign was nothing short of amazing! A generous outpouring from donors raised \$628,435 for Kenyan Schools of Hope, with all matching funds deposited, far exceeding the goal of \$400,000. These funds, along with sponsorships and on-going donations, will continue the mission of providing safety, hope, and education to young girls fleeing female genital mutilation and forced early marriage, with a special emphasis in 2026 on tackling water insecurity at the rescue center and in the local community. Funds will be used to:

- **Complete water security and sustainability projects in and around the EOC campus.** The KSOH and EOC boards are considering several potential water relief projects that may be implemented in 2026:
 - Water Pipeline Project – In partnership with local community agencies, construct a major water pipeline from the Great Rift Valley Escarpment to Ewuaso and the surrounding villages.
 - Lateral Water Pipeline Project – Construct a water pipeline from Ewuaso to the rescue center campus.
 - Rainwater capture projects – Install additional guttering and cisterns on campus to gather and store water.
 - Water Conservative Toilets and Pit Latrines – Build additional restrooms on campus to accommodate student enrollment growth and provide options for use during water shortages.
- **Support ongoing operational expenses.**

The KSOH and EOC boards continued to monitor results against the budget and joint strategic plan. In 2026, the boards intend to review the strategic plan first developed in 2022 and update it as needed to reflect changing conditions on the ground caused by new regulations governing schools and rescue centers in Kenya.

Boards of Directors

The Kenya Schools of Hope Board is based in the U.S. and composed of 13 active board members and two serving in Emeritus status:

Richard Lynch, Chair
Pamela Rice, Vice Chair
Jeanne Carmichael, Treasurer
Luis Sanabria, Secretary (through March)
Kelly Borchelt
Bill Brunkhorst
Rosemary Freeman

Michael Hinckfoot (beginning December)
Jeff Kuehnle
Marilyn Lynch
Rev. Dr. Richard Carl Noack
Gloria Sauck
Sharon Stuhlreyer
Flora Tacquard

Emeritus: Ray Tacquard and Karen Frerking

The Kenya-based Ewaso Osiligi Center Board is currently composed of five active board members:

Catherine Wangari, Chair
Barbara Njenga, Secretary
Robert Mwaura
Dominic Nyambisa
Antony Obonyo

Outgoing board members in 2025—Maureen Maya, Edward Mureithi, Alice Mwaringa, and Isaac Ngala—were honored and thanked for their many years of service.

Final Thoughts & Going into 2026

As we look back on the year 2025, we thank God for each one of you who have prayed, volunteered, or financially supported the KSOH and EOC ministry. You have touched many lives in Kenya and are truly making a difference in the lives of the rescued girls and day students. We could not do this work without you. As we step into 2026, we are filled with hope and anticipation for the journey ahead. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and belief in our vision.

The EOC and KSOH's prayer initiative—[Prayer 6:49](#)—continued to build a network of people around the world who pray regularly for God to work through this ministry and in the lives of the rescued girls, their families and communities, and the staff who support them. This prayer initiative invites people to join hands with the girls in prayer whenever they pray, but especially in real time on Thursdays at 6:49 p.m. Kenya time/10:49 a.m. CDT when the girls are praying for you.

Please pray with us that God would continue to bless this ministry in 2026 and that we would be able to provide a safe place for children, especially girls at risk of FEM and FGM, to learn and grow. We praise Him for His bountiful goodness. Please also pray for:

- The school and rescue center—that they would be a beacon of hope for the students and the surrounding communities, with many coming to know Jesus as their Savior,
- The rescued girls and other students—that they would perform well in school and grow in knowledge and faith,
- Favorable and speedy rulings for all rescued girls awaiting placement at the EOC and for people to sponsor them,
- God to guide the EOC and KSOH boards as they make decisions for the ministry, especially as they make plans for some of the first girls who are graduating from high school and transitioning to university or vocational school and more independent living,
- The hiring of staff for the new school year and for God to provide excellent teachers at Osiligi Center schools for 2026,
- God's wisdom and guidance in ongoing growth and maintenance of campus infrastructure and for project planning and decision-making, in particular, for water supply projects that may involve partnering with the local community and government, for all involved parties to make and honor necessary agreements, and for safety in construction and implementation,
- Sustainability for the ministry, including staffing, funding, a growing endowment, and reliable food and water,

- Catherine (Director) and the EOC Board, especially for strength and guidance to handle all the tasks and needs of the EOC,
- God to strengthen, guide, and grow the people worshiping at the rescue center and the new congregation established at Mai Mahiu,
- Deacon Nguku as he leads the spiritual training of the students at the Osiligi Primary and Junior Secondary School, and
- Rain to continue in the Ewuaso area and for continued recovery from recent droughts.

To learn more about KSOH and the EOC or to donate, visit <http://kenyanschoolsofhope.org/> or <https://www.ewuaso-osiligi.com/>.