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# *Community Development*

The Ol Pejeta Conservancy works to conserve wildlife, provide a sanctuary for great apes and to generate income through wildlife tourism and complementary enterprises for re-investment in conservation and community development.



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# Community Development Programme

## introduction



Following the disputed results of the 2007 general elections in Kenya and the subsequent politically instigated clashes in the country, our activities dur-

ing the year 2008 could not be carried out easily. The drop in tourism that was experienced throughout the country deeply affected the general operations of the Conservancy and thus our community field activities. Although no ethnic conflicts occurred on our immediate boundaries, there was an influx of the internally displaced persons (IDPs), resulting in demands for humanitarian aid as well as causing an over-enrolment in neighbouring primary schools.

I am pleased however, to report that the OI Pejeta Conservancy management ensured that our community projects; bursaries, schools, medical support etc. kept moving. This was made possible through kind donations from our donors.

I would like to thank you all for the faith and confidence you have placed in the OI Pejeta Conservancy Community Development Programme.

Paul Leringato  
Community Programme  
Manager

## Financial Support for Communities in 2008

Item	Amount (Kshs.)
Bursaries paid during the period	1,420,628.00
Education capital projects	7,750,935.59
	<b>Total for education 9,171,563.59</b>
Agricultural extension (CA)	1,918,000.00
Support for IDPs & childrens homes	407,000.00
Community-related security support	869,600.00
Sweetwaters road project	2,383,096.00
	<b>Total 5,577,696.00</b>
<b>OPC contributions into the local economy:</b>	
Livestock purchased from communities	12,563,340.00
Food supplies from communities for the chimpanzees	1,493,770.00
Tourism revenue for Eleri village	600,000.00
	<b>Total 14,657,110.00</b>
<b>OPC contributions into the national economy through statutory returns:</b>	
NSSF	2,495,120.00
NHIF	1,255,660.00
PAYE	32,068,414.58
Licences (business permits, leases etc.)	1,454,257.00
	<b>Total 37,273,451.58</b>
	<b>Grand Total 66,679,821.17</b>

**OPC's total number of employees: 630**

**During the year 2007, OPC won an award from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), for being the leading taxpayer within the Central Kenya region.**



*Pupils of Tharua Primary School receive cultural exchange materials from their sister school in Canada*

## education

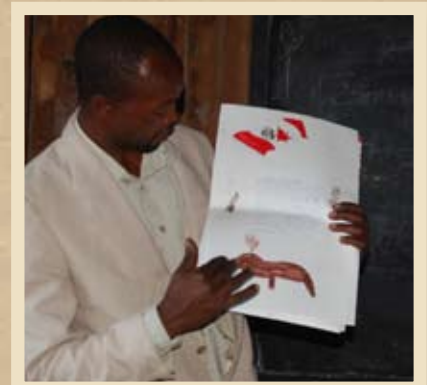
*With kind donations from donors and in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, the Ol Pejeta Conservancy continues to support the education of the neighbouring communities.*

### **Project Kenya Sister Schools**

It is now three years since we begun the schools' cultural exchange programme. This involves twinning Canadian schools with local schools neighbouring the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. This programme is moving from strength to strength with 12 local schools now twinned with Canadian schools. To-date, the

Canadian Schools, through PKSS have raised over USD 150,000 to support the education of Ol Pejeta's neighbours.

As a result of this increasing relationship with PKSS, Paul Lerin-gato, the Ol Pejeta Conservancy's Community Programme Manager travelled to Canada during October/November 2008 to attend the first AGM for PKSS. He also visited some of the Canadian Sister Schools.



### Bursary support for needy children

The OI Pejeta Conservancy bursary fund has continued to offer financial assistance to bright but needy pupils from the surrounding community areas. Currently support is offered for 49 pupils on a full-time basis. Our bursary programme is administered with funding from Canadian Sister Schools through Project Kenya Sister Schools (PKSS) based in Canada and from private donors. During 2008, our bursary

programme spent approximately USD 19,000 on school fees for children from underprivileged backgrounds.

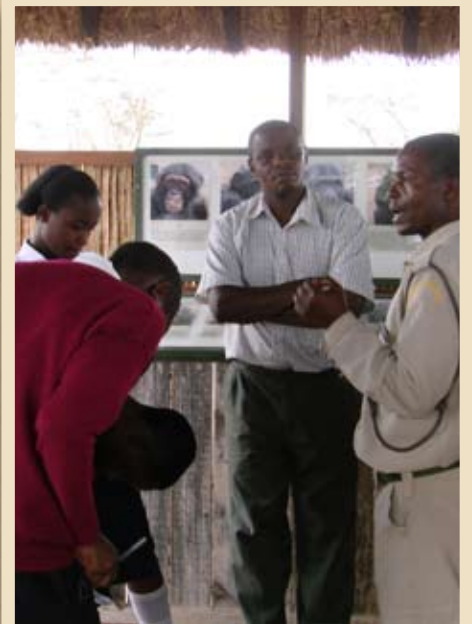
Thus far, we are pleased to report that 20 of the pioneer bursary beneficiaries successfully completed 4 years of secondary school education, form 4 (grade 12) by the end of 2008 and are looking forward to joining colleges and universities.



*Bursary beneficiaries from Loise Girls' Secondary School*

### School visits for conservation awareness

During 2008, 1,624 pupils and 112 teachers from 56 different schools visited the OI Pejeta Conservancy to learn about wildlife conservation. The Conservancy works jointly with the Laikipia Wildlife Forum Education Programme to enable schools to conduct visits into the Conservancy.



### Uaso Nyiro Primary School

The Uaso Nyiro Primary School neighbours the Conservancy on the northern boundary, adjacent to Depatas shopping centre. The school caters for children from the pastoralists' communities occupying Northern Approaches and those from the Depatas centre.

The School received USD 40,000 from a private donor, Laurent Hopman, for development of classrooms and other facilities

on a new site allocated to the school.

Project Kenya Sister Schools (PKSS) has also contributed USD 10,000 towards this school and OI Pejeta has contributed USD 26,000 (from Cricket in the Wild funds). All this funding has been directed towards the construction of four classrooms, six toilets and fencing of the school.



## school projects

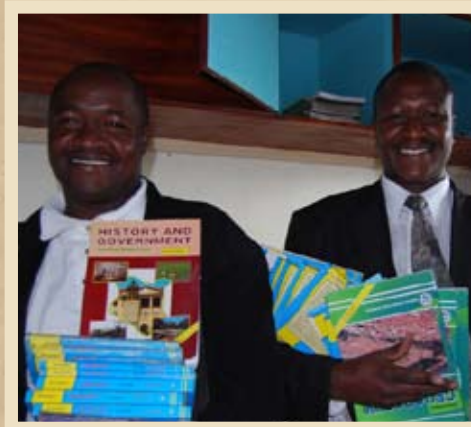


### Irula Primary School

The Irula Primary school is based on the south-eastern boundary of OI Pejeta. It is the sister school of Langley Fine Arts School in Vancouver, Canada. PKSS provided USD 12,000 for the construction of a classroom which is now completed and being used by Grade Seven pupils. Irula primary school received further support of USD 800 from Silver Knittel during her visit to Laikipia in July 2008. These funds were used to buy desks, tables and chairs for the pupils. Silver also bought a variety of stationery items and soccer equipment for schools.

### Endana Secondary School

The OI Pejeta Conservancy has thus far contributed approximately USD 60,000 towards the new Endana Secondary School, on the Conservancy's northern boundary. This funding has provided the school with six classrooms, toilets, fencing, water tanks, desks and books. A further classroom has been built using funding from Project Kenya Sister Schools (PKSS). Enrollment at the school now stands at 70 pupils.



### Loise Girls' Secondary School

Loise Girls' is a secondary school based in Nanyuki town, for talented but disadvantaged girls. Funding has been provided to help complete the roofing of the main school block. To-date, OI Pejeta has disbursed more than USD 45,000 in support of this school and is supporting five girls from the school through the bursary scheme.

### Sweetwaters Secondary School

Until recently, all equipment used to teach science subjects at Sweetwaters Secondary School was kept in a 4ft by 6ft cupboard. This is no longer the case with the construction of a new science laboratory facility with funding received from OI Pejeta.



### Class Evaluation Examination

As a way of helping to enhance the academic performance of neighbouring schools and those within Laikipia East District, OI Pejeta provided support for a joint mock examination for all Grade Eight pupils within the region. We expect to generate a huge impact from this arrangement given that the examination involved 3,500 pupils from Laikipia schools.

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*Bonnie Sutherland, of Afrotech Aid Society, donates eye equipment to the Nanyuki District Hospital*

### health

The neighbouring communities have continued to receive support on health from the Conservancy. Support provided includes; on-going support for Marura dispensary, completing the construction of

Withare dispensary, support for the Nanyuki District Hospital and an HIV/AIDS awareness project that has received funding support from the Rotary Club of Westminster, Langley, Canada.



### water projects

In conjunction with the Laikipia Wildlife Forum and the Safaricom Foundation, OI Pejeta is working with local water users associations with particular focus on the following rivers; Uaso Nyiro, Ngobit, Rongai and Muthara. The strengthened capacity of these associations has meant increased water flow

for down stream users.

OI Pejeta also provides on-going support towards women's water tank initiatives aimed at addressing water shortage for families through roof catchment.

The Conservancy has donated 10 water tanks to these women's initiatives.



## agricultural extension

With the help of funding from ICEP, Lengetia Farm Ltd and the Ministry of Agriculture, OI Pejeta now employs two agricultural extension officers, who assist

farmers to develop appropriate technologies to implement dry-land farming (conservation agriculture) and drip irrigation techniques.



## roads

OI Pejeta's Logistics Department provides invaluable help to the surrounding communities by providing equipment, skills and work force to community projects.

Working with the local government, OI Pejeta has used its own earth-moving equipment to rehabilitate local roads including the Sweetwaters-Nanyuki road, making it more accessible for farmers to deliver their produce to market and for sick people to reach medical assistance.



## livestock improvement

The AWF-funded "Linking Livestock Markets with Wildlife Conservation" programme has offered communities in northern Kenya a great opportunity to earn from livestock sales. 350 heads of cattle have so far been purchased by the OI Pejeta Conservancy, returning USD 167,000 to the pastoralist communities.

OI Pejeta's livestock sector also provides support to 3 community cattle dips.



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### *cricket in the wild*

The OI Pejeta Conservancy hosted its third Cricket in the Wild event in 2008. As before, both local and international teams participated in the event with the

principle aim of fund raising for community development projects. The event was a success as it managed to raise USD 40,000 for community projects.



*With greetings and thanks - from the pupils and teachers of Endana Primary School*

### *acknowledgements*

In appreciation of the support given to its community development programmes, the OI Pejeta Conservancy management would like to wholeheartedly thank the following donors;

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NRT and Lewa Wildlife Conservancy  
Hugh Crossley  
All teams that participated in Cricket in the Wild

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