



Gilgil, Kenya



- 1078 students in pre-primary to grade 8.
- 22 teachers and 4 support staff.



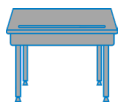
The big challenge: a lack of resources

St. Patrick students' parents must focus their limited resources on their family's basic needs. Mostly, that's food. There are very few jobs available in their community, and most rely on casual agricultural labour or low-wage work in town. There is no extra room in their budgets for books, school supplies, or helping the school out with expenses. The school must meet their students' needs.

St. Patrick's Primary's needs:



Water Tanks and Rain Gutters. Collecting rain into big tanks gives students clean, safe water to drink, wash their hands, and cleaning their classrooms.



Desks: Currently, 4-5 students are crowding around one desk. This uncomfortable congestion makes it hard to learn.



Textbooks: There have one textbook per nine students! It is a challenge for students to complete their assignments when they have such limited access to the books.



Feminine hygiene supplies: Female students cannot afford sanitary towels. Often they will choose to stay home instead, meaning they miss a week of school every month.



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