



ROBIN HURT WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Engushay Primary School Project Report



Location: Engushay Village, Kitumbeine Ward, Longido District, Tanzania

Project Duration: November 2024 - April 2025

Building Capacity: 50 Students

Project Overview

In July of 2024, RHWF received funding from SCI West Texas Chapter, facilitated by Blood Origins Inc., to construct a new school classroom and water collection tanks at Engushay Primary School in Kitumbeine Ward. The project is part of a wider effort by RHWF and our supporting donors to improve access to education in rural areas. The classroom was built using quality building materials like concrete, bricks, and metal roofing sheets, and can hold up to 50 students at a time. A local Tanzanian engineering and construction firm completed the construction, as per government building standards, and the

project was officially opened in April of 2025. The project meets our shared goals of helping communities grow in a sustainable way, improving education outcomes and demonstrating the benefits of cooperation between local communities and hunting tourism operators. The project also succeeded in linking international donors with local communities who support wildlife conservation and sustainable use practices on their community lands. With the new classroom, future community leaders will have a better place to learn and a renewed understanding of the broader benefits of hunting tourism.

Community leaders, including Village Chairman Solomon Ikai, Village Executive Officer (VEO) Michael Laizer, Engushay Primary School committee members, and District Education Officer Mr. Donati, helped ensure that the building met all government requirements and standards.

Construction Timeline

The project started in November 2024 and finished in April 2025. Here is a summary of the timeline:

- **November 2024:** Project Kick-off and Community Consultation - We had meetings with local leaders, district officials, and the construction team to talk about the project and design. The money from SCI West Texas Chapter was received.
- **December 2024 - January 2025:** Preparation and Foundation Work - We cleared the site, leveled the land, and set up a water and materials supply. We also dug and laid the foundation carefully, following safety rules and construction standards.
- **February 2025:** Construction Phase - The main structure of the classroom was built using concrete, bricks, and metal roofing sheets. The Contractor and RHWF Project Manager monitored quality throughout. This phase included building the walls, roof, and installing windows and doors.
- **March 2025:** Finishing and Quality Control - We added the final touches like painting and floor finishing. District Officials and the RHWF Project Manager checked the building to make sure it was safe and suitable for purpose.
- **April 2025:** Final Inspections, Community Handover, and Inauguration - The classroom was checked one last time by local government officials and RHWF representatives. A formal handover ceremony was held, led by the Longido District Commissioner, who represented the Deputy Minister for Minerals and the Member of Parliament for Longido and

Engushay Village. Other important community leaders were also in attendance and all expressed their appreciation to SCI West Texas and Blood Origins for their support of this important community project.



Cost Breakdown

The project budget was \$20,000 with a slight overrun of \$400 paid out of RHWF general funds. Breakdown of costs as follows:

- **Material Costs:** \$16,350 (81% of total cost)
 - This included buying and transporting materials like concrete, bricks, metal roofing sheets, windows, doors, gutters, pipes, water tanks and finishing supplies. We also paid for site preparation and equipment rentals. The materials were bought locally and regionally to make sure they were good quality and met national standards.
- **Labor Costs:** \$2,570 (12% of total cost)
 - This covered the wages for the construction team. RHWF and the Engushay School Committee managed the workers to make sure everything was done safely and correctly.
- **Operational Expenses:** \$1,480 (7% of total cost)

- This included administrative costs, quality control, and community engagement activities. We also used some of this money for regular inspections and project management to keep things running smoothly.

PHASE ONE:

- Site survey and building permit: \$660
- Materials for foundation and site prep: \$4,232
- Payment to Contractor: \$770
- Ops: \$200
- TOTAL COST: \$5,862

PHASE TWO:

- Materials for the main structure: \$2,473
- Ops: \$185
- TOTAL COST: \$2,658

PHASE THREE:

- Materials for the roof and ceiling: \$3,712
- Payment to Contractor: \$591
- Ops: \$150
- TOTAL COST: \$4,453

PHASE FOUR:

- Materials for windows and doors: \$776
- Payment to Contractor: \$205
- Ops: \$110
- TOTAL COST: \$1,091

PHASE FIVE:

- Plastering walls and finishing floor: \$323
- Paints and decorations: \$584
- Guttering and tank installation: \$4,250
- Payment to Contractor: \$1,004
- Ops: \$175
- TOTAL COST: \$6,336

GRAND TOTAL: \$20,400.00 (Difference paid out of RHWF general funds).

Community Impact

- **Educational Improvements**

- The new classroom and water storage facilities will lead to better school attendance and education outcomes. On site water ensures that the school will not have to close during the dry season and the expenses associated with transporting water will be eliminated. Educated community members are essential for good governance in rural areas as well as work force development and ensuring a continued understanding of the economic, social, and environmental benefits of wildlife conservation.

- **Economic Empowerment**

- The project generated direct economic benefits to the community via the use of a local contractor and locally purchased materials. All labor was provided by members of the community and the quality of the construction as well as the oversight by local and national officials was a source of pride for all involved.
- The successful completion of the classroom building in Engushay Village opens up additional funding opportunities for similar projects across Lake Natron South GCA. By documenting the construction progress, cost allocations, and community benefits in a comprehensive and transparent manner, the project sets a precedent for future initiatives.
- The collaborative partnerships, highlighted by the involvement of Blood Origins and SCI West Texas Chapter, village, ward and district leadership, and Robin Hurt Wildlife Foundation, demonstrate a robust model for coordinated efforts in community development.

Conclusion

The new classroom in Engushay is a great example of what can be achieved when hunting operators, communities and donors work together. Thanks to the support from SCI West Texas Chapter and Blood Origins Inc., the expertise of the local construction team, and the involvement of community leaders, we have delivered an important project for a community in need. We are very grateful to all who contributed to this success.

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