

Construction of a Complete School at KOZI PRIMARY SCHOOL Maridi County, South Sudan



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PROJECT OUTPUTS

1 
new classroom block with
4 classrooms

12 
stances of latrines for
pupils and staff, with a
girls' changing room

 **1**
rainwater
harvesting tank

72 
desk benches

500 
beneficiaries



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name	Kozi Primary School
Location	Maridi County, Western Equatoria State, South Sudan
Wider Programme	Thrive South Sudan - Improving infrastructure and quality of education in Maridi and Ibba Counties, South Sudan.
Project Goal and Outcomes	Project Goal: Improved school learning environment, to increase enrolment, retention, and attainment of pupils. Output 1: Construction of 1x4 classroom block. Output 2: Provision of 72x three-seater desks, 4x teacher tables & chairs. Output 3: Installation of 1x 5,000L rainwater harvesting tank. Output 4: Construction of 5x stances latrines for boys, 5x for girls (with a changing room) and 2x stances for teachers.
Target Population	500 primary school pupils and 12 teachers.
Project Duration	July 2025 - April 2026 (9 months - construction time)
Project Budget	£62,035 (\$76,924 at start of project ER)
Donors	AR Ball 2024 donors, David & Diane Rasche (latrine), Brendan McManus (latrine), Ryan Brown (latrine), Bob Beckett (latrine), Maurice and Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, Wilmslow Wells for Africa (RWHT), The Tula Trust, The De La Rue Charitable Trust, Wallace Bell Charitable Trust, Pat Newman Memorial Trust, an anonymous trust and African Revival (other construction project underspends).

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About African Revival

African Revival believes education is a fundamental right and a route out of poverty. Our vision is an Africa where every child has equal access to quality education. Since 2005, we have worked with **over 300 primary and nursery schools** in Uganda, South Sudan (and previously, Zambia), to allow **over 120,000 children** to fulfil their potential. We don't just build classrooms, we empower whole communities - to transform schools into thriving learning environments that build brighter, better futures.

Project Background & Need

African Revival has been working in South Sudan (**currently ranked last in the UN Human Development Index**), for 15 years. Infrastructure, sanitation and public services are lacking and many citizens are displaced. South Sudan is one of the toughest places in the world to get and complete an education, particularly for girls, and only around 1 in 5 children attend school.

In the counties of Ibba and Maridi in Western Equatoria State, where we work, there are several established community schools, but almost all are lacking basic facilities and qualified teachers.

Kozi Primary School was well-established and identified as a priority for support by African Revival's Founder & Chairman, who visits the area at least once annually, to monitor over 50 local schools. Kozi is a very rural school located in Maridi County, which at the start of the project had **500 pupils enrolled**, from P1 up to P8. Only half of the twelve teachers are trained; the remaining six being untrained volunteers. Most classes take place under trees, with the community supporting the school as best they can by providing temporary thatched structures for some classes. The nearest borehole is a mile away.

Project Inputs

Construction was carried out using **eco-friendly ISSB (interlocking stabilised soil block) technology**. ISSB blocks are compressed then cured in the sun, rather than fired, eliminating the need for firewood. Less cement is used to make and build with ISSB compared to traditional building methods.

Community Engagement

Before the project commenced, African Revival agreed with the community (parents and teachers) that they would contribute local building materials (e.g. river sand and hardcore). **Community involvement is important for sense of ownership and helps to reduce project costs**. The community had already donated the land for the school site and all the new infrastructure is to be taken care of by them.

Project Outputs

The project delivered a new 1x4 classroom block, furnished with 72x three-seater desk benches, 4x teacher tables and chairs, 1x 5,000L rainwater harvesting tank, as well as latrines for boys, girls (with a changing room) and teachers - all built with eco-friendly ISSB. Classrooms and latrines are disability and wheelchair accessible. The new school infrastructure was officially handed over to the community in July 2026.

Project Outcomes

The new classrooms and furniture have had a significant impact on the quality of education at Kozi Primary School, as all lessons now take place indoors and children do not have to learn sitting on the ground. This has created a more stable and motivating learning environment, where teachers can deliver lessons without disruption from weather or overcrowding.

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Outcomes (continued)

Provision of water on the school site will reduce the number of hours of learning missed by pupils, as previously they had to travel to collect water. The new latrines will improve sanitation and have provided a changing room for girls to use during menstruation.

The environmentally friendly building methods used have reduced pressure on local ecosystems, eliminating the need for charcoal to fire bricks.

Long-Term Impacts

The improvements made at Kozi are expected to translate into higher enrolment and stronger academic performance in the coming school year, as children benefit from a safer, more supportive learning environment. Longer term, access to quality primary education is known to drive wider social progress, including better health and hygiene, reduced child mortality, improved nutrition, greater civic participation, and lower levels of rural poverty.

As a direct result of our intervention, we hope this school will now attract more trained teacher, further improving academic performance.

Sustainability

One of the most important ways we create such significant impact and sustainability is through our close engagement with authority offices, headteachers, parents, and local community leaders. African Revival has been working in these rural locations for many years and in doing so we have built long-standing and trusting relationships.

Risk Assessment

A risk assessment was carried out - but the project was unfortunately delayed due to several challenges, most of which were beyond our control.

Challenges

This project commenced concurrently with two others in February 2025, to reduce materials costs by buying in bulk. The foundations at all three schools were completed quickly, but then ISSB bricks had to be moulded one-by-one before the superstructure could be raised at each school. In future, we will commit to building a maximum of two schools simultaneously.

In October, there was localised conflict on the road to Kozi, which is quite remote, with nobody able to pass in or out safely, so work halted for 2-3 weeks. There then followed heavy rains into November, and work slowed again. Despite the challenges and delay, there were no safeguarding concerns or cost overruns, and the project was completed to a high standard.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Monitoring of this project will be the responsibility of the ARUK team, who will continue to liaise with the Diocese of Maridi to assess usage of the school and its impact on the quality of education through enrolment and attendance data. The school leadership pledges to maintain the new infrastructure.

Budget Summary

10% Retention is held by African Revival and due for payment to the contractor six months after project completion - following inspection of the infrastructure by our ARU Country Manager, who is a qualified engineer. The total project cost will be approximately **£58,500**, with the underspend mainly due to a fluctuation in the exchange rate during the project. Unspent funds will be allocated to construction of the same infrastructure at nearby Yuda Primary School this year (subject to approval by our Board of Trustees).

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The Project in Pictures...



Before the project started



Moulding ISSB bricks



Foundations, superstructure and roofing



Completed infrastructure



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