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## Report 6: December 2011

The second year of operation is over and the girls have all gone home. Work on development continues apace, so that we have the necessary facilities for up to 70 new girls and 6 new teachers in January 2012.



The completed admin block. Remaining is the roof to join the two buildings together.

### IT.

The use of the interactive white board and Powerpoint presentations have become a natural part of the teaching resources for most staff. Safaricom are in the process of installing a Wimax system to connect the school and IT lab to the internet. It is not straightforward as a tall mast needs to be installed and several trees cut down on Gogar so that the signal can reach the school. New computers for the library and staff room are on order.

### Development

Three new classrooms are virtually complete ready for January.



Three more classrooms forming the third side of the quadrangle.

### Sport

Earlier in the year the field was too dry and dusty to use and now the situation is the opposite as it has

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been raining since August. The secondary school girls have been able to use the Gogar Primary School pitch when their own is too wet.



Volleyball at Gogar Primary School.

Plans are in the pipeline to lay an all weather basket ball court. We plan to drain the football pitch which has an area in the centre popular with a variety of water birds. Robin Witt with Kearney Coupland have been busy with FOMAWA planting trees around the field and in the school and improving the environment. The school is very grateful to the Rift Valley Tree Trust for continued support. The conditions on the site are not easy for the establishment of trees.



The flooded field.



Extension to the kitchen underway.

### Kitchen and Dining area

Unfortunately the kitchen facility and the dining area need to be enlarged as these will be inadequate for the 420 girls projected once the school is full, so both need extending.

### Dorm 2 and 3

Beds, bedding, lockers etc have been delivered ready for January in the second dormitory block and the third one is at the roof stage.



The inner courtyard of Dorm 2.

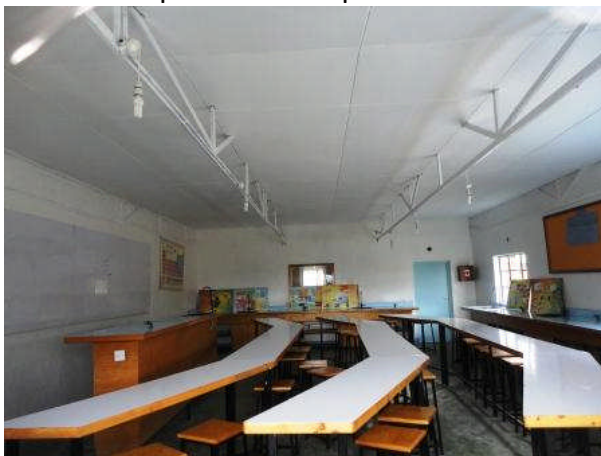




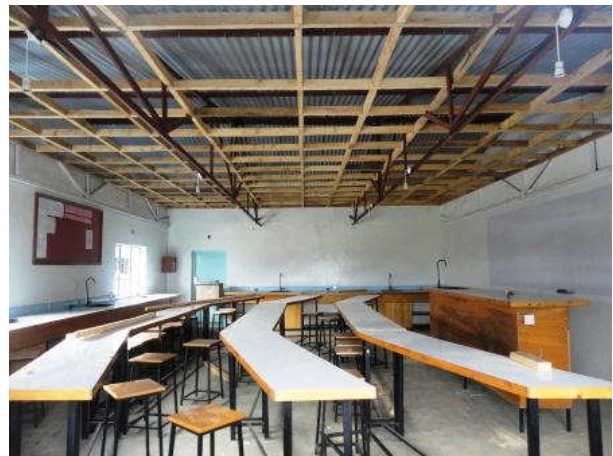
Dorm 3 inspected by Mark Durston, Headmaster Peponi Secondary School.

### Ceilings

Ceilings are now being fitted to the remaining labs and to the IT and library, which will make these rooms cooler and quieter and improve the overall learning environment.



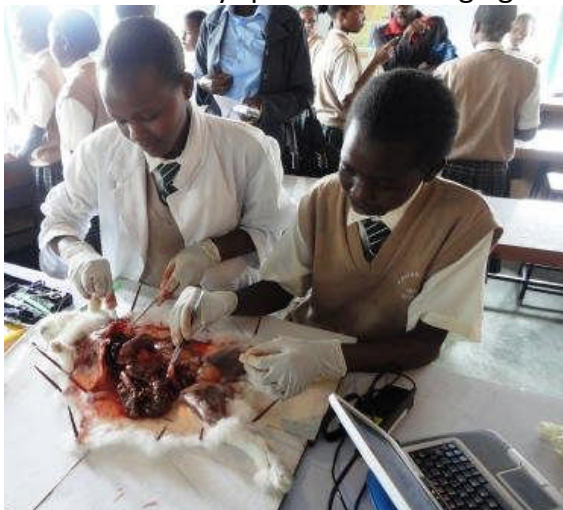
The Chemistry lab ceiling completed



The Biology lab ceiling under construction

### Open Day

The school held a successful Open Day in October. The girls put on displays in all the classrooms, which were followed by speeches and singing.



Dissection display



Biology displays.





The choir performing for parents and visitors



Art work.



IT Lab in use



Parents picnicking with their children after the speeches and displays.

### The School Farm and Agriculture Department

Thanks to help from Gogar Farm, the school should achieve a reasonable maize crop this year ready for the intake in January. The rabbit and chicken projects are underway. These are an essential part of the Agriculture course and will also augment the school's catering department.



Chicken and Rabbit shelters.



Plenty of rabbits



Layers in the chicken house.

### Volunteers

The school has been very fortunate in having the services of three volunteers for the last three months. Emily Jeffs and Victoria Smith have helped with clubs and activities and have offered the girls Art and Craft as well as Spanish lessons. Kelsey Redpath has been attached to the school through EFAC (Education for All Children) which sponsors 29 girls at the school. She has been a mentor to the girls and has taught some English and given a hand wherever needed.

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