



### MSK Fundraising Proposal

#### Phase 1: M-Mwashota School Expansion

Population of the Community of Mwashota: 2,500

Current number of students attending the school: 600



The M-Mwashota Montessori School is the most remote community we work in. Outside of the M-Mwashota Montessori School, there is no access to education. The closest government, primary school is located in the village of Madundas, which is a 1-hour, motorcycle ride away. It is too expensive, too far and unsafe to commute.

After constructing the M-Mwashota Montessori School, we hired two teachers Gerald and Stephano. Children of all ages started to attend classes. Once completing our Casa program, there were no academic opportunities for children in Mwashota. Subsequently, children and youth worked and awaited marriage, but they were fueled by new dreams of a brighter future. The limited prospects for students, made Gerald and Stephano expand the school. Even though they are not primary school teachers, they started to add class time to ensure children, up to Grade 4, could continue attending school.

Now, there are over 400 students studying at the M-Mwashota Montessori School. Gerald and Stephano's days are completely full. The M-Mwashota Montessori School partners with the Madundas Primary School. Therefore, students are able to write their Standard IV national exams. Despite the challenges faced by Gerald and Stephano, as well as the students, the M-Mwashota candidates received the highest marks in the 2018/2019 Standard IV examinations, topping all the Madundas students. Since there are so many students, the older grades are using the derelict building abandoned after the completion of the construction of the M-Mwashota Montessori.

We want to lessen the burden on the teachers, while improving the quality of education the children in Mwashota receive. We are looking to construct two classrooms.

The plan for the two new classrooms, is to knock down this building and replace it with the two new classrooms. The two new classrooms will add an additional 240 square metres of classroom space.

### **Stage 1: The foundations of the classrooms and staff housing**

The foundations, including the transport and labour, for the classrooms and staff housing will cost \$5000. The rock foundations, made with cement, can easily resist the rain. Therefore, once we lay the foundations, there is no huge rush to complete the brick work.