



Operation Imprezza is a UK charity which helps support **Imprezza Academy**, a school in Western Region, Kenya that aids the education of those in poverty.

Fee paying students and donations from Operation Imprezza cover all the costs of running the Academy and enable impoverished children and young adults to have an education. Fair and equal opportunities for boys and girls from all backgrounds is an underpinning philosophy of the Academy.

Catherine Omanyo, director of Imprezza Academy founded the Academy in her early twenties. She herself could not afford to go to school but achieved an education by sneaking into lessons and persuading a teacher to let her take exams. She was determined others would not have to do the same.

Conflict

Imprezza Academy was first opened in a Nairobi slum in 2001 by Catherine to give disadvantaged young people a chance of a better life through secondary education. In January 2008 a civil uprising broke out across Kenya and the original school site was completely destroyed. Catherine was forced to flee with some of the students to her home province in Western Region. Due to local demand for free education to needy pupils it was decided that, rather than returning to Nairobi, the new school would be established in this safer area once the conflict ended. The school opened as Imprezza Academy in January 2011.

From strength to strength

A complete rebuild of the Academy was needed after the original site in Nairobi was destroyed.

By Autumn 2016 there will be 9 classrooms, a science lab, 2 dormitories, a kitchen/dining room and an administrative office.



Mains water is connected and electricity will be soon.

There were over 280 students at the Academy in Forms 1-4 (UK Years 10–13) by 2016. Every year additional classes will be admitted as the building programme progresses.



The boarding facilities are vital for homeless students and those who have to walk long or hazardous routes to reach the school. An additional dormitory is urgently needed.

Imprezza provides balanced meals twice daily for all students and three times for boarders. Impoverished homes could not provide this. A good diet is essential to improve health and concentration in lessons.



Our aim is for Imprezza Academy to become self-sufficient by 2020.



Into the Future

- Agriculture and Business Studies will help to make the Academy self-sufficient. Growing food for the school and selling the surplus is an integral part of the curriculum.
- Best practice in Conservation Agriculture is being shared with the local community.
- Poultry and rabbit production have begun on the site and there are plans for a dressmaking workshop and outlet.

The Academy has just over 13 acres of land allowing future expansion to over 700 students.



We invite you to join us in making it possible for Catherine, her staff and students to finish the work at Imprezza Academy.

More information, photos and ideas on how to help are on our web site www.operation-imprezza.org

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet

Success Stories

Catherine Kavisa Musyoki was born and raised in the Kawangware slums in Kenya and came from a family of six children. She is now a personal assistant to a director of several companies.



Daniel Maina had a passion for music at Imprezza Academy and has now made a career performing as D.J. ENZYME. He has travelled all over Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania with his music, and his most successful gig was a performance at President Kenyatta's Inauguration ceremony at the State House, Kenya in 2014.

Albertina Namenya is an orphan who grew up under the care of her gran. After passing through Imprezza Academy and completing her further education courses, she is now working as a nurse in Northern Kenya assisting doctors, administering medication and undertaking other nursing responsibilities.



Operation Imprezza is a UK charity which helps provide education for Kenyan children who can't afford to go to school.

The charity supports Imprezza Academy, a primary and secondary school with boarding facilities for orphans and those from far afield located in Western Region, Kenya. Fees are only paid by those who can afford them.

Catherine Omanyo, Director of Imprezza Academy founded the school in 2001. Her aim was to give children in Kenya who could not afford school fees the chance to learn. Pupils who could afford to pay would help fund the education of those less fortunate. A chance encounter with a Torquay Girls' Grammar School pupil in 2003 led to the formation of the charity Operation Imprezza, and we have been growing ever since!



Operation Imprezza

Self Sustaining Equal Access Education in Rural Western Kenya

How you can help...

Every penny you donate goes directly to Imprezza Academy.

But donating money isn't the only way you can make dreams come true - we regularly hold fund raisers, raffles and other events where you can get involved. Why not take part in a sponsored run or sky dive?

For more ideas and information please visit www.operation-imprezza.org

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Find out more about the amazing achievements of successful Imprezza students on our web site:
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