

## **SCORE update June 2026**

For the SCORE committee meeting in June, 5 applications for grants were received. All of these were for charitable projects overseas. The total being requested amounted to £14,600 but the amount available in the SCORE overseas account was just £6,200. So, some hard decisions were made and grants were made to the following 3 new projects .

### **Kids Club Kampala**

#### **A grant of £1,500 was approved**

A request was made for £3,000 towards a 'Skills for life' project in Kampala, Uganda. The project will train 200 unemployed young women in knitting and tailoring skills. Training lasts for 4 months and graduates receive a nationally recognised qualification. Some will go on to run their own businesses, but all will be able to earn a living.

Hayley says: 'In March 2025, our local leader directed me to the Kids Club Kampala skilling project. I currently work from home and have a dream of upgrading this skill, expanding my business and being able to employ young girls who do not attend school due to difficult circumstances'.

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### **Matumaini Rehabilitation Centre**

#### **A grant of £3,000 was approved**

A grant of £4,000 was requested for an orphanage in Molo, near Nakura, Kenya which supports mentally and physically disabled children. The orphanage manages entirely on donations and is supported by a group of 5 women based locally in the Downton area. As the number of children in the orphanage has risen from 60 to 90, further accommodation is needed. A SCORE grant will be used to create a new dormitory and other facilities.

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### **IcFEM Dreamland Mission**

#### **A grant of £1,500 was approved**

A grant of £3,000 was requested to support the work of a Christian organisation based in Kimilili, Western Kenya. The particular project relates to the Special Baby Unit at the Dreamland Mission Hospital. The unit cares for 300 newborns each year, providing neonatal care for premature and critically ill babies whose families cannot afford treatment. It costs £30 per baby per night to run the unit. The grant from SCORE will support 50 nights care.

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## Other news:

- On a recent visit to England the CEO of a large group of charities in South Africa sought a meeting with SCORE committee members. One of the charities in the group is 'The Hope Exchange' which supports homeless people in Cape Town and has received grants from SCORE for its mission to feed homeless people over the Christmas period. In Cape Town there are 17,000 homeless people.
- Poor Fund. All our churches have 'Poor Fund' donation points, including online. With a generous personal donation, which will be match funded by SCORE for one year, a new group has been formed in the parish to consider and administer applications.

'Thank you'

Charities receiving grants from SCORE are always very appreciative of the support and funds given to them and the committee receives many notes of 'thanks'.

Pope Francis held the church mission to the poor very close to his heart, and it appears that Pope Leo feels the same.

SCORE is one of the ways in which our parish demonstrates its concern for the poor - both locally and around the world.

Thank you for your continuing generosity to SCORE funds for our Catholic Church mission.