

About West Pokot



Pokot: beautiful, but very underdeveloped



Queuing for beans at the school kitchen

Pokot is a very remote region of northern Kenya. It is underdeveloped, and does not have sanitation (running water), electricity or many of the things we take for granted. Many of the people are animal herders, and live in mud huts. It is extremely cheap to sponsor a child's education in Pokot by western standards. Without schooling, the children will grow up illiterate, and their opportunities to better themselves will be very limited. Schools need teachers, classrooms, food, books, latrines and water. In Pokot, you have to dig for the water in the dried-up river bed! We have an opportunity to do a great deal of good for these people.



Digging for water



Children at one of the existing primary schools

- £7 / \$14** buys a desk for 2 pupils to sit at.
- £16 / \$32** pays a nursery teacher for a month.
- £22 / \$44** pays for a school matron for a boarding school. (As many of the Pokot are nomads, boarding schools are popular and often the only way for getting a consistent education).
- £50 / \$100** pays a primary teacher for two months. New teachers are urgently needed.
- £170 / \$340** builds a new classroom. These are urgently needed in many places.
- £1,800 / \$3,600** is needed each year to supplement what the government provides for food at the existing schools.