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Building the Next Classroom for Kivutis Academy

A capital campaign proposal to relieve overcrowding and give our Grade 7 pioneers a classroom of their own

\$8,000

PROJECT GOAL

Executive Summary

Kivutis Academy is a growing primary school in Embu County serving learners from Grade 1 upward under Kenya's Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). The school opened with a single Grade 1 cohort, and — as CBC requires — has advanced one grade every year since. Grade 6 is currently our highest class, which means next year's cohort becomes **Grade 7**, a level our current facilities were never built to hold. Without a new classroom, incoming Grade 7 learners will have nowhere to sit.

We are raising **\$8,000** to construct one additional standard classroom block, built to Kenya's Ministry of Education CBC infrastructure standards and sized to seat 45 learners. This is the first, most urgent piece of a wider seven-part infrastructure campaign covering classrooms, a dining hall, an upgraded kitchen, a library, a computer hall, individual pupil desks, and classroom computers.

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Current highest grade (CBC)	Next grade arriving in 2027	Learners the new classroom seats	Cost of one classroom block	Funds go directly to construction in Embu



A current Kivutis classroom in session — every bench full.



Fixed wooden desks already at capacity in existing classrooms.

Dr. Chris Kivuti and the school's leadership manage construction directly with local contractors in Embu — there is no intermediary layer, so every dollar raised is stretched further. Donors receive dated photo updates as the classroom progresses from foundation to completion, and any gift over \$1,000 is recognised with a dedication plaque at the finished facility.

The Need: Growing One Grade at a Time

Kivutis Academy began with a single intake of Grade 1 learners. Under Kenya's Competency-Based Curriculum, that cohort — and every cohort behind it — is promoted one grade higher each January, and the school must have a classroom ready to receive them. This is not optional growth we are choosing; it is growth the curriculum requires of every CBC school, year after year, as it was designed to phase in nationally.

Grade 6 is currently our highest class. Next year that same cohort becomes **Grade 7** — the first year of Junior School under CBC — while a new Grade 1 intake also enrolls beneath it. Both ends of the school are expanding at once, and our existing blocks are already full, as the photos on this page show: wooden desks are packed edge to edge, and there is no spare room to absorb an additional class.

- Grade 7 is a new curriculum level for the school — it has never existed at Kivutis before and has no dedicated classroom today.
- Every existing classroom is already at or near its seating capacity of roughly 45 learners.
- Turning away learners, combining grades in one room, or holding lessons in unsuitable spaces would compromise the quality of instruction CBC is designed to deliver.
- Each classroom block, once built, becomes permanent capacity — it will serve this Grade 7 cohort and every cohort that reaches Grade 7 after them.

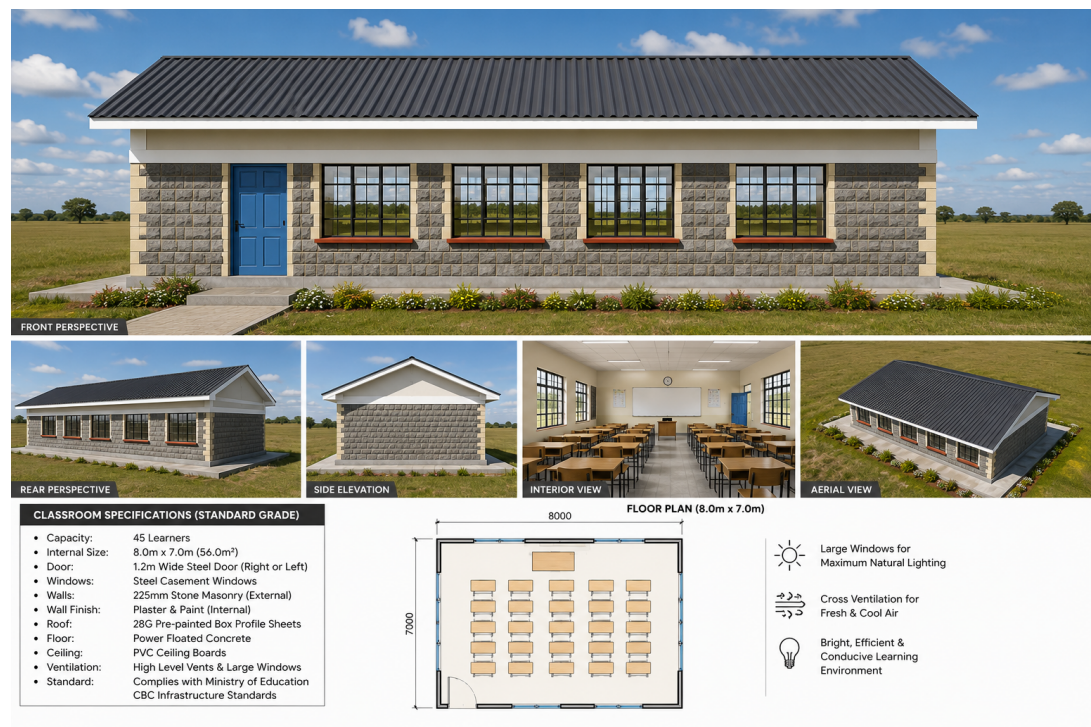


Kivutis Academy's ICT corner — proof of what focused resourcing can achieve, and the model we want to extend into a dedicated classroom and, eventually, a full computer hall.

Left unaddressed, overcrowding compounds every year the school grows — which, under CBC, is every year. Funding this classroom now means Kivutis Academy can receive its first Grade 7 class on schedule in 2027, without disrupting the grades already in session.

The Project: One Standard Classroom Block

The proposed block follows the same Ministry of Education-compliant CBC design already used successfully on the Kivutis campus: an 8.0m x 7.0m masonry classroom seating 45 learners, built for durability, natural light, and cross-ventilation in Embu's climate.



Reference design for the standard CBC classroom block Kivutis Academy is building toward.

Specification	Detail
Capacity	45 learners
Internal size	8.0m x 7.0m (56.0 m²)
Walls	225mm stone masonry (external), plaster & paint (internal)
Windows / Door	Steel casement windows; 1.2m steel door
Roof	28-gauge pre-painted box profile sheets
Floor / Ceiling	Power-floated concrete floor; PVC ceiling boards
Ventilation & Light	High-level vents and large windows for cross ventilation and natural lighting
Standard	Complies with Ministry of Education CBC infrastructure standards

Budget: \$8,000 Classroom Block

The estimate below reflects current Embu-area construction costs for a single classroom built to the specification on the previous page, coordinated directly by Dr. Chris Kivuti and school leadership with local contractors — with no intermediary overhead.

Line Item	Description	Est. Cost (USD)
Site prep & foundation	Excavation, hardcore, concrete strip foundation and slab base	\$1,050
Walling	225mm stone masonry walls, external + internal, door and window openings	\$2,150
Roofing structure	Timber trusses, purlins, 28G box-profile roofing sheets, fascia	\$1,500
Windows & door	Steel casement windows (4 bays) and 1.2m steel door	\$850
Floor & ceiling	Power-floated concrete floor, PVC ceiling boards, insulation	\$700
Finishes	Plaster and paint (internal & external), skirting	\$650
Electrical & fittings	Basic wiring, lighting points, chalkboard installation	\$400
Labour & site management	Skilled and unskilled labour, contractor supervision	\$500
Contingency	Materials price fluctuation, transport, weather delays (~2.5%)	\$200
TOTAL		\$8,000

Figures are good-faith estimates based on current material and labour costs in Embu County and may be refined as contractor quotations are finalised. Any surplus raised beyond \$8,000 for this classroom will be applied to furnishing it with pupil desks (see the wider campaign below).

Part of a Wider Campaign

This classroom is the most urgent of seven linked infrastructure priorities at Kivutis Academy. Donors may direct a gift to any single priority, fund a specific unit (a desk, a computer, a classroom), or give to the general infrastructure fund, which is allocated to the most urgent active project each quarter.

Priority	Purpose	Est. Cost
Additional classroom block	Relieve overcrowding; house each new grade as CBC learners progress (this proposal)	\$8,000 each
Dining hall	A sheltered, seated space for pupils to eat meals	\$15,000
Upgraded kitchen	Safe, efficient food preparation for the whole school	\$6,000
School library	A dedicated reading and resource room	\$10,000
Computer hall	A purpose-built room for ICT lessons	\$12,000
Pupil desks	Individual desks, each seating two learners	\$40 each
Classroom computers	Computers to equip the new computer hall	\$350 each

This classroom block is highlighted first because it is the most time-sensitive: the current Grade 6 cohort advances to Grade 7 next year, on a fixed academic calendar that will not wait for construction.

How Your Gift Is Recognised

- Gifts of any size are welcome and go directly toward construction — funds are managed in Embu by Dr. Chris Kivuti and school leadership, without an intermediary.
- Every gift over \$1,000 is recognised with a dedication plaque at the completed facility it helped fund.
- Donors receive dated photo updates showing progress from foundation to completion.
- You may specify a priority (e.g. this classroom), a specific unit (e.g. one desk or one computer), or give to the general infrastructure fund.

The Impact



Kivutis Academy pupils — the community this classroom will serve.

A single classroom block means 45 more Grade 7 learners taught in a proper room rather than in overflow space — and it means every grade behind them keeps its own classroom too, instead of grades being merged or lessons compressed to cope with the shortage. Because CBC promotion is automatic, this is capacity the school will need again and again as each cohort reaches Grade 7; the block you help fund today serves cohort after cohort for years to come.

“We started with one class of Grade 1 learners. Watching them grow, year on year, into a full primary school has been the proudest achievement of my life — and now our biggest responsibility is making sure there is always a room ready for them.”

— Dr. Chris Kivuti, Founder, Kivutis Academy

How to Give

Visit kivutisacademy.com to make a gift toward this classroom or any of the seven campaign priorities, or to get in touch directly with school leadership about a specific gift, in-kind contribution, or dedication. Every gift — of any size — brings Kivutis Academy's Grade 7 pioneers closer to a classroom of their own.

Project	Amount
This classroom block	\$8,000 (fully funds one block)
Fund a section	Any amount toward this project
Sponsor a desk	\$40 (seats two learners)
General infrastructure fund	Any amount, applied to the most urgent project

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