



## ACHIEVEMENTS:

### Academic:

In its first year, Gatoto scored last in its Division academically. Today, the school consistently performs in the top 10% of Nairobi schools. Recently, the school won the award for the best community school in its Division.

### Co-Curricular:

Over 75% of the students participate in co-curricular activities, including sports, music, drama, and scouts. The school does extremely well in competitions at the District, Provincial, and National levels.

### Growth:

In 1994, 5 untrained teachers taught 370 students in one four-roomed building. Today, over 24 staff teach 900 students in 17 classrooms.

### Gender Equality:

50% of the students are girls and the majority of the staff, including the Head Teacher, are female.



Gatoto uses school fees and donations to provide high-quality education at low cost to 900 of the poorest children of Nairobi, Kenya for less than \$80 per child per year. Without Gatoto, these children would likely receive no schooling.



### Background:

In Kenya, over 3 million children do not attend school due to lack of access and high costs. In the slums, only 30% of children attend school. In the Mukuru slum in Nairobi, the village elders and the local chief realised that their children would not receive any education if they did not act. As a result, they came together with the community and established Gatoto Primary School in 1994.

From humble beginnings, Gatoto now provides high-quality, holistic, values-based education to 900 poor children at low cost. The school's mission is to create the "social, political and business leaders of tomorrow."

The school is fully run by Kenyan staff and an elected Parents' Committee.

**Academic:**

Gatoto's primary goal is to provide high-quality education to its students. The school follows the Kenyan National Curriculum, as well as offering five extra subjects, to prepare students for the National KCPE Exam. Supplementary tuition is offered over holidays and after school free of charge.

**Co-Curricular:**

Students must have skills such as leadership, confidence, and teamwork to succeed in Kenya. The development of these traits requires a holistic education, with opportunities for involvement in a variety of co-curricular activities. At Gatoto, over 75% of the students are involved in activities such as sports, environmental club, music, drama, dance, and scouting.

**Food Program:**

In 1996, Gatoto began a food program. The school provides students with a daily serving of vitamin-enriched porridge,

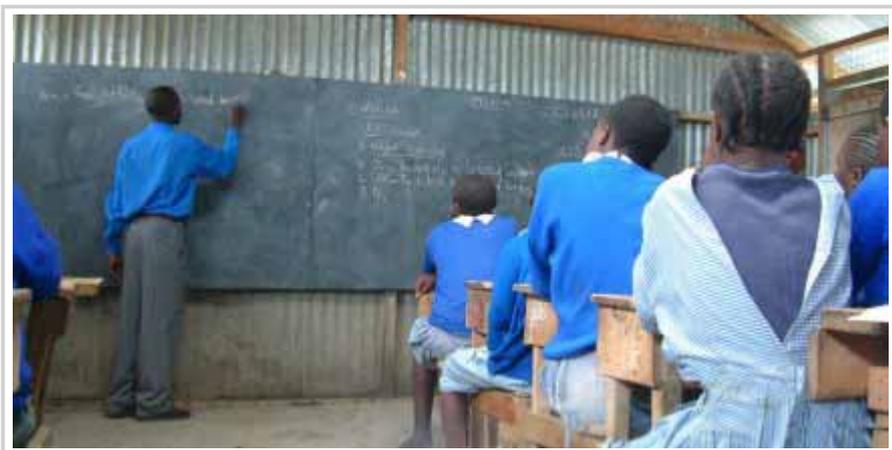
which is often the only reliable meal they receive. Since its inception, teachers have observed that the children are much healthier and are more focused in class.

**HIV/AIDS Education:**

17.5% of urban Kenyans are HIV positive. Gatoto believes that primary-school HIV/AIDS education is critical to stopping the devastating spread of this disease. The school follows the government curriculum, as well as holding workshops, to teach the children and their parents about AIDS.

**Accountability/Reports:**

Gatoto is proud of its achievements and financial management. The school reports these publicly, both to inform donors of its situation and to demonstrate that it is spending money responsibly. Consequently, Gatoto publishes annual and term summary and financial reports which are available at: [www.gatoto.org/reports/](http://www.gatoto.org/reports/)



**PRINCIPLES:**

**Scholarship:**

Gatoto strives to provide high quality education while promoting a general affinity for learning. It continually improves standards through activities such as teacher training and tutoring during school holidays.

**Leadership:**

Leadership is a core value that Gatoto instils in its students through curricular and co-curricular activities, including electing prefects and sports captains.

**Involvement:**

Gatoto provides holistic education. Students become involved in a variety of co-curricular activities, from sports to drama. They are also encouraged to participate in community service.

**Community:**

Gatoto was started by, and exists for, the local community. They provide over \$5,000 per year in school fees and donations and help to run the school through an elected Parents' Committee.



**Gatoto Community Primary School**

Thank you for your interest in Gatoto. The school cannot continue to provide high quality, low cost, community-driven education without the support of outside donors. If you are interested in supporting Gatoto, or want more information, please contact the Head Teacher.

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