



Development & Empowerment of Society

2023 Annual Report



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EMPOWERING REFUGEES, BUILDING COMMUNITY

IN 2023, DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF SOCIETY CONTINUED ITS COMMITMENT TO EMPOWERING REFUGEES IN THE KAKUMA REGION, STRIVING TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AND FOSTER SELF-SUFFICIENCY. OUR PROGRAMS REACHED OVER TWO THOUSAND CAMP RESIDENTS, PROVIDING UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

TO DEVELOP, SUPPORT AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF REFUGEES AND OF MEMBERS OF THE HOST COMMUNITY IN GENERAL.

OUR VISION

TO HAVE EMPOWERED COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO CAN EXPLOIT THEIR FULL POTENTIAL POSITIVELY AND CONFIDENTLY.

OUR OBJECTIVE

TO PROMOTE SELF-RELIANCE IN ALL MEMBERS OF THE KAKUMA COMMUNITY.

OUR CORE VALUES

RESPECT FOR THE HUMANITY OF OTHERS

DIGNITY AND JUSTICE— WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY PERSON IS GIFTED WITH TALENTS AND HAS THE CAPACITY OF BEING THE POTENTIAL SOLUTION TO OTHER PEOPLE'S CHALLENGES

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION—WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING INCLUSIVE AND FAIR AND TO ENABLE THE FULL AND EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE, WITHOUT REGARD TO GENDER OR DISABILITIES.

OUR PROGRAMS

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

TRAINING COMMUNITY MEMBERS, RAISING AWARENESS, AND ARBITRATING CONFLICTS HAS FACILITATED UNITY AMONG PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES. THIS PROGRAM FOSTERS FRIENDSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTES TO MAINTAINING PEACE WITHIN THE CAMP.



PERMACULTURE TRAINING

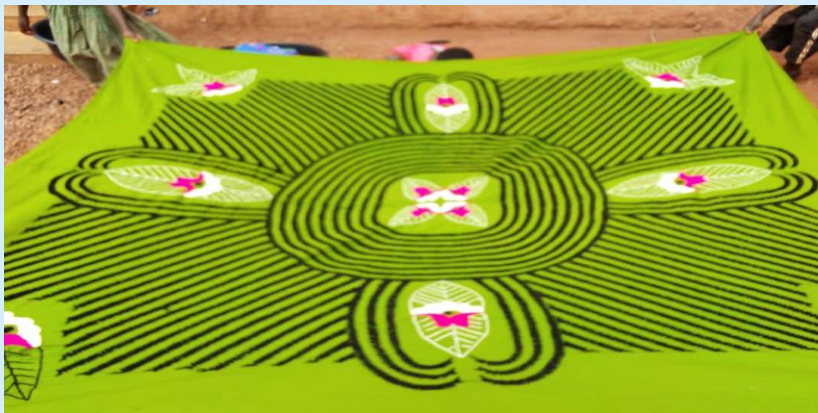
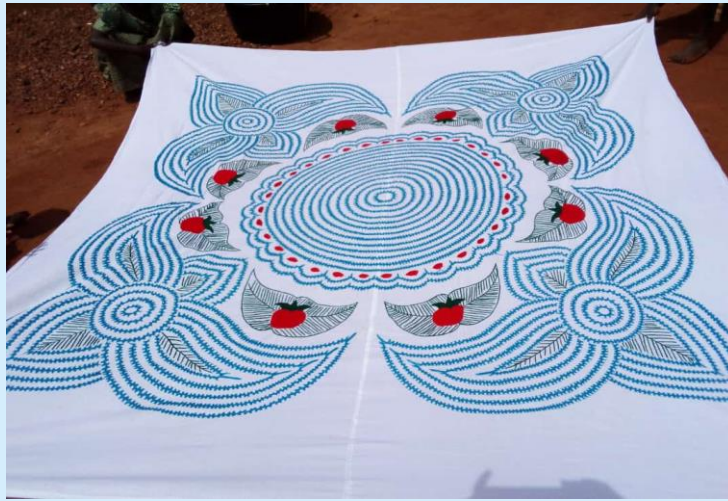
THROUGH PERMACULTURE AND SYNTROPIC AGROFORESTRY COURSES, WE EMPOWERED ADULTS AND CHILDREN TO ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY. SOME HAVE STARTED THEIR OWN GARDENS, CONTRIBUTING TO IMPROVED RESILIENCE DURING FOOD SHORTAGES. WE'VE DISTRIBUTED SEEDS AND VEGETABLES, ENABLING RESIDENTS TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

the women participating in the leadership training have produced beautiful needlework. conducting internet searches, they found patterns and inspiration to create tablecloths, bedsheets and decorative elements for the home.

SEWING AND LOAN CIRCLE:AFTER TRAINING TWO GROUPS OF WOMEN IN SEWING AND DRESSMAKING, WE'VE WITNESSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES. OUR SERVICE ENSURES EASIER ACCESS TO CLOTHING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FOSTERING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.



MOTHERS , TEENAGE MOTHERS AND GIRLS AT RISK – DIGITAL TRAINING:

DIGITAL TRAINING EQUIPS TRAINEES WITH MARKETABLE SKILLS, ENABLING THEM TO WORK ONLINE. THE IMPACT EXTENDS TO BEAUTIFUL NEEDLEWORK CREATIONS BY THE PARTICIPANTS, SHOWCASING THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THEIR SKILLS IN PRODUCING ITEMS FOR THEIR HOMES.



INFINIX
AI CAMERA

CHILDREN WELFARE

We initiated pre-primary learning, child play and counselling to reduce stress and for them to express their views



LANGUAGE COURSES

English, French, Swahili and Arabic are the most commonly spoken languages by different nationalities in the camp which bring language barrier among residents. we continue to encourage members of the community to learn these 6-months long languages course. We are providing books and pens to the 50 students who enrolled.



VIDEO PRODUCTION

OUR PRODUCTIONS SERVED AS A MEANS OF EDUCATION, HELPING RESIDENTS OVERCOME DAILY CHALLENGES AND PROVIDING AN AUTHENTIC PORTRAYAL OF CAMP LIFE TO THE WORLD. WE ENGAGED YOUTHS AND CHILDREN, TEACHING THEM VALUABLE SKILLS IN MUSIC AND FILM PRODUCTION. FOUR FULL-FEATURE FILMS, ONE MUSIC VIDEO, TWO AUDIO RECORDINGS, AND SEVERAL SHORT FILMS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, CREATING A PLATFORM FOR COMMUNITY DIALOGUE AND COUNSELING.



FENCING OF NEW COMPOUND AND CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS

80 by 60 meter fence, and two classrooms to be used for all educational activities: children's school, language courses and conflict resolution courses.



Annual Wi-Fi Impact

In 2023, our organization witnessed a significant transformation in work dynamics, propelled by the improved efficiency and connectivity facilitated by our robust Wi-Fi infrastructure.

1. Connecting with People Online:

The enhanced Wi-Fi connectivity empowered our team to forge valuable connections online, fostering collaboration and communication with stakeholders, partners, and clients globally. This facilitated real-time exchanges, ensuring swift decision-making processes and strengthening our network.

2. Research for Opportunities:

Access to high-speed Wi-Fi played a pivotal role in conducting extensive research, enabling our team to identify and capitalize on emerging opportunities. The seamless internet connectivity facilitated in-depth market analyses, competitive intelligence, and trend spotting, contributing to informed strategic decisions.

3. Publishing and Marketing:

Our organization experienced a notable boost in visibility and outreach through effective publishing and marketing strategies driven by the improved Wi-Fi infrastructure. The ability to seamlessly upload content, engage in social media campaigns, and maintain an active online presence significantly enhanced our brand recognition and engagement.

4. Participation in Webinars:

The reliability of our Wi-Fi connection empowered us to actively participate in various webinars, connecting with diverse audiences across the globe. During this, we received positive responses on several impactful initiatives, including:

- Tree Planting:

The positive response to our tree planting initiative reflected a shared commitment to environmental sustainability. Our engagement in discussions and collaborative efforts garnered support for this eco-friendly project.

- Sanctuaries of Peace for Mother Earth:

Our WiFi-enabled us to meet the sanctuaries of peace and underscored the importance of environmental conservation. The positive responses received further fueled our dedication to creating safe havens for the planet.

- Construction Using Plastic Bottles:

Through online connections, we garnered support and encouragement for our innovative construction projects utilizing plastic bottles. The ongoing progress of these initiatives is a testament to the collective effort inspired by positive interactions in the virtual realm.

In conclusion, the improved Wi-Fi infrastructure has been a cornerstone in revolutionizing the way our organization operates. From fostering global collaborations to receiving positive responses for our environmental initiatives, the impact of enhanced connectivity is undeniable. As we look forward, we remain committed to leveraging technology to drive positive change and make meaningful contributions to our global community.

DISCONTINUATION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Unfortunately, we have had to discontinue child care services at our facility, primarily due to insufficient funds and the failure of parents to provide necessary resources for their children. The center had been providing comprehensive care, including education, play materials, and meals facilitated by parents.

Our child care center has been dedicated to fostering a nurturing environment for children, offering educational support, recreational activities, and ensuring their well-being. Parents were responsible for providing meals, and we supplemented these provisions when necessary. We ensured a holistic approach to child care. This included not only educational support and play materials but also addressing health concerns promptly. In cases of illness, we took the initiative to transport children to hospitals for necessary medical attention.

Regrettably, our child care services have faced financial challenges, impacting our ability to sustain the necessary resources and staff. Despite our best efforts to seek external funding, the shortfall became unsustainable. While the child care center operated on a collaborative model where parents were expected to contribute to their children's meals, it became apparent that a significant number of parents were unable to fulfill this obligation. This inability put a strain on our resources, hindering our ability to provide consistent and adequate nutrition for the children.

The difficult decision to discontinue child care services was made after careful consideration of the financial challenges and the strain caused by parental inability. We understand the impact this will have on the children and the community, and we are actively exploring alternative solutions and seeking partnerships to revive and sustain these crucial services.

Current Considerations:

Moving forward, we are committed to exploring avenues for financial support, engaging with the community to raise awareness, and collaborating with parents to ensure the well-being of the children. The ultimate goal is to reinstate the child care services, providing a safe and supportive environment for the children in need.

2023 CHALLENGES

1. Financial Records Mismanagement:

One of the significant challenges faced this year was the failure of proper financial record keeping by our treasurer. This not only led to their termination but also resulted in financial discrepancies. The treasurer's actions extended to misappropriation of funds, creating an additional challenge. Efforts to recover the misused funds are underway.

2. Insufficient Seating for Education Programs:

The scarcity of chairs for both children and adults in our education programs presented a notable hindrance to our mission. This impacted the quality of the educational experiences we aim to provide, prompting a need for urgent solutions to ensure comfortable and effective learning environments for all participants.

3. Absence of Dedicated Office Space:

The lack of a dedicated office space for management activities posed a significant challenge. This hindered organizational efficiency, collaboration, and the seamless execution of administrative tasks. Establishing a functional office space is crucial for streamlining our management operations.

4. Absence of Main Gate Infrastructure:

The absence of a main gate for our compound created security concerns and affected the overall accessibility of our organization. Addressing this issue is paramount to ensure the safety of our premises and provide a welcoming entrance for all stakeholders.

In addressing these challenges, the organization is committed to implementing corrective measures, allocating resources efficiently, and fostering a culture of transparency and accountability to ensure a more resilient and successful 2024.

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FENCING IN OF NEW COMPOUND

iITEM	UNIT PRICE KSH	UNIT PRICE USD	TOTAL KSH	TOTAL USD
Trees for fencing	100	\$9.50	7000	\$66.50
Transportation	850	\$7.00	850	\$7.00
Sugar	50	\$0.50	50	\$0.50
Oil	100	\$0.90	100	\$0.90
Airtime - phone communication costs	100	\$0.90	100	\$0.90
Marta - small sticks used for fencing	200	\$1.80	3000	\$20.50
Nails	250	\$2.00	500	\$4.00
Wire	70	\$0.60	140	\$1.50
Argorop - fencing material	70	\$0.60	6,540	\$60.00
Food for workers	1500	\$12.00	1500	\$12.00
TOTAL			20,989 KSH	\$183.80 USD

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BUILDING OF TWO CLASSROOMS

iITEM	UNIT PRICE KSH	UNIT PRICE USD	TOTAL KSH	TOTAL USD
40 trees for roofing	300	\$2.70	12000	\$100.00
60 trees for walls	280	\$1.70	16000	\$120.90
2 technicians	10000	\$90.00	10000	\$90.00
8 KG of nails	250	\$2.00	2500	\$20.00
TOTAL			39,250 KSH	\$210.70 USD

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FILM PRODUCTION: SISTER LINDA

iITEM	UNIT PRICE KSH	UNIT PRICE USD	TOTAL KSH	TOTAL USD
Food	10,500	\$90.00	10,500	\$90.00
Location	5,000	\$30.00	5,000	\$30.00
Transportation	2,500	\$15.00	2,500	\$15.00
TOTAL			18,000 KSH	\$135.00 USD

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LEADERSHIP AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION GRADUATION

iITEM	TOTAL KSH	TOTAL USD
Refreshments	11,000	\$90.05
Biscuits	2,00	\$13.00
Transportation	2,700	\$16.00
TOTAL	15,700 KSH	\$11.05

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OTHER COSTS

iITEM	UNIT PRICE KSH	UNIT PRICE USD	TOTAL KSH	TOTAL USD
WI-FI	6,000	\$50.90	72,000	\$590.00
Transportation to Nairobi	20,000	\$170.00	20,000	\$170.00
Certificate	19,000	\$160.00	19,000	\$160.00
Children's Football	1,500	\$10.05	4500	\$25.00
TOTAL			105,000 KSH	\$945.00 USD