



SIKUNJEMAKESHO



Dear Friends,

Greetings from East Africa!

We have returned to Kenya this June to finally implement the community project we have been working on since last year.

Besides our visit to Kenya and Uganda over Christmas, we have continued our activities with the help of our project manager, Miriam Mamu Mwaka.

Read more about ongoing projects and get in touch if you want to get involved.

We appreciate your support!

Asante sana!



"Maji ya Mvua" Water Tank Project

After research last year, we identified that lack of means to store rain water significantly restricts our community members. Rain water ("maji ya mvua") is used for farming, domestic use and cattle. We are happy to announce that we will soon implement our water tank community project that will provide water tanks for each member household. The project intends to impact the community both economically and by providing social agency as active participants in their own development.



Success at CGI U: Social Venture Challenge Winner

In early April, we had the opportunity to present our community water tank project at Clinton Global Initiative University at University of California, Berkeley. At the conference, we participated in a Social Venture Challenge by the Resolution Project. We received not only seed-funding for the project, but a longterm fellowship with professional guidance and other resources.

Learn more about the Resolution Project here:

www.resolutionproject.org/ventures/siku-njema-kesho

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Siku Njema Kesho does not believe in imposing foreign ideas of development on the community. Rather, we seek to incorporate community members by developing all project requirements with the beneficiaries based on collaborative efforts. Accordingly, the project is partly funded by each community member ensuring their commitment and independence while also enhancing self-sufficiency through income-generating projects.

We rely on community contributions towards tanks and match these with a donor. As some ladies have finished their contributed amount, we will soon purchase our first tanks. Each household receiving a tank is required to build a foundation for the tank and install a rain water

harvesting system. Our first household has finished the construction of a water tank foundation (see picture) and is thus ready to receive their tank!

Besides visiting households to determine progress, we conduct semi-structured interviews to record how community members feel about the project. This ensures that the project is in accordance with wishes of our project community, which we consider crucial for sustainable community development. Further, this allows us to follow project impact and address challenges faced by the community.





Celebrating the Life of Ainembabazi Anitah

With a heavy heart we announce the passing of one of our sponsored girls in Uganda. Ainembabazi Anitah was in class 6 at Globalize Action School, we have been working with the school since 2013.

We will carry Anitah's spirit in our hearts. Kwagala nyo nyo,

Sponsorships in Uganda

We will be visiting House of Hope Uganda in July. If you would like to send a letter to your sponsored child, please email us before July 1st.

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Sponsorships in Kenya



We currently have six girls at Roots Academy. All of them have been doing well and advanced in their classes in the beginning of this year. We visited them over Christmas and spent the holiday celebrating with their families at Graceland Hotel where they showed us their swimming skills. Each family received a holiday kit with food and other supplies. We have lots of activities planned when the children finish their current school term in August.

We are happy to announce that Hellen and Elizabeth joined their sister Leah at Roots Academy in January 2016.

