

*Dear friends,*

The year 2020 is likely to be etched in our minds for a long time to come. From the unprecedented impact of the covid-19 pandemic with lock downs culminating into a global recession, to a rally for justice all around the world fighting racism, oppression and inequality.

**On the other hand, this past year has been a stark reminder of what is most valuable:** time with our families and loved ones, rebuilding and making our unions stronger, reconnecting with old friends, finding peace in a time of turmoil, and finally, witnessing kindness through sharing and service to others.

It is this display of sharing with others that has restored my faith in what can be achieved when we come together. Although we cannot diminish the anxiety and hardship many have and will experience in these times, this year has also been an opportunity to weave that common thread that binds us together - through service.

**Our Ekenywa teams and partners have worked countless hours every day to serve our communities.**

This has been accomplished through the completion of numerous boreholes and rain water harvesting systems and filtration systems to ensure access to clean water, in a time when water has become the lifeline of preventing the spread of the coronavirus.

It has been through our construction teams volunteering their time to build water taps and water stands throughout the city of Nakuru and the gracious partnerships with other organizations to supply sanitizer to the most vulnerable.



The teams have focused on preparing food hampers for those without money to sustain themselves and committed our resources to supporting women owned businesses that manufacture soaps by buying from them.

**We have been touched by the call for justice around the world** and resonated with the words of MLK that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”. In light of this, we have committed to diversifying our Board and partnerships to reflect the world we live in. We will also focus on forging more opportunities to work and partner closely with our local companies in Kenya and set an example of providing solutions to the numerous water infrastructure needs in the country.

If we only focused on the incredible list of achievements shared in this annual review letter, we would have lost the most important thing in this transformative season and that is to reflect on reaffirming the core values of our organization while accepting a ‘new normal’ going forward.

We continue to be excited about setting the bar higher with our work and values and hope that you will remain by our side as we execute on our plans to grow and strengthen our organization in 2021.

With gratitude,

Elsie Mbugua



**Cofounder and Board President**



# KEY OUTCOMES

## Water Accessibility



**173,844** gallons (**658,000** liters) per day production capacity of clean and safe water pumped from **6** boreholes sites

**22,000** people provided with sustainable access to clean water

**13,140** kilowatts of solar energy harvested for pumping water



## Hygiene & Sanitation



**1.5 million** hand washes at community and school hand washing stations

**15,000** gallons (**56,000** liters) per day of wastewater treatment capacity with storage in a **1.5 million** liter reservoir

**500** community members trained on safe water practices and hygiene

## Education



**90%** reduction in school absences at primary schools with WASH program

**80%** higher exam scores at primary schools with WASH program

**1,400** students provided with school supplies and books



## Economic Empowerment & Sustainability

**90,000** hours reclaimed where residents no longer waste up to 6 hours a day walking to collect water

**4,500** pounds (**2,100** kilograms) of vegetables harvested on the school farm

**264,200 gallons** (**1 million** Liters) of rain water harvesting per year in primary schools supplemented with **45,000** gallons (**171,000** liters) of free water from Ekenyua boreholes during the dry season

# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Last year, your generous gifts and support helped to further our mission and long-lasting and life-changing impact on our children, and their schools and communities. Here are a few of the highlights.



## Expanding Our Services

With the support of the local community, we expanded our model of community water supply to Kajiado County. The Indoinyo Water Project consisted of drilling a 500ft (153M) borehole, equipping it with a solar powered submersible pump, elevated water tower, and piping to the community school, church, and community access point and livestock point. The new permanent water source serves more than 3,000 residents, including students at the Indoinyo Primary School. Previously, residents would access their water from unclean sources often sharing it with their livestock which would increase the risk of spreading waterborne diseases. They also would be forced to relocate during drought to search for water sources. It is having a positive impact on school attendance, and is creating a stronger, more economically viable and healthier community.



## Empowering Sustainable Communities with Technology

Earlier this year, in coordination with the Uhola Village Foundation, we completed the new state-of-the-art Uhola Water Project. Located in Western Kenya, this water source includes a solar powered submersible pump to extract 4,800 gallons (18,000 liters) clean and safe water daily out of the ground for 3,000 residents in the village and Uhola Primary School. Harnessing the power of the sun and distributing to the community via our cashless ATM, this new system also pipes water to the schools new permanent hand washing stations, flush toilets and the school farm. The trained water management committee ensures 24-hour access, full transparency and sustainable operation of this water resource for years to come.



## Improving Lives for the Most Vulnerable

Last year, we provided support to two orphanages, Miti Mingi Village and Hope for Life. At Miti Mingi Village, we addressed a waste management issue, treating 14,800 Gallons (56,000L) of black water from 15 households at the orphanage daily. The project consisted of black water treatment, in-line chlorination, sand filtration and carbon filtration with a holding reservoir of 1.5 million liters that is connected to farm irrigation. At Hope for Life, our expert services converted the orphanage's current water pump system to solar power. This allows the facility to generate 30 kilowatts of energy per day, giving them the ability to pump 8,500 Gallons (32,000L) of water daily for their needs as well as supplying the surrounding community.

# YOUR IMPACT

## Transforming Schools with Water

Deputy Head Samuel at Piave Primary School is elated with the positive change he has seen unfold at the school. He states, "In previous school years I used to write many referral letters to the local health clinic for pupils with waterborne diseases. Since Ekenywa has been supplying water and handwashing stations, we have not had to write a single referral." Access to clean water has also given the school the means to manage their own school farm for the students. This is a great resource for STEM activities and hands-on agriculture training for the school, in addition to the benefit of providing a nutritious food source for the student body.



## Planting Seeds, Harvesting Change

350 indigenous trees were planted on the campus' of Piave and Kaiyaba Primary Schools providing beauty, shade and life to the schools. The trees were hand selected by Kenya Tree Forest and are naturally occurring in Kenya. These indigenous trees are better for the environment and will last for hundreds of years to come. This was a great experience for the students of the schools who got to learn the importance of planting trees and will serve as a great learning space for children in all future classes.

In support of the project, we were honored to have the volunteer services of Mary Kiige, a Rotaractor with Rotary International. Through the Rotary Club of Nakuru's Adopt a River Initiative, Mary connected with Ekenywa on our tree planting project. With a lifelong passion toward the outdoors, she focuses on projects that create awareness and the importance of a healthy environment. Mary says, "the tree planting project has made a great impact on the Nakuru community. I hope Ekenywa continues doing more of the great work that they do."



## RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

During the unprecedented pandemic with Covid-19, our Ekenywa team (as a WASH organization) has been at the forefront of both National and Local committees in Kenya that bring together partners from public, private and nonprofit sectors. The response has been influenced by a robust analysis of the key issues with a view of finding immediate and long term solutions to flatten the curve.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

Throughout the pandemic, we have focused on the areas of prevention, sustenance, and sustainability to support our local communities:

**Prevention:** Buying, distributing and installing handwashing stations for use in high density areas.

**Sustenance:** Provision of food and other essential supplies to low income earners whose livelihoods have been affected.

**Sustainability:** A continuous supply of soap, water and sanitizers to the newly established hand washing station.

## IMPACT

We have made a tremendous impact on our local Nakuru County communities with the distribution and installation of handwashing stations and the provision of clean water, disinfectants and food.

### Handwashing Stations

**95** stations (**1.5 million** hand washes )  
**26,000** gallons (**100,000** liters) of water delivered



### Disinfectants

**350** gallons (**1,300** liters) of sanitizers  
**260** gallons (**1,000** liters) of soap



### Food Hampers

**1,000** hampers  
**6,000** beneficiaries



## PARTNERSHIPS

We have been honored to work with many partners from public, private and nonprofit sectors in our response to the pandemic. Our partnerships include:

**Kenya Pipeline Corporation**  
**Rotary Club of Nakuru & District 9212**  
**Menlo Church**

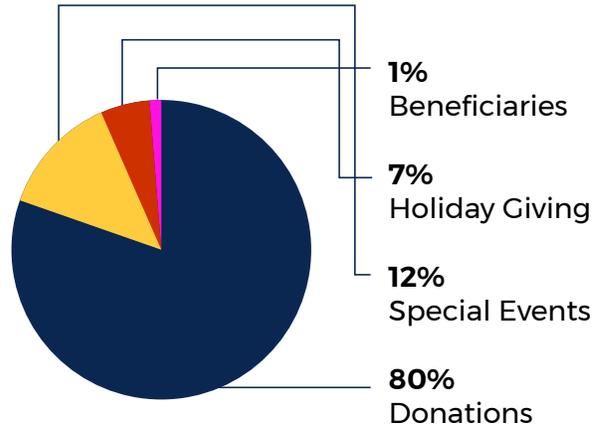
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# FINANCIALS

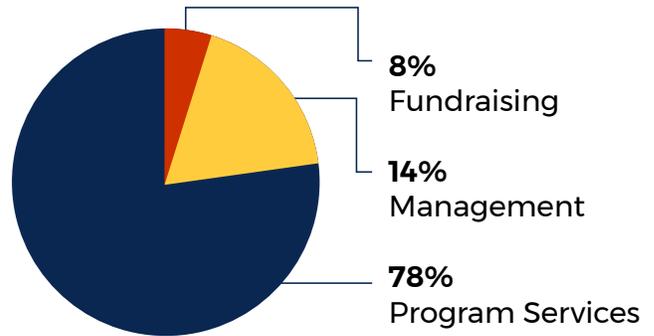
## Total Income: \$120,686

Donations	\$97,748
Special Events	\$14,267
Holiday Giving Campaign	\$7,983
Beneficiaries Donations	\$688



## Total Expenses: \$113,612

Program Totals	\$87,976
Water & Sanitation	\$74,092
School WASH	\$13,884
Management & General	\$16,189
Fundraising & Awareness	\$9,317



# LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Chris Gasperi**  
Chief Executive Officer



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Community Water Technician

**Wilson Kinyanjui**  
Site Supervisor Construction Works

**Hillary Wafula**  
Creative Arts Teacher & Painter

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Fundraiser

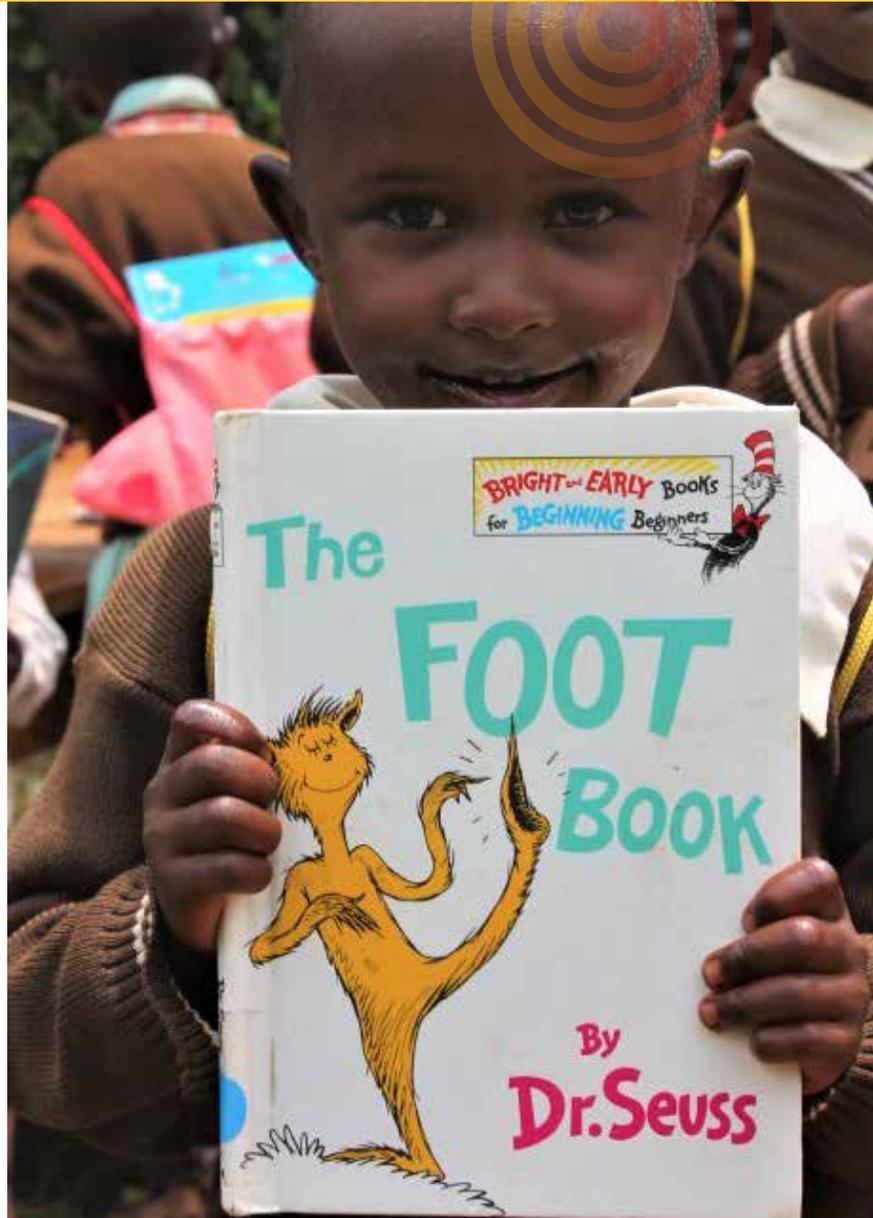
Our Third Annual Ekenywa Charity Fundraiser was a huge success, raising nearly \$15,000 in proceeds to provide children and their families in Kenya with clean water. This fun family event took place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 and had more than 100 people in attendance. Attendees enjoyed a night of food and drinks, unique auction and raffle packages, entertaining games, and presentations about the great work we are doing in Kenya.

Thanks to all of our sponsors, auction and raffle donors, attendees and individual donors who made this event a great success. A special thanks to Saint Katherine of Siena for providing the space for the event, as well as, making a generous contribution to our organization. We would also like to thank our event committee and volunteers who helped to plan, coordinate and execute another another great event!



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## Volunteer Spotlight

Tom Omondi Okeyo is a college student at Egerton University, and an Ekenywa volunteer extraordinaire. As a local Kenyan youth, he has been giving back to his community over the past year, volunteering his time and skills to our organization. When asked why he loves to support our cause, Tom responded as follows: "With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match has helped me to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance my career. Giving to others has also helped to protect my mental and physical health. It has reduced stress, combat depression, keeping me mentally stimulated, and provides a sense of purpose. Giving in even simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness." Tom continues to volunteer as he sells popcorn, peanuts, and makes fresh juice to earn money while he is in school.

