

*Dear friends,*

As the world continues to heal in the aftermath of the covid-19 global pandemic, our Ekenywa team looks back on the past year with respect and gratitude. Respect for the families and communities we continue to serve who have shown compassion and resilience during these challenging times, as well as gratitude for the unwavering generosity we received from our family of donors and supporters.

**From the unprecedented impact of the pandemic, we have been reminded of what we value most,** our family, friends, communities, and service to others. Throughout those challenging months, our Ekenywa team worked diligently day-in and day-out to serve our communities, some of who are the most vulnerable.

This past year, Ekenywa participated on a national and local level in Kenya; bringing together partners from the non-profit world, to organizations in the public and private sectors. Through this joint effort, Ekenywa had a tremendous impact on our local Nakuru County communities with the installation of 95 handwashing stations, to the delivery of more than 26,000 gallons of clean water, to the distribution of 350 gallons of sanitizers and 260 gallons of soaps, and the delivery of more than 1,000 food hampers to support 600 families in need.

Our construction teams also continued to provide the much-needed infrastructure to support a safer and healthier way of life for our communities. The infrastructure projects included the Uhuru Market Water Project, a flagship project in partnership with various governmental entities and organizations to provide water to a bustling market in the heart of Nairobi; which serves more than 3,000 vendors. The Indoinyo Primary School & Community Water Project, where we provided a sustainable water solution to local Masaai communities. We also completed numerous boreholes and rainwater harvesting systems as well as filtration systems to



ensure access to clean water. This pandemic was a stark reminder that water is a critical lifeline, magnified by its use in the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus.

**As important as our achievements are from this past year, we truly have been touched by the outpouring of support we received from our incredible family of donors.** From the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and through this past holiday season, our donors opened their hearts and their wallets to ensure our organization could provide many unforeseen services to the families and communities we serve.

Regardless of the call to action, we felt the love and support from our family, friends and supporters. Because of you, our donors, we were able to execute on our plans and succeed during this extraordinary time. Your generosity translated into the purchasing of a new water bowser, giving us the ability to transport clean water to communities that need it most. It also enabled us to deliver soaps and sanitizers to communities that did not have access to these essential resources during the pandemic. Further to this, your support enabled us to transform classrooms in our local primary schools by purchasing materials for the construction of 50 new school desks.

**We are energized by your commitment and support for Ekenywa and we remain committed to setting the bar even higher in 2022 with our work and values.** We will continue to focus on transforming more communities with our life-changing programs and hope that you will remain in lockstep with us as we set an example of providing solutions to the numerous water infrastructure needs in our Kenyan communities.

With gratitude,

Elsie Mbugua

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Cofounder and Board President





# KEY OUTCOMES



## Water Accessibility

**25,000** lives transformed on a daily basis with access to nearly **200,000** gallons per day production of clean and reliable water pumped from **6** boreholes sites



## Hygiene & Sanitation

**95** community and school handwashing stations providing more than **1.5 million** hand washes annually

## Environmental Sustainability

**1,000** trees planted on school grounds and within local communities to provide fruit, shade, and ultimately to leave our environment better than we found it



## Education

**18** schools empowered with water, sanitation, and nutrition programs, transforming the lives of **13,500** school age children





# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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



## Uhuru Market Water Project

In late 2020, Kenya's Presidential task force on Covid-19 liaised with multiple partners including Ekenywa, Christian Aid Ministries, KEPSA, the Ministry of Housing, and Uhuru Market Welfare Committee to work on the Uhuru Market Water Project. Together with these partners, Ekenywa is working to achieve this flagship project for the market renovation, as well as using this project as a model in improving hygiene and sanitation across markets nationally. Securing funding from a local donor, Ekenywa successfully drilled a borehole on location. The yield for this new safe and clean water source is more than 9,200 gallons (35,000 liters) per hour. Ultimately, this project will provide drainage and sewage, a clean and sustainable water source from drilling a borehole, installation of a high-level water tank, improvement of access road and market roofing, and various other renovations and installations. Uhuru Market is located in Eastlands, Nairobi and houses over 480 traders, 45 hotels and small eateries, and neighbors a large jua kali market together housing 3,000 total vendors. Currently, the market has sanitation issues due to limited access to clean water and facilities. The public health risk is high, but this project when completed will provide the much-needed infrastructure for a safer and healthier community.



## Indoinyo Primary School & Community Water Project

Construction on the Indoinyo Primary School & Community Water Project began in early 2020 but came to a halt due to the coronavirus pandemic. Using caution and exercising safety measures, it was great to finally complete this project in December 2020 for a community that was in dire need of better water solutions. With the support of the local community and through the completion of this project, we expanded our model of community water supply to Kajiado County. The 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 a drought to search for water sources. The project is having a positive impact on school attendance, and is creating a stronger, more economically viable and healthier community.





# YOUR IMPACT

## Transforming Classrooms One Desk at a Time

In early 2021, schools that were closed due to the coronavirus pandemic reopened throughout Kenya for the first time since March 2020. Students at Kaiyaba and Piave Primary Schools, the two local schools in our community in Nakuru County, were happy to be back in the classroom and studying. However, with large classroom sizes and limited resources, as many as five students were sharing one desk. These conditions made it difficult for learning, and it was increasing the chances of spreading the Covid-19 virus.

Ekenywa has been extremely supportive in helping our local schools to reopen, as well as making the students and faculty as safe as possible by providing provisions of clean water, soaps and sanitizers, and masks. Thankfully with the tremendous support from our donors, we raised more than \$1,000 to purchase and build more than 50 new desks for classrooms at Kaiyaba and Piave Primary Schools.



## Transporting Water to Save Lives

Thanks to the generous contributions from many of our donors and supporters, during the summer of 2020 we raised nearly \$8,000, including a \$5,000 gift from Menlo Church, to purchase a new water bowser truck. This vehicle is now helping us to deliver clean and safe water to communities in need in Kenya, especially to areas where we weren't able to reach before.

In light of the covid-19 pandemic and the number one line of defense being hand washing, Ekenywa water and sanitation programs are more important now than ever. Over the past year, we have banded together with multiple partners and installed 55 hand washing stations throughout Nakuru County that provide over 25,000 hand washes a day! Ekenywa is committed to refilling these stations with soap and water on a regular basis, and now with our new water bowser we are making a greater impact on our local communities and schools.







## Volunteer Spotlight

After a year-long hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Ekenywa PenPal Exchange was reinstated in January 2021. One hundred students from Kaiyaba and Piave Primary Schools in Kenya have written and received letters from one hundred students in several participating schools in the Philadelphia area including St. Martha Parish School, St. Katherine of Siena School, and Neshaminy School District.

Ekenywa volunteer, Liliana Gamba, who is a world traveler and teacher, has helped to lead the charge and made this program a huge success for the participating students who have written back and forth twice this year. Liliana visits with students in their schools in Kenya to help with the letter writing, captures and prints their photographs, and facilitates matching each student with the perfect pen pal in the US.

Liliana says, "It is humbling to see how kids from two different cultures exchange their views of the world at their age. Almost poetically, they describe how their environment, family, and religion shape their day to day lives." Ekenywa is grateful to have the guidance and leadership from its many volunteers, and especially Liliana.



## Donor Spotlight

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, Ekenywa can continue to provide life-changing programs and projects to our schools and communities in Kenya. We are truly grateful for the few donors who have provided their ongoing support, year-in and year-out, helping to sustain the long-lasting impact of our mission. Since our organization's inception in 2016, Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) has stood side-by-side with Ekenywa, partnering and contributing to many of our water and community projects.

CAM strives to be a trustworthy and efficient channel for the Amish, Mennonite, and other conservative Anabaptist groups and individuals to minister physical and spiritual needs around the world. Among many things, they help to distribute food, clothing, and medicines to needy orphans and families, as well as to reach people in material poverty and help provide self-help resources, and agricultural programs.

Most recently, CAM partnered and contributed to the Uhuru Market Project, helping Ekenywa to successfully drill a borehole on location which yields more than 9,200 gallons of safe and clean water per hour. CAM has also partnered with our organization on the Indoinyo Water Project, the Piave and Kaiyaba Water Projects, the COVID-19 relief project, and the disability medical equipment project.

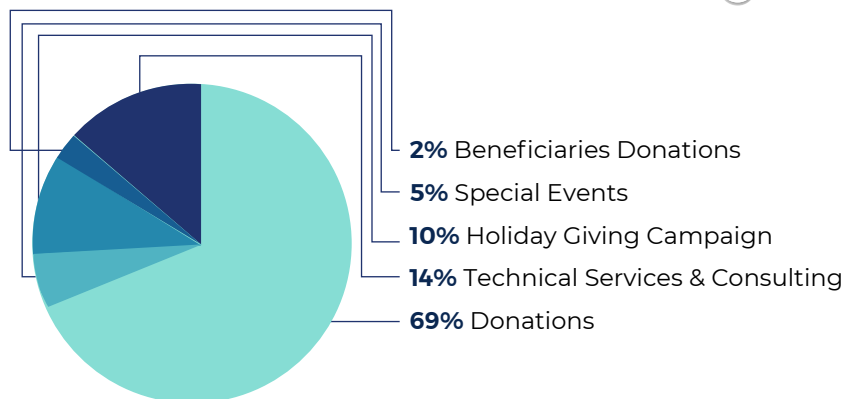
Thanks to our partners at Christian Aid Ministries Kenyan Branch, we can strive to ensure every woman, child, and individual has access to safe, clean, and reliable water.



# FINANCIALS

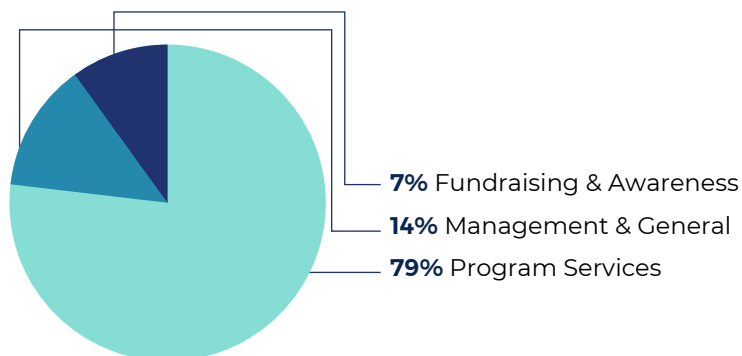
## Total Income: \$126,207

Donations	\$86,459
Special Events	\$6,865
Holiday Giving Campaign	\$11,993
Beneficiaries Donations	\$2,293
Technical Services & Consulting	\$18,561



## Total Expenses: \$132,935

Program Services	\$104,750
Covid-19 Relief	\$7,258
Management & General	\$19,076
Fundraising & Awareness	\$9,109







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Though the global health crisis presented many challenges to our daily routines, finding ways to stay active and giving to those in need was not one of them. The success of our event demonstrates that as a global community we can truly make a difference. Thanks again to everyone who supported this event, helping us to provide clean and reliable water for women, children and individuals in Kenya!

