

THE RIPPLE EFFECT, THE 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



As we look back on our achievements and organizational outcomes over the previous year, we are reminded of the importance of long-term planning and the necessity of partnering with our local Kenyan communities to ensure the ongoing successes of our projects.

In April 2022, we were invited by the Indoinyo community, a location of one of our most recent water projects, to celebrate the graduation of Pastor Phillip from Bible School. It is common for Kenyan communities to come together for the benefit of one of their members, and we were honored to take part in this celebration as members of the community. This community, and its residents, continue to grow and prosper thanks to our collaborative partnership, and our dedication to long-term planning and capacity building.

The Indoinyo Water Project came to completion in late 2020, providing a permanent water source for more than 3,000 residents including students at the local primary school. The project is having a positive impact on school attendance, and is creating a stronger, more economically viable and healthy community. Though, just like any Ekenywa project, the success of the Indoinyo project relies on its ability for long-term operation and effective management from within the community.

It is critical for every Ekenywa project to have a long-term operations and maintenance plan. In our industry, many donor-funded projects fail after a few years due to lack of ongoing support and capacity building. At Ekenywa, we fight to change this narrative and seek to ensure continued future success. We do so by:

- Partnering with the community
- Providing training and capacity building
- Offering on-site ongoing support when needed

For Ekenywa water projects, a water management committee is always elected by the community members and trained on all technical aspects from maintenance to business operations. This is key for the ongoing success of our work and continues with every new project. In May 2022, the water management committee for our most recent water project, the East Pokot Project at Chemolignot Primary School, identified three youth to be trained by our Ekenywa team for ongoing maintenance of the water system. The trained youth will become full-time employees and help the community and school keep this precious resource and water system functioning for years to come.

As important as our commitment is to the community managed long-term operation of our Ekenywa projects, so is the ongoing support we receive from our donors. Through every call-to-action last year, we could rely on the dedication and generosity of our family, friends, and stakeholders to help with our commitment to our Kenyan communities.

Your commitment to our organization enabled us to increase our fleet of water bowers, helping our water delivery services to reach even more communities in need. In turn, it also helped us to donate the needed water supply to aide in the construction of a new classroom in one of our communities. Furthermore, your support helps us to look toward the future on such endeavors as a water expansion project where we aim to pipe fresh water into 100 residential households.

Your commitment and support for Ekenywa empowers our efforts and dedication to the long-term success of our projects and the communities we serve. With your continued support, we can look positively toward the remainder of 2022, continuing to transform more communities with our life-changing programs.

With gratitude,

Elsie Mbugua

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Cofounder and Board President

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January 2021: Delivery of Wash Packages

Partnering with the Rotary Club of Nakuru and Gilani's Supermarket, we delivered WASH packages (handwashing stations, liquid soaps, and masks) to several schools in our community as they reopened after the Covid-19 pandemic in January 2021.





January 2021: Ekenywa PenPal Exchange

After a year-long hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Ekenywa PenPal Exchange was reinstated in January 2021. 100 hundred students participated in the program, spanning the globe from Kenya to USA. Thanks to Ekenywa volunteer Liliana Gamba who helped to lead the charge and made this program a huge success. 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."

February 2021: School-Based Deworming

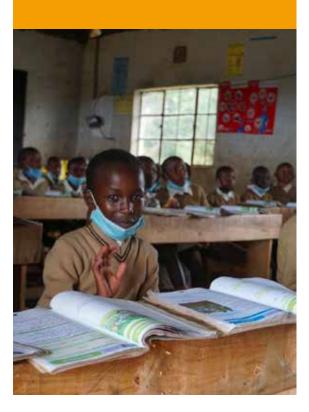
The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends mass school-based deworming every six months in Kenya. In February 2021, Ekenywa helped to lead this endeavor by inviting a Public Health Officer to Kaiyaba and Piave Primary Schools and purchased deworming medication and an overview of health education to more than 5,000 children across 6 schools.



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March 2021: Purchasing of New School Desks

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we raised more than \$1,000 to purchase 50 new school desks for classrooms in Kaiyaba Primary School. With large classroom sizes and limited resources, as many as five students were sharing one desk. These conditions made it difficult to learn.



April 2021: Ekenywa Water Expansion Pilot Program

A new Ekenywa water expansion project is the works. In 2021, we piloted household piping into 6 homes. Community Water Technician and Construction Supervisor Kinyanjui met with the local community to map out and quote the project costs for this pilot program. This trial paved the way for ongoing reticulation and piping into 100 households.





August 2021: 4th Annual Ekenywa Charity Fundraiser

Thanks to the tremendous support of our donors and supporters, the 4th Annual Ekenywa Charity Fundraiser was a huge success! The essential funds raised from the event will support a new Ekenywa water project in a school or community in need in Kenya! More than 120 of our family, friends and supporters joined us on Saturday, August 7 for a fun-filled evening featuring great food and drinks, games, music, and an awesome assortment of auction and raffle packages. A special thanks to Father Kennedy and Saint Katherine of Siena for providing their beautiful space and hosting our annual event once again this vear!

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September 2021: Donating Water Supply to Construction of New Classroom

In September 2021, we were honored to donate the needed water supply to aide in the construction of a new classroom at Piave Primary School. Due to the success of the Ekenywa water and sanitation infrastructure at our Piave Primary School Water Project, the size of the student body has increased over the past few years. Classroom sizes have rapidly grown from new families enrolling their children, and in turn, it has created the need for additional classroom space.



October 2021: East Pokot Project at Chemolignot Primary School

We hit water! In October 2021, we drilled a borehole for the East Pokot Project which is performing higher than anticipated. It is providing 14,000L (3,700 gallons) of water per hour, more than enough to supply the school and local community. This new water source will not only help the school function in times of drought, but it will also contribute to the pupils' health and sanitation needs, and help grow vegetables on campus, which are very scarce in this region of Kenya.





November 2021: New Water Bowser Fundraiser

Thanks to our amazing donors, we raised more than \$9,000 to purchase a new water bowser for our fleet. This truck enables us to reach even more communities in need in Kenya, transporting clean and safe water. In addition to supporting community farming and food production, the water bowser will be used to distribute water to schools and households without water connections.

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January 2022: Delivering Water in a Time of Drought:

With the onset of the dry season in Kenya, our water bowser deliveries become crucial for many schools and communities. We deliver water daily to more than 20,000 beneficiaries in Kenya, supporting community farming and increasing local food production, as well as distributing water to schools and households without water connections.





May 2022: Water Management Committee:

The Ekenywa water management committee have identified three youth to be trained by the Ekenywa team for maintenance of the new water system in East Pokot at Chemolignot Primary School. The trained youth will become full-time employees and help the community and school keep this precious resource and water system functioning for years to come.

June 2022: Phase 1: 100 Household Water Expansion Project:

Mwangi, Ekenywa Community Water Technician, has registered and mapped out 100 households near our existing boreholes in Kaiyaba and Piave. The first phase of the project includes the installation of an additional water tower/tank at the Piave borehole and a 10,000L storage tank at the Kaiyaba borehole, all to increase the water storage capacity at these locations. Phase 2 will include the main piping throughout the community, and phase 3 will focus on making individual connections to 100 households.





ekenywa SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT



Donor Spotlight

Ekenywa continues to provide life-changing programs and projects with our schools and communities in Kenya, thanks to the ongoing support from our generous donors. Since our inception in 2016, Msgr. Paul M. Kennedy and St. Katherine of Siena Church have walked step-by-step with our organization, partnering and contributing to many of our projects and campaigns.

Our relationship with Msgr. Kennedy and the church dates back to 2005 when Msgr. Kennedy was named pastor of St. Katherine of Siena. Ekenywa CEO Chris Gasperi has been a member of the church his entire life, attending the parochial school, and created a lasting friendship with the pastor. This friendship ultimately evolved into Msgr. Kennedy's ongoing dedication to supporting our organization's mission.

From providing the venue for our many fundraising events, to offering support for our programs through their benevolence funds, Msgr. Kennedy and St. Katherine of Siena have been in our corner from the beginning. Most recently, the pastor donated \$3,500 toward the purchase of a new Ekenywa water bowser in October 2021, as well as the church providing the space for our first annual Ekenywa Designer Bag Bingo fundraising event in March 2022.

Ekenywa congratulates Msgr. Kennedy, who in May 2022 was named Pastor Emeritus of. St. Katherine of Siena Parish for his distinguished service to the parish. In June 2022, Msgr. Kennedy moved on to a position as a senior priest in his new ministry at St. David Parish in Willow Grove, PA. Though, he will be missed at St. Katherine of Siena, we wish Msgr. Kennedy well in his future endeavors.

Employee Spotlight

Mwangi, Ekenywa Water Technician, joined the Ekenywa team in 2021 and works tirelessly to ensure whatever it takes for clean and reliable water to continuously flow at our water kiosks and project locations. His role as our water technician entails ongoing oversight and maintenance at our borehole sites including water quality testing, repairing water taps and sanitation facilities, troubleshooting technical issues, and flushing of the systems. He also educates the community on the technology of using the RFID tags for dispensing water at the kiosks. We are thrilled to have him onboard, and that we can rely on his resourcefulness and dedication to our community and schools.





Total Income: \$137,012

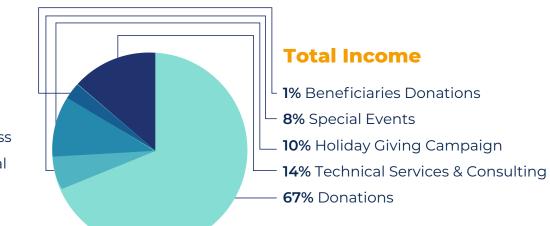
Donations	\$95,5
Special Events	\$10,9
Holiday Giving Campaign	\$14,3
Beneficiaries Donations	\$2,00
Technical Services & Consulting	\$20,5

Total Expenses: \$117,876

Program Services	\$
Management & General	\$
Fundraising & Awareness	\$









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Chris Gasperi Chief Executive Officer



Elsie Mbugua President of the Board, Co-founder & Finance



Ashley Gasperi Secretary of the Board, Co-founder & Programs Director **Mwangi** Community Water Technician

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On Saturday, March 5th we hosted our newest event, Ekenywa Designer Bag Bingo. With more than 180 people in attendance, we raised more than \$9,000 in support of our projects and services in Kenya for the families, schools, and communities we serve. It was a fun night featuring bingo games to win designer bags, as well as a 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets.

Funding raised from this event supports our projects and services, helping us to deliver water daily to over 20,000 beneficiaries in our Kenyan communities. In addition, this helps us to plan and execute upcoming projects in 2022. A huge thanks to our committee members and volunteers for planning and organizing Designer Bag Bingo. And a special thanks to Father Kennedy and Saint Katherine of Siena Church for hosting the event.

