



Dear Friends,

Water is life, and at Ekenywa, water is at the heart of what we do. We are committed to the universal access of safe, clean, and affordable water for all. With so many people in Kenya, across the African continent, and around the world living without access to safe water, we have strengthened our commitment to accelerating change to solve this crisis.

Over the past year, we expanded our organizational vision and scope to further develop and implement WASH (water, sanitation & hygiene) activities in our local communities. The Ekenywa Water Expansion Project, a multi-phase project ultimately connecting 100 households with running water, broke ground in the summer of 2022 and has been instantly transforming the lives of our Kenyan community residents greater than we could have ever imagined.

The smiles we see on the faces of the families and children when we turn on the taps, and their sheer excitement to have clean running water in their homes for the first time. This, so they no longer must think about unsanitary options nor worry about where to access this necessity of life. These priceless connections we have made with our families underscore the importance of our work and the impact we are having on so many lives, and it's what continues to motivate our Ekenywa team to focus on accelerating change and broadening our reach.

Our achievements this year came from the ongoing day-to-day work of our dedicated Ekenywa team, partners, and supporters. To date, the Ekenywa Water Expansion Project has been one of our greatest endeavors and has figuratively and literally taken a village to achieve. It has been through our team's

partnership with the community that we have been able to truly address their needs. From community meetings and committee planning sessions, to the execution of a pilot program for household water connections, it has been a joint effort to bring this project to fruition.

More importantly, we were incredibly moved by the eagerness of many of our community members to receive their household water connections, who offered their assistance and gladly picked up shovels to dig trenches for the installation of piping. For the ongoing success of our work, continuing with every new venture that aims to further change, it is key to have community managed long-term operation of our projects.

As important as our connections are with our Kenyan communities, so are our relationships with our family of supporters. None of our life-changing work is possible without the support of our donors. Over the past year, we truly have been touched by your generosity and willingness to connect with our mission.

Your commitment to our organization enabled us to expand our services, effectively connecting our community members with the necessity of life, which now flows directly into their homes. Your contributions helped to dig the trenches, install the piping, and ultimately turn on the taps of clean running water into so many households. Furthermore, your support helps us look toward the future to further expand our services into even more households and communities.

We are energized by the unwavering support from you, our donors, and we are committed to accelerating change for the communities we serve. With your continued support, we look positively toward the remainder of 2023 and beyond, and are hopeful to make an even greater impact.

With gratitude,
Elsie Mbugua

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elsie Mbugua". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent 'E' and 'M'.

Cofounder and Board President

JANUARY 2022: Water Deliveries During the Dry Season

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

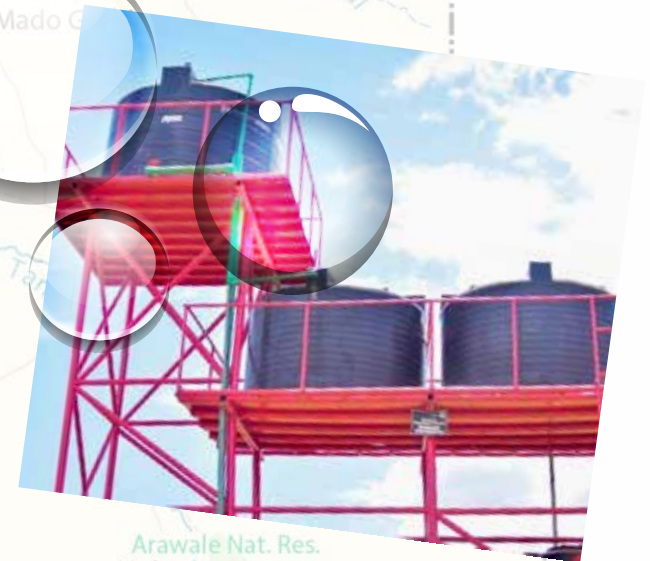


APRIL 2022: Community Water Management Training

The Ekenywa water management committee identified three youth to be trained by Kinyanjui and the Ekenywa team on water systems maintenance to ensure sustainability of our water projects. The trained youth will become full-time employees and help the community keep this precious resource and water system functioning for years to come.

JUNE 2022: Phase 1 for the Water Expansion Project

In mid-June 2022, we broke ground on the multiphase project for the expansion of piping water into residential households in our local Kenyan community in Nakuru County. This project will connect 100 households with running water sourced from our existing boreholes at Kaiyaba and Piave Primary Schools. The first phase of the project included the installation of an additional water tower and 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.





JULY 2022:
Construction of New Classrooms at Kaiyaba Primary School

The construction of two new classrooms at Kaiyaba Primary School began in July 2022. This project was funded by the CDF Nakuru (Community Development Fund) which Ekenywa donated the water needed for construction. The two new classrooms were a much-needed addition due to the increase of student population in the local community. In 2021, with help from our donors, we also raised funds to purchase 50 new desks for the school.



JULY 2022:
Planting the Kitchen Garden at Piave Primary School

In July 2022, Piave Primary School planted beans in their kitchen garden for their school feeding program. Kinyanjui and the Ekenywa team re-educated the school staff on using the solar powered irrigation system we installed two years ago to help promote a bountiful harvest later in the year. The new headteacher has shown enthusiasm for the irrigation technology, and is committed to ensuring his students have nutritious meals in school.

AUGUST 2022:
Phase 2 for the Water Expansion Project

In August 2022, Phase 2 for the Water Expansion Project came to a completion. This phase included the digging of trenches throughout the community and the installation of mainline piping for water mains to be used to connect 100 local households with running water. Our long established and successful community boreholes at Kaiyaba and Piave Primary Schools provide the water for this community expansion project.



SEPTEMBER 2022: Long-Term Operations and Maintenance Planning

The Ekenywa team is always hard at work providing ongoing maintenance to our many facilities and project locations. It is critical for every Ekenywa project to have a long-term operations and maintenance plan. In September 2022, our dedicated maintenance team repaired and replaced toilet doors at Piave Primary School, ensuring the student body had the proper functioning facilities so they can focus on what matters most, their education.



SEPTEMBER 2022: Phase 3 for the Water Expansion Project

Phase 3 for the Water Expansion Project began in early September 2022. This phase of the project entailed the implementation of line-by-line water connections to 100 individual households as they registered for the project. Community members were eager to receive their household water connections and were offering their assistance with digging trenches and installing the piping.

DECEMBER 2022: Holiday Giving Campaign

Throughout this year's Holiday Giving Campaign, we had an amazing outpouring of generosity and support from our donors, having exceeded our goal and raising nearly \$18,000! This was our most successful campaign to date, and these essential funds will support our projects and services in 2023. We are truly grateful for our family of supporters for sustaining our mission and helping to make a difference for our schools and communities in Kenya.



JANUARY 2023: Educational Scholarships

At Ekenywa, we are committed to inspire the next generation of Kenyan leaders through the transfer of knowledge and the creation of opportunities. In January 2023, with the support from our donors, we provided an educational scholarship to Charles and his family who recently lost their home to a house fire. Charles is excelling in his education during his first year of secondary school, studying hard to pursue his dream of becoming a software engineer.



MARCH 2023: World Water Day

On March 22, 2023, World Water Day, Ekenywa joined the County Government of Nakuru and other local organizations to sponsor a community event at Karima Secondary School. The Deputy Governor and the Minister of Water, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources were in attendance and helped to lead this day focused on accelerating change. The day included the launching of a new water project and tree planting at the school, as well as a new water connection for the community. A new water tank was also donated to the school and local community.

APRIL 2023: Nakuru County Stakeholders Forum

In early April 2023, Ekenywa proudly participated in a local forum with the Nakuru County Government. WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) partners strategized on how to enhance quality healthcare and sanitation. The County is committed to providing clean drinking water as a critical aspect of health services, especially child healthcare. Ekenywa Administrator, Ann Macharia, attended the forum and presented on our organization's progress. The meeting focused on strengthening the partnership between USAID and Nakuru County on various programs including WASH as well as creating linkages, building new networks and conducting oversight of project activities.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

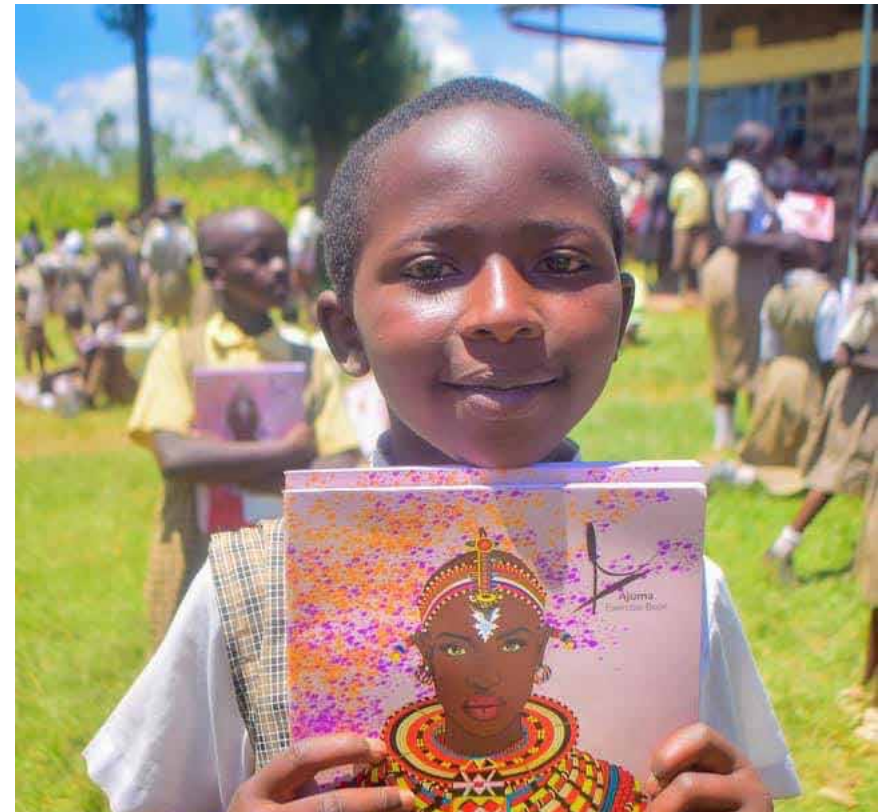
Ann Macheria, Ekenywa Administrator

In October 2022, we excitedly welcomed a new member to the Ekenywa team, Ann Macheria, our new Administrator. Along with coordinating Ekenywa administrative tasks, Ann assists with our project management team. She brings to the team her passion for the community and love for interacting with residents and schools. Over the past few months, she has successfully planned and led several Ekenywa events including our partnering with the Ajuma Foundation for the distribution of exercise books to local students, as well as presenting on our organizational progress at a Nakuru County Government forum, and overseeing our water expansion project. We are thrilled to have Ann on board, and that we can rely on her dedication to our community and schools.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Ajuma Foundation

In September 2022, Ekenywa partnered with the Ajuma Foundation in support of our two local schools, Kaiyaba and Piave Primary Schools. This partnership included The Ajuma Exercise Books Initiative, a two-pronged project that seeks to support and enable promote literacy in rural Kenya while celebrating culture and unity. Kaiyaba and Piave students were excited to receive their exercise books which were designed locally in Kenya and celebrate the different tribes of Kenya. The common goal is ensuring that there are no barriers to education, encouraging unity, as well as getting the students to embrace their cultural languages and never forgetting their roots.



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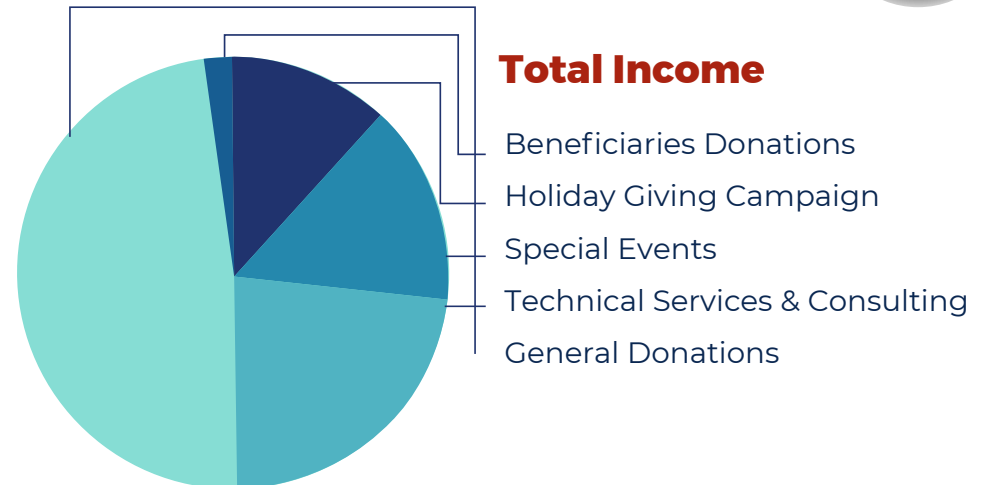
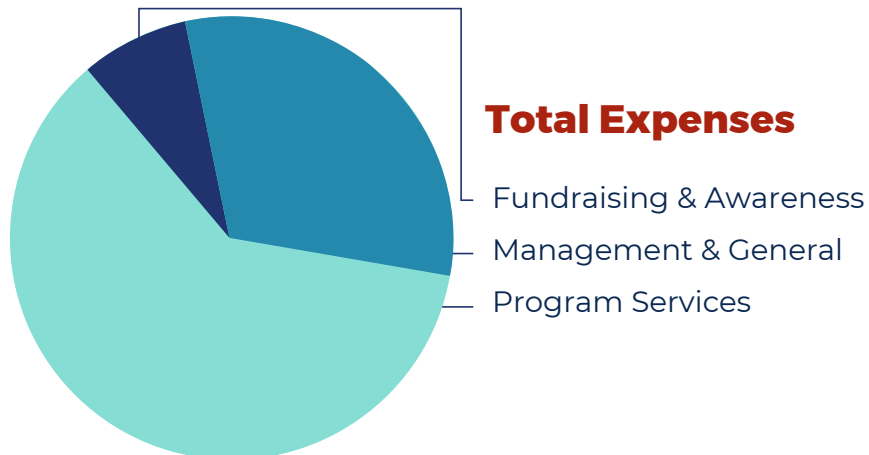
\$116,663

Donations	\$87,362
Special Events	\$18,052
Holiday Giving Campaign	\$14,365
Beneficiaries Donations	\$2,225
Technical Services & Consulting	\$26,966

Total Expenses:

\$119,925

Program Services	\$79,894
Management & General	\$29,877
Fundraising & Awareness	\$10,179





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Co-founder & Finance



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St. Katherine of Siena Hall of Fame

On Sunday, November 20, 2022, Ekenywa was honored with the prestigious recognition of being inducted into the St. Katherine of Siena Hall of Fame. Since our organization's inception in 2017, the church has walked step-by-step with Ekenywa partnering and contributing to many of our projects and campaigns.

Our relationship with the church dates back many years. Ekenywa CEO Chris Gasperi's family have been members of the parish for several generations. Chris attended the parochial school and created many long-lasting friendships with church leaders. It has been great to see this parish supporting one of their own, even overseas in Kenya.

As a major donor to Ekenywa, this Parish has enabled our organization to continue growing our life-saving programs, providing water and educational services to needy communities in Kenya.

From providing the venue for our many fundraising events, to offering support for our programs through the benevolence fund, St. Katherine of Siena has been in our corner from the beginning. We cannot thank the parish enough for this honored recognition and the continued role they play in supporting our organization and the families and communities we serve in Kenya.



2nd Annual Designer Bag Bingo

Thanks to the tremendous support of our donors and supporters, our 2nd annual Ekenywa Designer Bag Bingo was a huge success! The essential funds raised from this event support our many projects and services for our Kenyan communities, helping us to deliver water daily to over 20,000 beneficiaries. In addition, this funding helps us to plan and execute for upcoming projects in 2023.

More than 100 of our family, friends, and supporters joined us on Saturday, October 15, 2022 for a fun-filled evening featuring bingo games to win luxury brand purses, as well as 50/50 raffle and lots of great raffle baskets. A huge thanks to our fundraising committee and volunteers for planning and organizing Designer Bag Bingo. And a special thanks to Father Zaleski and Saint Katherine of Siena for providing their beautiful space and hosting our annual event once again this year!

