



# Kisaru Nkera Initiatives (KINI)

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

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The 2019-2020 year for KINI was like elsewhere in the world, one of many challenges and having to do things differently. The children started school in January but by mid-March were home for the remainder of 2020.

This has meant most of the children who were usually in boarding schools, have returned home, therefore there were many increased costs to the running of the KINI home as 16 children had to be housed for the almost 10 months whilst schools were closed. The surrounding communities and people found it very difficult during this time because their incomes were depleted due to the closure of tourism, where the larger majority of people depend for their livelihood.

However, KINI continues to support the community and education programs during this time.

The number of children being sponsored by KINI (some without specific sponsors) has increased greatly to 150 children (up from 90 in 2018-19) in over 40 different schools/institutions. This has been a huge workload for Barbara and her team here, as all schools must be visited and fees paid on time as well as children's progress monitored and any issues arising with the schools, must be personally attended and a solution found. Many lives are still being changed for the future through KINI's support and innovative programs.

A summary and highlights of the projects' many facets follows:

### Supply of Reusable Pads

Because of the poor economic situation in most of the communities where KINI works, many girls cannot afford to buy sanitary pads for use during their menstruation. Many therefore miss days at school or are embarrassed to not have anything suitable to use for this time of the month.



To ensure girls stay in school and are provided with environmentally sustainable pads, KINI has worked with Days for Girls and Kenya Works to provide all the girls sponsored by KINI and 2 local schools, with reusable pads. This has been a very welcome project of KINI by both schools and the girls.

Talks were given to the girls on menstruation and health at the time the pads were distributed.

### Medical

KINI continues to help with those in need of medical transportation and also referrals to specialists and specialist hospitals. Many times the community does not realise the medical facilities available for

sicknesses and injuries and KINI is able to advise them as well as attend appointments to ensure they understand what needs to be done.

Two examples of KINI's work in this area is the hospitalisation and help with a very young boy who was badly anaemic and suffering from pneumonia. Barbara stayed in the hospital for 2 days with his mother whilst they sought treatment and a diagnosis for his condition.



The most profound difference made in the life of a young boy, was for KINI to facilitate the consultation and eventual amputation of a deformed foot and finger, and the fitting of a prosthetic foot. This involved Barbara spending 8 days in hospital to care for him whilst the operation was done and then many months at home caring for the wound. He is very happy now to be able to run and play soccer.



### **Orphan Care**

KINI's Home of Hope, Barbara's personal home, is now bulging at the seams with 16 orphaned and at risk children finding a safe and loving home where they see a much brighter future. KINI continues to support and monitor and support a number of other orphans who continue to live with extended family.



### **Sponsorships**

At the end of June 2020 KINI was sponsoring 150 students (across 40 schools) plus 3 in University and one doing a mechanical apprenticeship.

KINI has close association with the local community Enkereri School where 34 students are currently supported as well as 4 teachers having wages paid to ensure the school has sufficient teachers for the high number of students.

There a quite a number of children who do not have direct sponsors. KINI has been blessed with supporters giving one-off donations to support these children but if individual sponsorship support is not secured next year, KINI may need to "drop" some students from the program which will greatly affect their future education.

Teenage pregnancies and early marriages are still great issues the community deals with and also touches KINI. This year we saw two of our girls we were supporting become pregnant and therefore had to leave the KINI sponsorship program. Although these are hard decisions to make they are part of the agreement the students have with KINI and also we need to be very clear in our support for those girls who wish to study and progress through to university.

### **KINI Mara Academy and Community Library**

The greatest achievement for KINI during this year was the building of the KINI Mara Academy classrooms and offices and the opening of the school. School opened in January 2020 with 14 students and one teacher and we were privileged to have two volunteers to help train the teacher in modern teaching methods as well as supply the school with many teaching aids. Unfortunately like all other schools in Kenya the school closed mid March and will not reopen until January 2021.

During this time painting of the facilities will be completed and composting toilets built to allow the school to be registered with the Government as a Private School.



KINI also works with local camps and were given through a donor of *Life Straw* and *Olonana Sanctuary Camp* a water purifying device which has been a huge benefit to the school and the home during holidays.



### **Opening of the Library and Distribution of Books**

KINI partnered with Maktaba Mashinani to convert one of the three classrooms to a community Library. At the time of the Library opening much needed text books and resource books were also distributed to 16 surrounding schools. This was a very successful launch and day with the Governor's Wife, First Lady Sarah, joining us for the day. All schools attending and provided amazing entertainment rich in culture.





During the school holidays the library is used for the children to study and read each morning. Children from the community are welcomed to use the facilities as they need.

### **Covid Restrictions and Time at Home**

With the long months at home it was important to keep the children occupied and teach them new skills. Study was done each morning and they were then given opportunity to make their own gardens and learn how to grow vegetables. They were also given the privilege of spending time on safari in the Masai Mara Game Reserve seeing amazing animal sightings and having a fabulous day experiencing so many different things. They were able to spend time at "Sand River" where they have much white sand and dune, something they had never seen or experienced previously.



### **Self-Sustainability**

Looking to the future, KINI is seeking ways to be more self-sufficient. To this end they have started a honey harvesting business with 15 bee hives set up. With the constant wet weather during late 2019 and early 2020, the hives were not ready for harvest, however with the weather being milder the hives are now full of bees and we are looking forward to a better harvest in late 2020.

KINI has a number of sheep, goats and cattle. These are increasing in number and will be a good resource for needed funds in the future.



## Looking Ahead

The Narok County (where KINI is located) sadly has the highest rates of teenage pregnancies and early marriages, some forced others by agreement, in Kenya. The area where KINI is present has a very alarming rate of these tendencies and working with other organisations, KINI is very urgently seeking funding for the planned rescue centre. Often girls are rescued for FGM and marriages, however must be sent back home to the family as there are no centres or safe houses available for them.

The Rescue Centre and Director's Home – KINI Home of Hope - is also in urgent need as there are a number of orphans currently in situations which are not ideal and with the Home of Hope bulging at the seams with 16 children in a 2 bedroom home, a purpose built facility is urgently required to ensure these children are not only cared for but are safe from exploitation and abuse.

As stated previously in this report, sponsorship of children is also crucial to KINI's continued focus on providing education and safety for many vulnerable and orphaned children.

## Financial Report

2019-2020 was a year of growth financially for KINI with an increase in partners and funds for specific purposes being provided. The following is a breakdown of income and expenditure for the financial year (in KSH):

### Income

<i>Brought Forward from 2018-2019</i>	3,468,833
<i>Rotary RAWCS Receipts</i>	2,181,130
<i>Includes for Vehicle and Sponsorships</i>	
<i>Direct Sponsors</i>	920,000
<i>Other General Donations</i>	5,157,510
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,727,473</b>

### Expenditure

<i>Specific Projects</i>	4,955,758
<i>Buildings, Feeding Program, etc</i>	
<i>Wages</i>	1,025,366
<i>School Fees and Expenses</i>	4,306,254
<i>Motor Vehicle/Travel Expenses</i>	845,004
<i>Other Expenses</i>	1,220,866
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,243,690</b>

**Surplus to be carried over to 2020-21    KSH 2,483,690**

## **In Conclusion**

KINI has expanded from when it first began in 2012 with the dream of a school finally being realised thanks to the generous support and partnership of those who wish to be a part of changing lives.

We wish to thank all those who have sacrificed to help the children in KINI's program to continue their education, receive medical care, clothing and other necessities as well as provide schools with teachers, facilities, infrastructure, resources and KINI's own school buildings and community library.

Without your love and care in a tangible way, 150 children would not be in school and others would not have a safe and loving home.

Ashe oleng (thank you very much).



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