

Kisaru Nkera Initiatives (KINI)

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Six months has gone and children are still home from school. Has been a long break but have kept very busy with caring for the children, planting new gardens and getting building works done.

Am very glad my girls have been kept safe during this time as so many girls within the county have been married off or are pregnant. A very sad situation for the nation.

It has been helpful and a blessing for those who have continued to support us during this time and keep the children fed and cared for. As you can imagine keeping 15 children fed and cared for as well as dealing with many other issues that come up.



I spent at least 2 days a week baking bread, cakes and biscuits for the children which they will miss greatly when they go back to school ©

Any excuse for a cake, we celebrated Jane's birthday with a cake and Naileku had the privilege of feeding her the first piece of cake.

Sadly two of my girls lost their aunt who had cared for them after losing their parents a number of years ago, so I had to do my most discouraging part of what I do, and take them to the funeral and visit the family. They are doing well and coping better than expected. Sadly death is such a huge part of life here it is dealt with in a much more accepting and different way to what we are used to. Life must go on and thus we say goodbye and go on with our lives.



Our latest addition to the home. Loco — she was rather wild when she came a few days ago, but has settled well now. Love the children to have pets to learn to love and treat them well.

The last 12 months have been a big year for KINI despite the COVID

issues. Our Annual Report is attached to this Newsletter and also available on our website.

KINI/ENKERERI SOCCER TEAM

KINI is involved with the local community and works to help all the young people have a better vision for the future and keep them busy with meaningful things to do during long holidays and especially during this time.

Soccer is such a loved sport here but players have little to buy uniforms or even shoes, so we are working with the local team to help them feel pride in their team and do well.

KINI bought the team their uniforms and is awaiting a donor to help purchase boots and socks for the players. We also wish to start a new league prior to the players returning to school. The full costs of getting them completely set up with boots, socks and money for the tournament will be A\$700.



This was a new team just starting but once they had their new uniforms they gained so much more confidence they won the last tournament. The families of the children and especially the men of the community are very happy with what KINI is doing to help the young men.

The girls are also now wanting to start their own teams and practice every afternoon. This will also be a great initiative to keep the girls busy and focused.



My young girl Elizabeth, is the team's "daktari" and they won't play a game unless she is there to deal with all their sprains and injuries. I tried to teach her the best first aid I could.



Soccer is great fun until you get kicked in the shin and both bones broken clean in two.

Had a painful night until we could get him the next morning to the hospital and after an Xray and plastering returned home for at least 8 weeks of plaster.

SCHOOLS RESUME

The Government has announced school will remain closed until at least January next year. This will continue to put pressure on families and also more girls will be married off and also pregnant. These are the sad realities of such a long break. The girls in the KINI Home of Hope are kept safe and busy.

For those who are sponsoring children, please remember them as you prepare for the end of the year, as most will need new uniforms and shopping to return to boarding school and fees will need to be paid for those who have not paid for the full year.

There are still many children who need sponsors to continue in school. It is very difficult to keep these children in school without funds to pay their school fees. All children in KINI's sponsorship program

MARA KINI ACADEMY - UPGRADE

We have been upgrading KINI Mara Academy so it will be ready when the children return in January.

With some very generous donations we have been able to finish the toilets and bathrooms for the school, a new toilet and bathroom for use of the future house, tanks on the school and painting of the school classrooms and offices and building a well and irrigation system for our land where gardens are planted.





The new tanks are ready and guttering almost finished







Furniture is still needed for the children and teachers:

6 Chairs and one table @ A\$700 set – 3 more needed

Teachers Desk x 3 @ 250 each
Teachers' Chairs x 3 @ \$100 each

All toilets are composting which is much better for the environment and also for use in the gardens after they decompose.





The well is full and we are very happy to have plenty of water to keep the gardens growing during the dry weeks too.

The girls after a hard morning of digging and weeding the garden.



RESCUE CENTRE AND HOME

With this extended period of almost 12 months at home, for school children, sadly the issue of pregnancies with school girls and marriages, forced or by agreement, is becoming a huge issue throughout the country, but particularly within our county.

Barbara works with other agencies such as "Compassion" in monitoring situations and trends happening within the wider communities and they are begging KINI to build the rescue centre. When girls are rescued for FGM and early marriages, there is no place

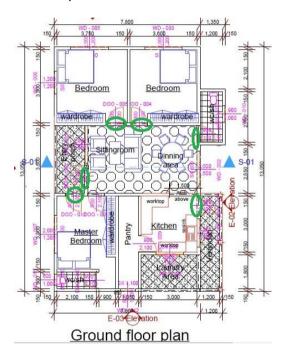
for them to go and so go back home, often again being taken. They need a safe place to go where they can be counselled and continue with their learning.

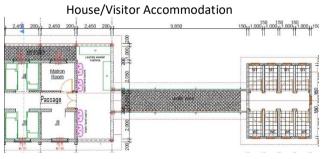
Sadly many school girls from Forms 2, 3 and 4 have been married off by families because of their extended stay at home. Kidnappings of girls are also not uncommon thus a safe haven is needed.

Quotes and plans have been finalised for this work to be done which will include also a home for the Manager and any visitors/volunteers who will visit. This home will also house the younger children who will continue to live with Barbara.

With generous donations received all current works of the harvesting of water for both properties and the finalisation of the school are almost complete and we will then be able to start the house foundations very soon.

All further donations to complete the house will be of great benefit to the children and the wider community.











Rescue Centre and Amenities

COSTS: Rescue Centre US\$100,000

House: US\$60,000

Other Amenities needed -

Solar Rescue Centre: US\$1,700

Solar and Hot Water System House: \$3,000
Elevated Water Tank Tower and Tank: \$3,000

If you are able to assist in any small way, the children will have a much safer and comfortable environment. All funds marked for this project will be put aside to go towards this project.

Please see below for donation methods. Should you need further information and official quotes please feel free to email kisaruentitoproject@gmail.com

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If you would like to be part of this exciting work please set up a regular donation directly into the KINI bank account (details below) or through RAWCS (www.kinikenya.com) if you would like a tax deductible receipt.

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Thank you for sharing in our dream.

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world:"