

Disaster Response in the Horn of Africa (Phase I)

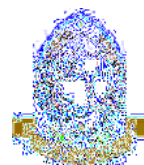
FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO VICTIMS OF DROUGHT

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1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

Donor Organizations	Help-Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe 98,682 Euros NAK - Karitativ 80,000/= Euros for Phase II		
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1.1 ABOUT KUMEA

Kujenga Maisha East Africa (KUMEA) was established and registered in Kenya in June 2010 as an NGO for the New Apostolic Church ; East Africa District. It grew out of the Relief and humanitarian efforts of the Church that had been going on for five years. The majority of church members in East Africa live in places where HIV/AIDS and poor climatic conditions are major contributors to poverty. Kumea therefore feels duty bound to respond to the needs of these communities.

Although KUMEA is a Faith based NGO, It operates beyond the boundaries of the New Apostolic Church. It brings together people of all faiths and persuasions without discrimination. KUMEA seeks to improve the living conditions of vulnerable members of the community through developmental activities .It is a vehicle through which an organization or individual can contribute towards sustainable development in the communities of East Africa .The Objectives of KUMEA include:-

- Enhancing agricultural crop and animal yield through modern, innovative ,cost effective and efficient farming techniques and improving sanitation.
- Employing agricultural extension officers to train adult Kenyans in modern farming techniques and assisting them acquire managerial skills;
- Drilling boreholes and erecting water catchments reservoirs.

- Distributing farm implements free or at subsidized cost to individual or collective members of the beneficiary community's activities and projects aimed at economic empowerment of the people within the organization's sphere of operation.

This Report covers the progress of Phase one of the project. Funded by **Help-Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe**. Phase two of the project will be funded by NAK-Karitativ

2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

In the last three decades Kenya has been experiencing annual drought that occurs between the months of June and November. The drought has led to famine in the areas of North-Eastern, Eastern, North Rift, Coastal and section of Central Provinces. Indeed, in the recent past the situation has gotten worse for instance Government of Kenya reports indicate that 90% of Kenya experiences drought. The previous two years have seen significant drop in the amount of rains received across Kenya that has led to crop failure in most parts of the Country.

According to the Humanitarian Organizations reports, up to 2.5 million Kenyans depend on relief food and the number is likely to increase to 3.5 million by the end of 2011. Six months ago the Government of Kenya declared famine a national disaster and appealed for food donation assistance from International Community, UN Agencies, INGOs, NGOs, FBOs well wishers as well as individuals.

The Relief food distribution focused on the most needy in Kenya East, Kenya Central and Rift valley. There the famine situation has severely disrupted learning in schools; families spend a lot of time looking for food and water and farmers have lost their livestock to drought.

3.0 INTERVENTION

Kujenga Maisha East Africa (KUMEA), received funding through partnering with **Help-Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe**, (Germany) and has distributed Maize and Beans to the people of Kenya Central, Kenya East and Rift Valley Regions. The maize and beans were packed in 10 kgs and 5 kgs bags respectively. The distribution of maize and beans to people affected by the drought has now been completed. A total of 13,689 families have benefited from the donation. In addition to the maize and beans distribution, Help also donated 30 Water filters (PAULS) to help provide clean water to the affected families.

3.1 INTERVENTION SUMMARY

3.1.1 Kenya Central

Distribution date	Centre	Tons of Beans	Tons of Maize	Beneficiaries
8-Sep-2011	Kakuku	7.56	15.03	1,503
9-Sep-2011	Kilimambogo	1.53	3.06	306
9-Sep-2011	Kisiiki (Mavoloni)	5.04	9.99	999
	Total	14.13	28.08	2,808

3.1.2 Kenya East Region

Distribution date	Centre	Tons of Beans	Tons of Maize	Beneficiaries
15-Sep-2011	Mwingi Town	6.75	13.5	1,350
16-Sep-2011	Kamuwongo Town	6.75	13.5	1,350
17-Sep-2011	Ngomeni Town	6.75	13.5	1,350
21-Sep-2011	Mihang'o	1.17	2.25	225
21-Sep-2011	Mutithi	1.17	2.25	225
21-Sep-2011	Kariru	0.9	1.8	180
22-Sep-2011	Ishiara	2.7	5.4	540
27-Sep-2011	Makima	2.25	4.5	450
27-Sep-2011	Mutuobare	2.7	5.4	540
28-Sep-2011	Mutugu	2.25	4.5	450
28-Sep-2011	Muchonoke	2.25	4.5	450
7-Oct-2011	Gatuamba	0.9	1.8	180
7-Oct-2011	Nanyuki	0.72	1.35	135
7-Oct-2011	Ngaindeithia	0.45	0.9	90
8-Oct-2011	Kimoliot	0.45	0.9	90
8-Oct-2011	Ndemu	0.45	0.9	90
8-Oct-2011	Ndindika	0.72	1.44	144
	Total	39.33	78.39	7,839

3.1.3 Rift Valley

Distribution date	Centre	Tons of Beans	Tons of Maize	Beneficiaries
12-Oct-2011	Athinai	1.8	3.6	360
12-Oct-2011	Lngarua	1.8	3.6	360
13-Oct-2011	Lokortapem	2.52	5.04	504
13-Oct-2011	Kipsaraman	2.7	5.4	540
11 Nov 2011	Kalemgorok	0.9	1.8	180
11 Nov 2011	Lokichar	0.54	1.08	108
12 Nov 2011	Napuu	2.25	4.5	450
12 Nov 2011	Turkwell	2.7	5.4	540
	Total	15.21	30.42	3,042
	Grand Total	68.67	136.9	13,689

4.0 CO-ORDINATION

Coordination mechanisms for each Region of the distribution began with contacting the Church leaders and Government leaders who are involved in disaster response. Initially, we contacted the Apostles in the respective food distribution locations who directed us to the locations with

the needy people. The Apostles in conjunction with the local government officer-Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and village elders selected the beneficiaries. The selection of the beneficiaries did not discriminate persons based on gender, religion affiliation or any other fault lines. However, preference was given to the elderly and persons with special needs. The leaders and government officials from the various locations helped in the actual distribution, and acquiring security personnel for each of the distribution. Additionally we set a minimal budget aside for administrative costs like hire of field van, food, water, fuel, communication and other activities necessary to prepare for complete contribution in the above Regions.

Adequate safeguards were taken to protect against the possible misuse of funds. **We invited three different tenders (Sellers of Maize and beans)**. We selected the buyer by bid amount and the quality of maize and beans they presented for our analysis at the government quality control laboratory. We also invited four bids for transport of maize and beans to the distribution locations; we selected the transport company with lowest cost.

4.1 The Story of Ekaliban Erupe

Ekaliban Erupe is a young girl of the Turkana tribe. She is 9 years old and unlike most Turkana girls who are married early, she is in school. The Turkana people are herdsmen. They are found on the North Western part of Kenya in Turkana district. We caught up with her on 11 November 2011 when we distributed relief food in Lodwar. Ekaliban was easily noticeable because of her easy smile. She is a student at the neighboring Kalemgorok Primary School.

Ekaliban had accompanied her mother-**Akorod Lorot** to the food distribution centre at Kalemgorok New Apostolic Church where a crowd of 180 had gathered to receive the food rations brought in by KUMEA team. Our team requested for an interview with her mother at their home after they received their share of relief food. This is what she had to say;

In April 2011 the family barely had anything left out of the four sacks of millet they harvested in 2010. They were waiting to die. The monthly food rations from the government were hardly enough for the big family.

Ekaliban comes from a family of five children. She is the third born. Her father went to look for work in Lodwar town after the family sold their last goat to get through the drought and was left with nothing else to sell. He came back empty handed three earlier but had to do casual labour in other people's plots to earn some money. With the little money earned, he is able to



The 9 year old Ekaliban Erupe

provide the family with two bowls of millet porridge a day combined with in wild bitter vegetables.



Ekaliban (Second Left) with family members & a KUMEA official outside their home after they received the relief food.

The family was very thankful for the relief food they received. When asked about her wishes, Ekaliban said the following “ My wish is that the distribution would be regular, so that our food needs are covered for a longer period to allow me to concentrated on my schooling”



4.2

180 families turned up at the food distribution Centre Kalemgorok. Each family received 15 Kg of maize and 5 kg of beans. Donated by [Help-Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe](#)

Besides lack of food, families in the affected regions also suffered the problem of lack of clean water. In conjunction with the Lion's Club of Northern Germany, Help also donated 30 water filters (Pauls) to the families.



An old lady digging for water in the sand of a dry river bed

Name of Beneficiary	Location	Number Received
Kariara Village	Kakuku Division	4
Kaunda Secondary school	Kamuwongo	4
Usalala Primary School	Makueni	1
Luanda Buoye	Kisumu	1
Alara Community	Kisumu	1
Rweya Community	Kisumu	1
Kimangao Boys Secondary School	Mwingi	2
Kimangao Girls Secondary School	Mwingi	2
Mwahuro Self Help Community	Kakuku	1
Ndathani Primary School	Mwingi	2
Kimu Primary School	Mwingi	2
Kalemngorok Primary School	Turkana South	2
Nakane Primary School	Turkana West	4
Turkwell Boys Secondary School	Turkana West	2
Total		29



Pauls donated to Ndathani Primary School (Left) & Kimu Primary School (Right)

5.0 CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

The process of selecting beneficiaries and the distribution of food has been largely successful and there was little difficulty. The significant challenge we met was in regards to many people turning up at food distribution centers and as such it was difficult to control crowds. Some people complained that they were excluded in the listing and asked to be considered. However, we could not help them as the lists of the beneficiaries were already made. Additionally, the needy people were too many to serve. Due to poor road infrastructure, it was difficult to access some of the food distribution centers and some beneficiaries walked for long distances in the scouring sun. Our hired van broke down on the way to Lodwar (900km from Nairobi) and we had to rescue it back to Nairobi after the engine failed to start again.

6.0 LESSONS LEARNED

The people living in Kenya Central and Kenya East need to abandon the traditional way of farming and embrace modern and new strategies for food security, preservation of the environment, water preservation and small animal husbandry. Although there is famine in these areas and the land is dry, they continue to struggle to cultivate their lands using the traditional ways that have proven ineffective with the current conditions of the soil and weather.

It is necessary to teach and support the people in rain water harvesting methods and digging wells. Additionally, the people affected by famine in these regions, need to learn how to grow a variety of crops that use less water and take a short time to mature.

7.0 PHOTO STORY

On 8th September 2011, 1503 families in Kenya Central (Kakuku) received 15kg of relief food each.



On 9th September 2011, 1306 families in Kenya Central (Kisiisi & Kilimambogo) received 15kg of relief food each.



On 15th to 17th September 2011, 4050 families in Kenya East (Mwingi, Kamuwongo & Ngomeni) received 15kg of relief food each.



On 13th September 2011, the community of Kakuku at Kariara Village in Kenya Central received a donation of 4 water filters. On 15th September Kamuwongo Secondary School also received 4 water files.



From 12th October 2011, to 12th November 2011 the KUMEA food distribution team traveled in the Rift Valley Province of Kenya distributing food at various Centers

