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1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

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2.0 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.
- Engaging members and the general public in environmental conservation efforts and sensitization.

3.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

This project was a response to the humanitarian crisis in East Africa of 2011. According to the United Nation estimates, more 11 million people in East Africa were affected by drought between June and November 2011. Out of these, 3.7 million were in Somalia. Somalia was the worst hit because of the civil war in the country. The prolonged drought became a famine in Kenya as well because the two previous harvests had failed to produce enough food to feed the nation. At the beginning of August 2011, the United Nations declared the worst famine in East Africa in 60 years.

The government of Kenya followed suite and declared famine a national disaster after reports indicated that 2.5 million Kenyans were facing starvation. Appeals for food donation, assistance from International community, UN agencies and NGOs was made by the government. Aid organizations including the U.N and World Food Program moved in to provide humanitarian assistance.

Kujenga Maisha East Africa (Kumea) being the humanitarian wing of the New Apostolic Church was already under pressure from the church to do something. During the 3 day conference that was held at Masai Lodge in Nairobi in July 2011, Kumea presented a project proposal to NAK-Karitativ (Germany) seeking for funds to make an intervention. The proposal was accepted and on 5th August 2011 Kumea received a donation of **Euros 80,000/=** from Nak-Karitativ. Kumea also received **Euros 98,682/=** from Help Hilfe Zur Selbsthilfe on 18th August 2011.

This Report covers the second phase of the food distribution project in which the funds for Nak-Karitativ were employed .The funds from Help were used in phase 1.

4.0 THE INTERVENTION

NAK-Karitativ responded to the emergency in three ways

- 140 cartons of High Energy biscuits (HEB) were imported into Kenya from Germany to cater for the individuals weakened by malnutrition.
- 300 Collapsible water containers were imported into Kenya from Germany to provide safe clean water for homes in the sun scorched arid lands.
- Food aid packs also were distributed to select families in Kenya East and Central .In total 10,400 families received food aid packs.



140 boxes of High Energy Biscuits (HEB)

300 Collapsible water containers

The food Aid Packs were branded into 10Kg and 5kgs bags with the message “German People Care for you” The Help emblem was maintained on the branding as agreed because of the partnership between the two German organization.



Food Aid packs at the warehouse in Nairobi

5.0 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The project was implemented in 4 stages.

5.1 Identification of Beneficiaries:

This was done through collaboration between the Local government administration and the church leaders. The area Apostles identified the areas of intervention while the administration (chiefs) provided the lists of identified beneficiaries. The certified lists were then forwarded to Kumea office by the respective Apostles for action.

The target beneficiaries were not discriminated along lines of gender, religion or ethnicity and they included:-

- Enlarged families
- Single mothers
- Women and men aged over 65 years
- Persons with special needs.

In total, the project targeted **10,170** families with food aid and 230 with High Energy Biscuits and water containers.

5.2 Procurement

Procurement was conducted in two stages.

- Solicitation for quotations from suppliers for the supply of cereals
- Branding: Bags of 10kg and 5kg bags were printed with the emblems of NAK-Karitativ, Help and KUMEA and an inscription “German People Care For You”
- Selection of the lowest quotation by price value was done. Two suppliers picked **Daggia Import & Exports** and **Landhies Agri Ltd.**

- Packaging of the food aid packs and storage was done at the supplier's warehouse.

5.3 Transportation

Transportation was organized by the secretariat in Nairobi. Trucks were hired from **Travel Worth** for this purpose. They picked the food aid packs from the food suppliers' warehouse and delivered to the various centres.

5.4 Food Distribution

Food distribution was done at selected administrative centres where security was assured by the administration.

The High Energy Biscuits (HEB) and the water containers were distributed at Kamuwongo Centre by a local CBO (Murky). 3 groups of people living with HIV/AIDS were identified as the neediest for nutritional food.

- **Kamuwongo Home Care Group:** With a total of 70 members (54 Female 16 Males) received 80 water containers and 41 boxes of HEB
- **Kazi Bora Self Help Group:** With 95 members (70 Female 25 Males) received 100 water containers and 56 boxes of HEB
- **Mutethya Faith Self Help Group:** With 70 members (51 Female 19 Males) received 80 water containers and 40 boxes of HEB.

The food aid packs were picked from the warehouse in industrial area Nairobi in the afternoon a day before distribution. The transport company signed a delivery note upon picking the relief food. The delivery note was checked when the relief food reached the site. The Local Chiefs were asked to count and sign for the food packs received. The names of the beneficiaries were called out from a pre- printed list.

Food was distributed at 8 main centres in Kenya East and Kenya Central as shown in the table below.

DATE	CENTRE	TONS (MAIZE)	TONS (BEANS)	BENEFICIARIES
09.02.2012	Nguungani	13.02	6.51	1,302
10.02.2012	Kyuso	16.42	8.21	1,642
15.02.2012	Tseikuru	9.81	4.905	981
16.02.2012	Mivukoni	11.73	5.865	1,173
22.02.2012	Ithumba	13.48	6.74	1,348
23.02.2012	Kibwea	12.02	6.01	1,202
08.03.2012	Kyatune	13.54	6.77	1,354
09.03.2012	Ikomenie	11.69	5.845	1,169
	Total	101.71	50.855	10,171

6.0 PROJECT COORDINATION

The coordination of the project was done by KUMEA's project coordinator and the office staff. The Projects coordinator and the logistics officer were present at every distribution site to oversee the process. The area Apostles, Kumea Regional committees and the government officers worked together.

7.0 CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

The selection process, the distribution of the beans and maize, and implementation was largely successful and there was little difficulty. The significant challenges we met were:

- Many people turning up at food distribution centres and as such it was difficult to control crowds.
- Additionally, the people in need of assistance were too many. We could not please everyone.
- Due to poor road infrastructure, it was difficult to access some of the food distribution locations and some beneficiaries had to walk for long distance in the scouring sun to come to the food distribution centres, thus many hours were wasted at food distribution locations.
- It took a long time to acquire the necessary health certificates for the high energy biscuits from Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS)

8.0 LESSONS LEARNED

- The people living in these areas need to graduate from the traditional ways of farming to modern and effective ways of farming.
- Preservation of the environment should be encouraged in these areas.
- It is necessary to teach and support the people on how to preserve rainwater, and harvesting running water.

9.0 PHOTO STORY



The lady in the photo to the left together with her baby are positively diagnosed with HIV and are receiving medication and support from the homecare workers at Kamuwongo-Mwingi. Without support from the homecare workers and medicines, people afflicted with HIV would die. Their food and medicines are all coming from donations from private sectors, churches and individuals.

She said that she felt hopeless when she learned about her condition. She has lost all friends.

During our visit, she was among those who received the High energy biscuits and a collapsible water container.

Food Distribution at Nguungani (below, a government officer shows Kumea officers the results of the failed rains of November to December 2011.)



Food Distribution at Kyuso



Food Distribution at Tseikuru



Food Distribution at Mivukoni



Food Distribution at Kibwea



Food Distribution at Ithumba



Food Distribution at Ikomenie



Patients of HIV/AIDS under the homecare program in Kamuwongo - Mwingi received the High Energy biscuits and the water containers

