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About Us

The Centres for Health and Education Programmes (CHEPs) is a registered Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in Kenya. Its goal is to empower, promote access and improve quality of health and education for the benefit of under resourced individuals and communities.

CHEPs organises health/eye care screening and treatment camps, provides assistance for emergency medical and surgical care, sponsorship and career mentorship to deserving students, emergency relief and rehabilitation efforts in drought/famine disaster affected areas of Kenya, undertakes development and humanitarian projects in underprivileged areas of Kenya.

Vision

CHEPs envisions the underprivileged across Kenya empowered with equal access to quality health and education services, improved agriculture and environment for a dignified lifestyle.

Mission

CHEPs' mission is to empower the underprivileged individuals and communities of Kenya, while instilling hope and dignity, by providing sustainable and quality health, education, agriculture, environment conservation, development and humanitarian projects through local initiatives, resources, and involvement of local volunteers willing to serve the community.

Our projects include:

Health care

eye camps, emergency medical treatments, limb prosthesis



Education

student sponsorship, student mentorship centre, library set up, desk, chair, solar lights & books distribution

Agriculture

farming support, irrigation projects, animal husbandry



Environment

trees planting, organizing cleanup/hygiene projects in villages

Development

microfinance & infrastructure for promotion of health and education, improving water supply through digging & rehabilitation of wells



Humanitarian

emergency relief during famine & drought



7 Eye camps held



500 trees planted in Wajir



2 Greenhouses in Garissa

EMPOWERMENT IS OUR MOTTO

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SUMMARY OF THIS QUARTER'S ACTIVITIES BY CHEPS:

Health Projects

Eye Camp #27 Held on 31st January 2015 in Kajiado County. The venue was Al-Huda Muslim Primary School. Over 600 local people received various health services provided at the medical camp free of charge. The CHEPs team screened 315 people for eye conditions.

Eye Camp #28 Held in Garissa, sponsored Beta Charitable Trust. This eye camp was limited to surgeries for cataract blind patients. A total of 106 surgeries were performed by CHEPs team.

Eye Camp #29 Held in Kawangware slums, Nairobi sponsored Beta Charitable Trust. The venue was Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic. The CHEPs team screened and treated 158 people for eye conditions.

Eye Camp #30 Held in Matek village, Bungoma County. The venue was Bungoma County Referral Hospital. Bungoma County is a county in the Western Province of Kenya. The CHEPs team screened 415 people for eye conditions.

Eye Camp #31 Held in Malindi town, Kilifi County. The venue was KYM Afya International Hospital. Kilifi County is a county in the Coast Province of Kenya. The CHEPs team screened 209 people for eye conditions.

Eye Camp #32 Held in Wasini Island, Kwale County. The venue was Wasini Island Primary School. Wasini Island lies off the southern Indian Ocean coast of Kenya next to Shimoni. The CHEPs team screened 280 people for eye conditions.

Eye Camp #33 Held in Kakamega County at a local school in Shikoti Village. The team screened 350 people for eye conditions.

Medical treatment 7 yr old Habiba Dahir Bishar from Bangal, Tana River in Garissa county & 8 yr old Nasteha Adan from Liboi, Garissa were taken to Kikuyu Eye hospital for surgery on both eyes to cure blindness.

Limb prosthesis project An evaluation of past projects conducted. Plans underway for an innovative programme to reach out to more amputees in remote areas.

Education Projects

Education support

Two children Zaituni & Asha, beneficiaries of the CHEPs Kawangware Student Mentorship Centre were provided with text books for Secondary school which the parents could not afford to buy. They are admitted at St. Stephano Girls Secondary School in Meru. Marrion, an 8 yr old from destitute family in Kawangware. Admitted to Light Academy Nairobi.

Enhancing Education in Wajir

Text books were given to Wajir Special Secondary School for the Deaf for Form 2 students.

Two electric pumps were installed at Furaha Primary School & Wajir Girls Intergrated Primary School. One submersible pump was given to Jogbaru Primary School

Enhancing Education in Garissa

One classroom and four toilets (2 ladies & 2 gents) were constructed in a school in Boransis village.

Education sponsorship

CHEPs is currently sponsoring 36 students in total, of which 11 are at Secondary school level and 25 at College & University Level.

Two other children in Lamu were supported with payment of fees for a term to avoid them being expelled from school.

CHEPs Kawangware Student Mentorship Centre

Weekly classes at the centre are continuing.

Library renovations

A new library has been set up in the main Lamu town. CHEPs has partly sponsored renovations of this library which opened its doors to the public in January 2015.

Solar Lights distribution

500 solar lamps have been donated by Beta Charitable Trust of UK.

Agriculture Projects

Greenhouses and Irrigation

Two green houses were installed in Garissa. One for Al-Farooq orphanage in Garissa town and the other for a women's group in Alikune village.

Environment Projects

Tree Planting

As part of CHEPs environment improving project, 500 trees were planted in Wajir out of which 250 are planted at Makoror Secondary School and another 250 at Elnur Primary School.

Development Projects

Wells digging & rehabilitation

CHEPs has so far dug 212 & rehabilitated (cupped) 483 wells in Wajir out of which 7 wells were dug and 10 rehabilitated this quarter.

Other Activities

CHEPs talent kids project 15 street kids are now being provided shelter in a rented two room in Kawangware slums of Nairobi. One of them has been admitted at Light Academy Malindi in Year 6 in IGCE education system.

Health

Eye Camp #27

The 27th CHEPs eye camp was held on 31st January 2015 in Kajiado County. This free eye camp was held in conjunction Muslim Students Association of the University of Nairobi (MSAUN) who also held a free medical camp. The venue was Al-Huda Muslim Primary School in Kajiado.

Over 600 local people received various health services provided at the medical camp free of charge.

The CHEPs team examined 315 men, women and children for eye conditions. 62 people with reading problems were provided with reading glasses. 170 people were provided with eye drops for various eye conditions mainly allergies and infections. **The eye camp was totally sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust of UK.**

Below is a summary of activities performed by the CHEPs team:

- Total number served **315**
- Normal **33**
- Eye infections **17**
- Allergy **150**
- Presbyopia (difficulty with near vision) **62**
- Myopia (difficulty distant vision) **25**
- Mature cataract **9**
- Trachoma & Glaucoma **3**
- Other conditions and referrals **16**



Eye Camp #28

The 28th CHEPs eye camp was held in Garissa, sponsored Beta Charitable Trust. This eye camp was limited to surgeries for cataract blind patients.

The County which is mainly rural, borders Somalia and has very little support for health care and education. Due to the insecure environment other organisations who used to support eye care have pulled out of the area. BCT's assistance is timely.

A total of 106 surgeries were performed by CHEPs team:

- Day1 **33**
- Day2 **37**
- Day3 **36**



Eye Camp #29

The 29th CHEPs eye camp was held in Kawangware slums, Nairobi sponsored Beta Charitable Trust. The venue was Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic. **The eye camp was totally sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust of UK.**

Below is a summary of activities performed by the CHEPs team:

- Total number served **158**
- Eye infections **5**
- Allergic conjunctivitis **86**
- Presbyopia (difficulty with near vision) **50**
- Myopia (difficulty distant vision) **25**
- Hyperopia **4**
- Cataract **15**
- Trachoma & Glaucoma **1**
- Other conditions and referrals **15**

CHEPs thanks the management of Al-Gadhir Medical Clinic for providing the venue, assisting with advertisement, lunch and involvement of four of their staff during the eye camp. 14 medical students from University of Nairobi volunteered to assist with registration and testing visual acuity. Four teachers of the CHEPs student mentorship centre also participated actively.



Eye Camp #30

The 30th CHEPs eye camp was held in Matek village, Bungoma County. The venue was Bungoma County Referral Hospital. Bungoma County is a county in the Western Province of Kenya. It has a Total Population of 1,375,063 and covers an area of 3,032.2 SQ. KM. The Population density is 453.5 people PER SQ. KM and 53% of the population live below the poverty line.

The CHEPs team examined 415 men, women and children for eye conditions. 190 people with reading problems were provided with reading glasses. 253 people were provided with eye drops for various eye conditions mainly allergies and infections. **The eye camp was totally sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust of UK.**

Below is a summary of activities performed by the CHEPs team:

- Total number served **415**
- Conjunctivitis- allergic and infectious **253**
- Myopia (difficulty distant vision) **20**
- Cataract **22**
- Other conditions and referrals **25**

Discussions are going on with the Bungoma Hospital for conducting cataract surgeries for those suffering blindness in the area but cannot afford to access surgery.



Eye Camp #31

The 31st CHEPs eye camp was held in Malindi town, Kilifi County. The venue was KYM Afya International Hospital.

Kilifi County is a county in the Coast Province of Kenya. It has a total population of 1.1 Million and covers an area of 12,639 SQ. KM. The population density is 450 people per sq. km. and unfortunately 68% of the population live below the poverty line.

<http://www.kenyampya.com/index.php?county=Kilifi>.

Below is a summary of activities performed by the CHEPs team:

- Total number served **209**
- Eye drops dispensed **97**
- Reading glasses **77**
- Referrals & Myopia **32**
- Cataract **15**

CHEPs is grateful to the directors of KYM Afya International Hospital, Malindi, for providing the venue free of charge. The hospital even offered to perform cataract surgeries free of charge. Several people helped advertise and mobilize people for the free eye camp, assisting the needy to reach the venue. Special thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this eye camp a success despite many challenges.



Eye Camp #32

The 32nd CHEPs eye camp was held in Wasini Island, Kwale County. The venue was Wasini Island Primary School.

Wasini Island lies off the southern Indian Ocean coast of Kenya next to Shimoni. It is approximately 5 km long and 1 km across. The island is sparsely populated and undeveloped. There are no cars or roads. Located in south west Kenya, this population has the highest infant mortality rate in the country. Poverty levels are indicative of poor historical and current development.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wasini_Island. **This eye camp was totally sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust of UK.**

Below is a summary of activities performed by the CHEPs team:

- Total number served **280**
- Reading glasses **95**
- Eye drops dispensed **116**
- Normal **14**
- Cataract **29**
- Other conditions and referrals **8**

CHEPs is grateful to the members of a Mombasa Community Based Organisation HEED, the local Wasini Island authorities and people for their active participation. Thanks are due to those who mobilized people for the free eye camp. Special thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this eye camp a success despite many challenges.



Eye Camp #33

The 33rd CHEPs eye camp was held in Kakamega County. The venue was a local school in Shikoti Village.

Kakamega County is located in Western Kenya about 30km north of the equator. It consists of 12 constituencies in total namely: Butere, Mumias, Matungu, Likuyani, Mumias East, Khwisero, Shinyalu, Lurambi, Ikolomani, Lugari malava and Navakholo. <http://www.kakamega.go.ke/>

This eye camp was totally sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust of UK.

Below is a summary of activities performed by the CHEPs team:

- Total number served **350**
- Eye drops dispensed **162**
- Reading glasses **130**
- Cataract **13**
- Normal **45**



Medical treatment

7 yr old Habiba Dahir Bishar from Bangal, Tana River in Garissa county & 8 yr old Nasteha Adan from Liboi, Garissa were taken to Kikuyu Eye hospital for surgery on both eyes to cure blindness. They have been given an appointment in May for surgery.



Education

Education support

Two children Zaituni & Asha who are beneficiaries of the CHEPs Kawangware Student Mentorship Centre were provided with text books for Secondary school which the parents could not afford to buy. They are now admitted at St. Stephano Girls Secondary School in Meru.

Marrion 8 yr old from destitute family in Kawangware has been admitted to Light Academy Nairobi.



Enhancing Education in Wajir

Text books were given to Wajir Special Secondary School for the Deaf for Form 2 students.

Two electric pumps were installed at Furaha Primary School & Wajir Girls Intergrated Primary School. One submersible pump was given to Jogbaru Primary School

Furaha Primary School is located in Alimaow location of Wajir County. It was started in the year 1999 and has an enrollment of 720 pupils. The school has limited infrastructure since the parents are extremely poor. It has been performing satisfactory in the national examinations over the past years.

The school had received trees from CHEPs but had only one well for watering plants, drinking and cooking the school lunch for the pupils. CHEPs well D193 is therefore a big relief for the school to have another well to ease the congestion and jostling for water by the students. However, there is need for yet a third well in order to water the trees regularly and sufficiently.

The school administration and committee really appreciated the well donated by CHEPs and promised to ensure the trees grow to maturity.

Thanks to BCT donation, the students and teachers at the school will be able to use fresh running water for hand washing, wuzu and other hygiene purposes. The trees and kitchen garden at the school will also benefit as shown in the photos:



Electric pump at Furaha Primary School

Wajir Girls Integrated Primary School has an enrollment of 520 students from the Somali community. The school has largest number of girls in Wajir County, Kenya. It is both a day school and has a boarding wing for physically disabled girls. It was established in 1988 to help improve girl child education, discourage FGM (Female Genital Mutilation- a culture prevalent in the area) and avert early marriage which is common amongst the Somali community. Over the years, the school has been performing satisfactorily in the national examination. Many of the ladies working in various departments in the county are former pupils of this school.

Thanks to all the children who contributed to this project, the children of this school will now have enough water for washing hands and other hygiene purposes.

The school has a kitchen garden (sponsored by CHEPs) which needed a reliable water source. With the completion of the CHEPs well D206 the girls' lunch will be enriched with greens and vegetables from the school garden. The principal, Mr. Noor Bardad, promised to enlarge the garden size and plant more vegetables for use at the school kitchen. He says the disabled girls hardly go home during the school term and are in special need of extra vegetables in their meals to boost their health.

The trees planted by CHEPs will also be well catered for now that the well has been completed. He is looking forward to the

installation of an electric pump for the well. This will ease the watering process for the kitchen garden and trees. He also requests for a greenhouse facility to get higher yield of various vegetables for all their needs.

The principal, staff and students of the school are very grateful to the sponsors of the well (children of Hujjat Saturday Workshop, Stanmore and QFatima) and also thank CHEPs for the assistance of electric pump with more benefits as below:



Electric pump at Wajir Girls Intergrated Primary School

Enhancing Education in Garissa

One classroom and four toilets (2 ladies & 2 gents) were constructed. Garissa County (in former Northeast Province of Kenya) with its capital Garissa town has a population of 623,060 (<http://www.garissa.go.ke/about--the-county.html>). It has very low literacy and most villages don't have any toilets. During the drought and famine of 2011, CHEPs, partly supported by WF and AFED, distributed food in this area. One of the beneficiary villages was Boransis where a two month old baby, Abdirashid, was found being given water by his young mother as her breast milk had dried up due to hunger and thirst. In March 2014 the CHEPs CEO, Dr. Muhsin Sheriff, returned to the village to search for him and found him and his family who survived the catastrophe. In January 2015 CHEPs staff met him again, in the new village school, sitting in the classroom built by CHEPs through WF and AFED support!

In response to this situation CHEPs, through support of WF and AFED, identified one of the most underserved areas, Boransis village, to build a classroom (adding to the two that were already there) and two toilets each for gents and ladies. The elders of the community identified the land near the mosque for the gents and middle of the village for the ladies to provide access to all. These projects have now been completed. During a visit by the CHEPs CEO Dr. Muhsin Sheriff 8-12 January 2015, he handed over the classroom officially to the village chairman and elders. The elders, teachers and villagers were very grateful for the assistance provided and pledged to give emphasis to their children's education. Currently Boransis School has three classrooms for 150 children undergoing level one of the Kenyan non-formal curriculum training. Dr. Sheriff also presented to the school 200 writing notebooks, ball pens and other stationery for the children. These were received by the headmaster Mr. Onesmus.



Student Sponsorship Programme

CHEPs is currently sponsoring 36 students in total, of which 11 are at Secondary school level and 25 at College & University Level.

The students come from different parts of the country & are pursuing various courses. The students are required to do community service for which they send CHEPs a report every quarter.

Below is the testimony of one of the students:

Yussuf Mohamed Noor, Bachelor of Laws at University of Nairobi



Yussuf at the CHEPs Kawangware Mentorship Centre

"My name is Yussuf Mohamed Wali, I am from Mandera county, particularly Mandera town. I am an orphan both my parents passed on and I have a sister and a brother. I went to boystown primary school in Mandera where I managed to get 379 marks in KCPE in 2006, from there I was called to Mang'u High School in 2007. By that time I lived with my elderly grand parents, they could not afford the school fees at any school let alone at Mangu high school. Then luckily just when I was about to give up I found an advertisement on the newspaper about an organization called the Palmhouse Foundation. This was an organization that sponsored needy but bright children from poor families. I attended the interviews they were conducting and luckily they decided to sponsor me. Hence they paid my school fees for the four years I studied there. At KCSE I was able to score a B- in 2010 and from there more difficulties arose since I did not get a joint admissions board (JAB) sponsorship. I came to Eastleigh in Nairobi where I had some relatives and started looking for a job so I could be able to provide for my siblings and maybe go to college. At that time also my sister had just finished her primary school and was lucky to get a sponsorship from Equity Bank where they paid for her secondary education in a secondary school in Muranga county where she finished last year and had a B+.

In Eastleigh I did find a job at a hotel where one of my uncles was working but the pay was not enough to save for college after the living expenses are deducted. Anyway I tried my best and saved what I could for two years and I applied for a Bachelors degree at the University of Nairobi. I was able to study the first semester with my savings of two years, the plan was that I would continue to work and save while I studied and also apply for CDF money from Mandera to help with the fees. But unfortunately I did not get any CDF money and the other costs other than the school fees such as transport and books were also another burden I had underestimated to adequately factor in. Moreover I found out working and going to school was hard to juggle since the syllabus was wide. All in all I could not save enough for the second semester and since I did not get any CDF money I was forced to drop out.

It was at this time that one of the sisters at school told me about your sponsorship and I applied, I was really overjoyed to find out that you would help. This semester I was able to attend more classes than before and study better since my worries have tremendously been reduced. I could not be more thankful.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

CHEPs believes that education is the key to elimination of poverty. Join us in this endeavor, one bright student at a time.

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CHEPs Kawangware Student Mentorship Centre

This is the fourth year for this centre with currently five students who will sit the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) this year.

There was an award giving day on 11th January 2015 for the past year's students and welcoming this year's students.

The event was presided by Dr. Faraj who was also the MC. He welcomed all those in attendance and took the opportunity to congratulate all the outgoing students for having completed their primary education. He further congratulated the students who had met their target marks and encouraged them to continue working hard. As for those who failed to meet their targets, he encouraged them to work harder as all was not lost. He was however quick to caution all the students that completion of primary school was only the beginning of their long journey to their future careers, and they needed to remain focussed. He warned students of the dangers of peer pressure that they will meet in secondary school and in the society and appealed to them to stay true to themselves, remember their backgrounds, morals and religion. Furthermore, he thanked the community for partnering with CHEPs in projects running within Kawangware, including the mentorship centre, kitchen gardens, and eye camps.

All the mentors had an opportunity to speak with their students. They echoed the same sentiments, congratulations, encouragement and caution. Fatma Ngaira, the social studies mentor gave a moving speech that focussed on social challenges that face adolescents and the danger they pose to societies. Mohammed Matano, the Kiswahili mentor, on the

other hand, gave a powerful speech on the importance of education.

When given an opportunity to speak, all the parents expressed gratitude for the mentorship centre. They indicated that they had noticed major improvement in their children's performance, motivation, seriousness, and confidence. They stated that despite their children's performances not having been among the best, there was marked improvement and attributed it to the support their children received from the centre. They also took the opportunity to caution their children against engaging in substance abuse, sexual affairs and other immoral behaviours and reminded them that although they won't be present to stop them, the Almighty is always watching them. They encouraged the mentors to continue their good work, and pledged support for CHEPs whenever they would be required.

The graduates were represented by Zaitun Nyambura who expressed gratitude and acknowledged the mentorship as having been beneficial to the group. She thanked the mentors, and CHEPs at large for their support and guidance. Certificates were awarded to the graduate students, followed by trophies to Sumayya Diba (First position) and Zaitun Nyambura (Second position). Snacks were then served to all attendants. Jamal Mohammed, a quiet and shy student, impressed the crowd with an eloquent closing prayer.



STUDENT MENTORSHIP CENTRE

Help the young slum students to attain mentorship/education as they grow up to be better individuals.

Be a part of improving lives of these young students

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Library renovations

CHEPs supported renovation of the new library on Lamu Island. The project is an initiative of a local organization Al-Mawaddah Lamu under the chairmanship of Abbasali Abdalla. The library is open to all people of the island especially the students who can access the books available.



The library before renovations



The library during renovations



The library after renovations



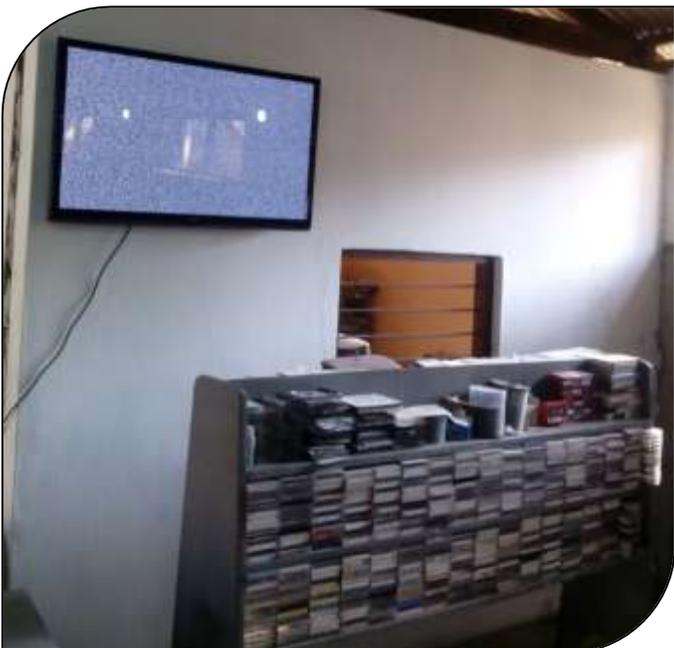
The library now opened in January 2015 to the public



Solar lights

CHEPs distributed 500 solar lights this quarter. Below is the distribution list:

School / Institution	Number of solar
Wasini Island, Kwale County	250
Wajir School for Mentally Handicapped	56
Got Ade Primary School, Wajir	120
Jogbaru Primary School, Wajir	74
TOTAL	500



250 solar lights to madrasa students in Wasini Island. This will enable them learn/read the quran at night now.



56 solar lights were given to a newly established school for the mentally handicapped.



Got Ade Primary School received 120 solar lamps.



Jogbaru primary school received 74 solar lamps.

Agriculture

Kitchen gardens

100 kitchen gardens were established around wells in October 2014. The beneficiaries were mainly those vulnerable individuals whom CHEPs earlier dug or rehabilitated (cupped) wells for. These were trained on farming techniques, provided with seeds and provided on-site mentorship to continue farming. This project was sponsored by World Federation of KSII.

Most of these are functional and providing crops for the families.

Greenhouses and Irrigation

Two green houses were installed in Garissa. One for Al-Farooq orphanage in Garissa town and the other for Green house for Alikune Womens group in Alikune village.

Garissa County (in former Northeast Province of Kenya) with its capital Garissa town has a population of 623,060 (<http://www.garissa.go.ke/about--the-county.html>). It has very low literacy and most villages don't have any irrigation sources or knowledge in agriculture.

Two groups/institutions were identified to be provided with a greenhouse and farming kit together with training from agronomists. During the 2011 famine, one of the locations in Garissa country where CHEPs distributed food relief was Alikune village. Thus a women's group, registered as a Community Based Organisation, was chosen by the villagers and their chief as the direct beneficiary group. It is hoped that with the crops grown by them there will be increased availability of food in the village. This is sustainable as the drip irrigation used in the greenhouse uses very little water. Hence during the next drought this village should not go hungry as they did during the previous ones. Excess food can be sold in other villages and the profit used for other development projects and helping the group members take care of their other essential needs e.g. school fees for their children. This will also empower women in the community and encourage others to organize themselves into groups and take up similar projects for community development. The second greenhouse was installed in Al-Farooq orphanage in Garissa town where 400 orphan children are given shelter and food. It is expected that this green house will reduce the burden of poverty & hunger in Alikune village and the orphanage.



Greenhouse installed at Al-Farooq orphanage, ground dug up and fresh soil spread in the area



Alikune Women's Group excited over their new greenhouse, eager to start farming

Environment

Tree Planting

As part of CHEPs environment improving project, 10,000 trees are targeted to be planted in various schools & institutions and around CHEPs wells in Wajir County by the end of December 2015.

Beta Charitable Trust, UK has donated 500 already out of which 250 are planted at Makoror Secondary School and another 250 at Elnur Primary School.



Trees transported to Makoror Primary School



Trees received by head teacher at Elnur Primary School

5000 trees were planted in the year 2014. Below is a follow-up of trees at Jogbaru Primary School in February 2015





and has a boarding wing for physically disabled girls. It was established in 1988 to help improve girl child education, discourage FGM (Female Genital Mutilation- a culture prevalent in the area) and avert early marriage which is common amongst the Somali community. Over the years, the school has been performing satisfactorily in the national examination. Many of the ladies working in various departments in the county are former pupils of this school.

Thanks to all the children who contributed to this project, the children of this school will now have enough water for washing hands and other hygiene purposes.

The school has a kitchen garden (sponsored by CHEPs) which needed a reliable water source. With the completion of the ongoing well (D206) it is hoped that the girls' lunch will be enriched with greens and vegetables from the school garden. The principal, Mr.Noor Bardad, promised to enlarge the garden size and plant more vegetables for use at the school kitchen. He says the disabled girls hardly go home during the school term and are in special need of extra vegetables in their meals to boost their health.

The trees planted by CHEPs will also be well catered for now that the well has been completed. He is looking forward to the installation of an electric pump for the well. This will ease the watering process for the kitchen garden and trees. He also requests for a greenhouse facility to get higher yield of various vegetables for all their needs. The principal, staff and students of the school are very grateful to the sponsors of the well (children of Hujjat Saturday Workshop, Stanmore and QFatima) and also thank CHEPs for the assistance.

Development

Wells digging & rehabilitation

CHEPs has so far dug 212 wells & rehabilitated (cupped) 483 wells in Wajir out of which 7 wells were dug and 10 were rehabilitated this year.

Wells dug this quarter

7 wells were dug this quarter



Well number D206 donated by the children of Hujjat Saturday Workshop, Stanmore and Qfatima

Wajir Girls integrated Primary School has an enrollment of 520 students from the Somali community. The school has largest number of girls in Wajir County, Kenya. It is both a day school



Well number D207 dug in memory of Late Hassan Nasser (Zengo) Mrs. Roney Issack of Bulla Isiolo village in Wajir County. She is extremely poor and cuts firewood to sell so as to feed her large family. Her husband died a few years ago leaving her as the sole bread winner of the large family.



Well number D208 dug in honour of The Holy Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon Him and His family) Please pray for the departed souls of the donor

The beneficiary of well D208 is Osman Qiiq of Bulla Isiolo. He is relatively young widower who lost his wife recently. She has left a large family behind which he single handedly fends for without steady income. He also takes care of his aged parents. He is jobless and does manual jobs to feed his family and occasionally works in a stone quarry which pays him sh.300 for a days work. When he comes back home at 7pm he is then forced to fetch water from a neighbours well about 400 metres away so that his family can use during the day as he is usually out searching For work. This task has been too tedious for him. With a well inside his compound, the family's life and health will certainly improve. He says he will not again disturb neighbours at night since he has a well right inside his plot. "My family will forever be indebted to the donor" he said.



Well number D209 dug with support from Marhoom Gulamhussein Kurji Rajan, Marhooma Fatmabai Gulamhussein Kurji, Marhoom Gulamhussein Daya, Marhooma Fatmabai Gulamhussein Daya, Marhoom Iqbalhussein Daya, Marhooma Mariambai Daya, Marhoom Sultanali Nasser Lakha, Marhoom Razahussein Punjani, Marhoom Sultanali Alibhai Jaffer Plus Kul Marhoomims.

Abdia Birik is 75 year old grandmother taking care of orphaned grand children. Her widowed daughter died recently leaving her with the responsibility of bringing up the children. She is desperately poor and lives on occasional relief food and hand outs from relatives and neighbours. She used to fetch water from Bahati primary school well about 500 metres away which sometimes the school watchman used to deny her.

She was literally in tears because she couldn't believe she has her own well inside her compound. She is truly grateful to CHEPs and to the donors. "May Allah remember you as you have remembered me" is her parting shot.



Well number D210 Dug with support from Marhoom Gulamhussein Kurji Rajan, Marhooma Fatmabai Gulamhussein Kurji, Marhoom Gulamhussein Daya, Marhooma Fatmabai Gulamhussein Daya, Marhoom Iqbalhussein Daya, Marhooma Mariambai Daya, Marhoom Sultanali Nasser Lakha, Marhoom Razahussein Punjani, Marhoom Sultanali Alibhai Jaffer Plus Kul Marhoomims.

Mouldid Ibrahim is a disabled young man who has been resident of Bulla Jogoo since birth. He lost his parents at a tender age and later contracted polio leaving dependent on other people. He was taken to school by an Italian nun who helped pay his



school fees. He studied a course in human resource and procurement and is currently seeking a job at the county. He crawls to town about 3 km or hitch hikes a lift aboard a donkey cart whenever he wants to go for errands. He has a hut in his plot which he inherited from his parents. He usually begs neighbours to fetch him water which is severally denied. He is extremely happy to have a well inside his compound. "May Allah bless all those who helped in digging my well" he prays.



Well number D211 dug in memory of Late Hussein Alimohamed Fazal

Hassan Bulle has been a resident of Bulla Isiolo since 2011 when drought wiped out his livestock. He is ailing and has a large family including two daughters who are divorced with children. He is jobless and the family has no stable income. The family used to fetch water from a neighbour's well about four plots away and this has resulted in conflicts with them. He is very glad to have water in his compound and promises to live in harmony with the neighbours. He blesses the donor who came to his rescue.



Well number D212 dug in memory of All the souls who have passed on from this world

The beneficiary is a 70 year old grandmother taking care of her orphaned grand children. She is destitute and depends on alms and assistance from relatives. Her grand children used to fetch water from the neighbour's wells about three plots thus wasting precious school time. She says her grandchildren will no longer fight with the neighbour's children over water. She prays for the donors and all who helped dig her well.

Wells cupped this quarter

10 wells were rehabilitated this quarter



Well no. C474 – C483 Cupped with support from BCT

Beta Charitable Trust sponsored rehabilitation (cupping) of 10 wells in Wajir County. This county has suffered repeated droughts and famine which, together with extreme poverty, has led to chronic food insecurity among its people. Thanks to BCT's kind gesture, the beneficiaries will now be able to draw water from their wells safely without fearing children and animals falling into it nor of dirt filling it.

Other Activities

CHEPs talent kids project

15 street kids are now been provided shelter in a rented room in Kawangware slums of Nairobi. Here they are provided 3 meals a day and given lessons in literacy, numeracy & drawing everyday. It is hoped that this support will enable these children to go back to school and brighten their future. 2 of these kids who are now off drugs were supported to get admission into a school and provided a separate shelter.

One of them, Stephen Kariuki, has been admitted at Light Academy boarding school, Malindi, in IGCSE class 6.



Impact

To date CHEPs has achieved the following:

Sr.No	Indicators of activity progress	Units
1	Number of people provided with food support in emergencies:	129,000
2	Number of villages provided food support in emergencies:	37
3	Amount of food distributed in emergencies:	Over 140 tons
4	Number of eye camps organised:	33
5	Number of people screened for eye conditions:	7,105
6	Number of people provided eye glasses for refractive errors:	2,342
7	Number of people provided with eyedrops for various eye conditions:	3,641
8	Number of cataract blind people operated to see again:	489
9	Number of individuals assisted for emergency medical treatment:	19
10	Number of amputees provided with limb prosthesis:	28
11	Number of students ever supported with fees:	135
12	Number of students currently supported with fees:	36
13	Number of university students ever supported with fees:	80
14	Number of university students currently supported with fees:	25
15	Number of disabled (deaf) students ever supported with fees:	13
16	Number of disabled (deaf) students currently supported with fees:	6
17	Number of boarding schools in rural areas supported in food for fees project:	13
18	Number of students benefited from food for fees project:	524
19	Amount of food distributed in food for fees project:	Over 40 tons
20	Number of student mentorship centres set up:	2
21	Number of books distributed:	1714
22	Number of schools/institutions given books:	16
23	Number of libraries set up for schools/communities:	3
24	Number of desks given to schools:	429
25	Number of solar lights given to schools:	2504
26	Number of solar lights given to institutions:	41
27	Number of trees planted:	10895
28	Number of wells dug:	212
29	Number of wells rehabilitated:	483
30	Number of dried wells re-dug:	50
31	Number of 'berkets' water storage tanks constructed:	2
32	Number of new farmers/kitchen gardens supported:	317
33	Number of large irrigation/farming projects:	3
34	Number of goats distributed to poor families:	50
35	Number of official presentations made at scientific conferences:	6
36	Number of workshops, seminars & community presentations:	6
37	Number of conferences and workshops organized:	1
38	Number of clothes distributed:	470
39	Number of schools/institutions given clothes:	10

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