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## Community Upliftment Project

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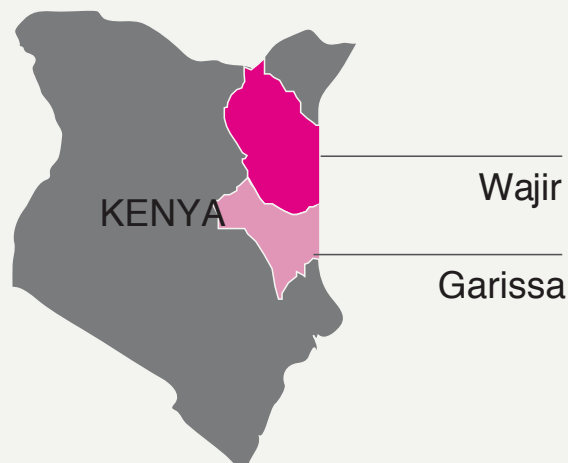
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over half of the world's population live in poverty. Many do not have access to basic necessities such as food, housing and clean water. As well as helping to meet such needs, we need to also look at long-term solutions that will not only help to better the quality of these people's lives but also allow them to be self-sufficient for future generations to come.

We are all aware of the well known saying that *'Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you will feed him for a lifetime.'* With this view in mind, The World Federation of KSIMC is pleased to present its proposal to the N2K team for a Community Upliftment Project in Northeast Kenya.



Kenya has some of the highest levels of poverty in the world and this is especially true for the people of Northeast Kenya (which includes the Garissa and Wajir Counties) who suffer with poor infrastructure, low literacy and access to health care. There have been frequent droughts leading to loss of livestock, which is their main source of income and this further aggravates their poor socio-economic status. Our agency has been working in the specific areas identified in Northeast Kenya for the last two years. By empowering people through health, education, agriculture, environment, development and humanitarian projects, we have been able to improve the lives of many.

This proposal contains details of the various projects we would like to undertake to help

uplift a number of the communities in Northeast Kenya, including providing clean water and sanitation, investing in irrigation systems and farming techniques and giving basic educational necessities for children to learn. Such projects will impact on the lives of thousands of individuals, not just in those communities identified, but also far beyond.

This proposal looks to uplift a number of the communities in Northeast Kenya in the Garissa and Wajir Counties which will cost in the region of £137,000. Details of how this amount has been made up and the projects included are detailed below.

**Through your help and support, we can improve the lives of many – one community at a time.**



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## PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Through the Community Upliftment Project, we aim to improve water supply, food production, health, education and socio-economic status of the poor and needy in the Garissa and Wajir Counties of Northeast Kenya. We aim to do this through the following:

1. To construct a borehole in Boransis in Garissa County to improve water supply for the village
2. To set up a greenhouse and irrigation and farming system in Boransis village of Garissa County.
3. To set up a greenhouse and irrigation and farming system in AliKune village of Garissa County.
4. To set up a greenhouse and irrigation and farming system in Giriftu village, Wajir County.
5. To dig 20 shallow wells in Wajir County.
6. To rehabilitate 40 shallow wells in Wajir County.
7. To develop 200 kitchen gardens in Wajir County.
8. To construct two 4-door latrines in Wajir and Garissa Counties.
9. To plant 5,000 trees.
10. To provide desks, chairs and shelves to 2 needy schools.
11. To sponsor 10 students from the target areas studying in various colleges and universities of Kenya.
12. To evaluate the effects of the above projects mid-term, at completion and one year after completion.



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## RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Our rationale for the proposed projects are detailed as follows:

1. Borehole well: Most of the arid areas of Northeastern Kenya have serious water shortages. Digging boreholes can have great impact on livelihoods of people suffering extreme poverty, poor health and education facilities. Boransis is a village identified during the our Agency's famine relief effort in 2011. It is 40 kms from the famous Dadaab refugee camps, with a large population and nearest water source over 20 kms away.
2. Irrigation project: With a water source, setting up a greenhouse irrigation project can potentially improve food security and nutritional status of the beneficiaries. The successful Garse irrigation project by our agency is a model for replication in other areas. AliKune in Garissa County and Giriftu village in Wajir County already have wells. Greenhouses, irrigation and farming schemes are proposed for these areas and Boransis.
3. Shallow wells digging. Water is a major need in the area, lack of which is perpetuating poverty and hampering development. Children miss school due to the need to assist bringing water from a distance. Digging shallow wells can improve water supply, provide opportunities for growing vegetables in 'kitchen gardens' and hence reduce food insecurity and improve nutritional status. The water table in some areas of Wajir County are 25-30 feet from the surface and digging shallow wells are feasible. Our Agency has already dug 181 such wells.
4. Shallow wells rehabilitation. Water is a major need in the area, lack of which is hampering development. Rehabilitation of existing wells will lead to safer conditions for drawing water and cleaner water. Our Agency has already rehabilitated 401 wells.
5. Kitchen gardens. With digging and rehabilitation of wells there will be opportunities to grow vegetables and fruits hence reducing food insecurity, improving nutritional status and reducing poverty. Our Agency has already set up 5 kitchen gardens.
6. Trees. The harsh environment can potentially be improved through planting of trees which require very little water. Our Agency has already planted 275 trees with 5,000 planned over the next few months. Many more are needed to make a significant impact on the environment.
7. Latrines. Sanitation facilities in Northeastern Kenya are poor. There are hardly any latrines and individuals find it very difficult to construct these due to extreme poverty. Construction of latrines will assist the people improve sanitation and hygiene thus reducing incidence of diseases as well as providing dignity esp. to the women.
8. Furniture for schools. Many schools have poor conditions for appropriate learning. Lack of furniture is a major problem. Provision of necessary furniture should improve the school environment and make it conducive to good learning.
9. Student sponsorship. This is necessary to improve education status of the area. Our Agency's community project requirement is an innovative way of enhancing people's attachment to service for the community. WF support can play a big role in assisting alleviation of low literacy among these under privileged people. The long term impact will be to reduce poverty and poor socio-economic status of individuals, families and whole communities thus bringing more development to the area.



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## OUR THINKING

Our thinking behind such projects are as follows:

1. Digging of borehole and shallow wells will improve water supply in the arid areas with consequent farming activities, improved school attendance for children, improved livelihoods.
2. Rehabilitation of shallow wells will make them safe for drawing water from thus making it easier for elderly, women, children and the sick. The water will also be cleaner.
3. Greenhouse and farming activities in kitchen gardens will reduce food insecurity and reduce malnutrition among individuals, families and communities.
4. Latrines will improve sanitation, hygiene and provide more dignity to the men and women of the area.
5. Planting trees in arid areas have an aim of changing environment in the long run.
6. School conditions to be improved through making furniture available to students and teachers for better learning environment. Currently students sit on the floor or share scarce furniture.
7. Student sponsorship. Community service performed by the students assists others, raises their awareness to community needs, can change attitude and provide services to the community. This can lead to a ripple effect.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

This project will help thousands of people not just in the Garissa and Wajir Counties, but also those in surrounding areas. As a result of the Community Upliftment Project, we expect:

1. One borehole constructed in Boransis in Garissa County to improve water supply for the village
2. Three greenhouse, irrigation and farming systems set up in Boransis and AliKune villages of Garissa County and Giriftu village of Wajir County.
3. 20 shallow wells dug in Wajir County.
4. 40 shallow wells rehabilitated in Wajir County.
5. 200 kitchen gardens developed in Wajir County.
6. Two 4-door latrines constructed in Wajir and Garissa Counties.
7. 5,000 trees planted.
8. Desks, chairs and shelves provided to 2 needy schools.
9. 10 students from the target areas sponsored to study in various colleges and universities of Kenya.
10. Projects evaluated at 6 months, one year and two years from beginning.

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We estimate that the Community Upliftment Project in Northeast Kenya will cost in the region of £137,000. This can be broken down as follows:

OBJECTIVES	Kshs	GBP*
1. To construct a borehole in Boransis in Garissa County to improve water supply for the village	7,000,000	55,118.11
2. To set up a greenhouse and irrigation and farming system in Boransis village of Garissa County.	1,000,000	7,874.02
3. To set up a greenhouse and irrigation and farming system in AliKune village of Garissa County.	1,000,000	7,874.02
4. To set up a greenhouse and irrigation and farming system in Giriftu village, Wajir County.	1,000,000	7,874.02
5. To dig 20 shallow wells in Wajir County.	1,000,000	7,874.02
6. To rehabilitate 40 shallow wells in Wajir County.	1,000,000	7,874.02
7. To develop 200 kitchen gardens in Wajir County.	1,000,000	7,874.02
8. To construct two 4-door latrines in Wajir and Garissa Counties.	800,000	6,299.21
9. To plant 5,000 trees.	1,500,000	11,811.02
10. To provide desks, chairs and shelves to 2 needy schools.	600,000	4,724.41
11. To sponsor 10 students from the target areas studying in various colleges and universities of Kenya.	1,000,000	7,874.02
12. To evaluate the effects of the above projects mid-term, at completion and one year after completion.	500,000	3,937.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,400,000</b>	<b>137,007.9</b>

\*1GBP=Kshs127



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## BOREHOLE & IRRIGATION PROJECT

### BEFORE:



### AFTER:



Boransis (in Garissa county), is best described as being in ‘the middle of nowhere’, such was the desolation all around it. The situation here is worst of all the villages. **People flocked around us the moment we arrived begging not for food, even though they had hardly eaten for days, but for water.** We poured what we had carried for ourselves into the small containers people held out to us and the precious drops were immediately gulped down.

This small community once used to be nomad pastoralists. They came to the region in hope of relief food during the severe drought of 2009. The nearest water source they have is half a day’s walk away.



One young mother came up to us begging for water. As soon as we gave her some water, she started giving sips to the baby. ‘Shouldn’t you be breast-feeding exclusively,’ we asked. Pointing to her two-month old infant she replied “My milk is not enough so I have to give her water instead. Now even water is scarce. Can you help?”.

A member of the team asked one of the women whether they had any animals. She looked at him in surprise. “What?” she asked, “In this environment?” And looked at the barren, empty land around that echoed the obvious. There was no food or water for human beings, where would the animals get any?



Excerpt from a report by our agency during the Famine Relief work in 2011