

**To: TKMP Advisory Committee (Attn: Tom, Mike and Olita)**

**From: Project Manager, Siaya Rural WASHE Projects**

**RE: Progress Report- July to September 2012**

### **1. Introduction:-**

This progress report gives the status of planned activities undertaken as from July to September 2012 in Rural Program. Key activities in this quarter includes:-

- 1x Training for Safe water projects management committees
- 1 x exchange visit.
- Jigger campaign community evaluation and planning
- Start tree nursery demonstration unit at office compound
- Network meetings
- Report writing.

### **2. Significant socio-economic incidences**

**The** significant socio-economic incidences during this quarter includes:-

- Kenya soldier captured Kismayu in Somalia which is believe that it is the home of Al-Shabab militia group which has been threatened security in Kenya and around Indian Ocean.  
Hopefully suicide bombing and kidnapping activities which have been carry-out by this militia group will reduce.
- National teachers' strike which started on 3<sup>rd</sup> September2012 and ends on 25<sup>th</sup> September2012 that has affected all national schools, colleges, Universities and government polytechnics.

The teachers demand salary increment of 300% which is too much and the government closed door for negotiation.

This has caused a great loss in the society in that some schools were set on fire by striking teachers e.g. Maranda Boys Secondary School in Siaya County – one of the best schools in Kenya; it's always top in national exam.

Asumbi girls boarding Primary school in Siaya county also was burnt down killing 11 pupils in the dormitory.

- Inter- communities' clashes in Tana River District which has claimed over 200 lives, the conflict started as a result of boundary disputes. This conflict was fueled by politicians from these clashing communities.
- These are the fruits of former regime, (Moi regime) where the system of divide and rule. He created so many Districts from the counties to separate tribes who vote against him. so he used this system as pay back to people who vote for him. But now with the new constitution the boundaries have to be the way it was in1960s.

- Increasing Kenya election politics causing ethnic division by politicians. Looking at the scenario in Kenyan politics, still there is no direction towards peaceful election and neighboring communities living together peacefully.
- The high rates of inflation, un-employment and crime have increasingly threatened country's economy and security hence not conducive for foreigners and even Kenyans are not living in peace because if one feels safe then economy woes everybody apart from politicians.
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- Outbreak of malaria and other killer diseases e.g. cholera, measles, typhoid cholera etc for instance cholera outbreak along Kenya Somalia border has claimed over 50 lives and the pandemic still spread all over northern part of Kenya.

### **3. Planned activities and progress**

#### **1. – 1x Training for Safe Water management committee:**

#### **2. - 1x Exchange visit for Safe Water Management Committee:-**

During the beginning of last quarter, there was a great demand from 3 Safe Water committees to have training and an exchange visit.

These were very essential activities for the three Safe Water Projects management committees in the sense that they enable the committees to exchange ideas and skills that are credible to management issues

. In early September 2012 meetings were held in 3 projects by TKMP and Safe Water Management Committee to discuss the above activity and agreed to have inter- project exchange visit.

The activities have been successful because participants were taken to learn on their projects – (Gona Tinga and Ochilo Dam) and they put down challenges and achievements which they discuss and forge common approach to these challenges.

The major reasons for combining these activities together were:-

1. Time/ Chance- Due to high campaign pressure in the country, it was wise to squeeze and maximize limited time committee could get.
2. Inadequate finance- Most of similar successful water projects are found in Rift valley province, Central and coastal regions which are very far from Siaya. It will require not less than Kshs 150,000 for one exchange visit.
3. An effort to bring Safe Water committee together with an aim of forming Dam water users association.

On 22 September 2012 we had last exchange visit/ training at Gona dam water project which was attended by 27 committee members from the three water projects.

### **OUTCOME**

- The 3 projects committee have come together to form one management committee unit that will tackle all management issues in all 3 projects.
- It has eased resolving Ochilo issues and now School committee are willing to work together with this committee.
- They have conducted election of leaders e.g. chair person, secretary, treasurer and co-coordinator. This is with the view of forming Dam Water Users Association

**NOTE:** The elected committees are 1. Bob Oloo Oriedi --- chairman from Gona project

2. George Onyango-----Secretary General Tinga project

3. Monica Atieno-----treasurer from Ochilo project

4. Maurice A. Kagenya----- coordinator Gona project

**Deputies:**

1. Anjeline A. Odongo- D/chair person----- Ochilo

2. Michael Onyango Kokako - D/secretary Gona

### **Responsibility**

-This committee will be responsible for Networking and an advocacy platform for the three S.W.projects, engaging government and water services agenda for support to the 3 water projects.

- To handle issues beyond the projects level.

While projects committees will remain at their capacity, handling issues within the project level.

### **3. Planned activity: 3.-Jigger campaign/ community evaluation and planning**

Early September TKMP Staff conducted home to home jigger campaign which entails treatment and discussing hygiene issues with family affected.

The main aim of this activity was to train the communities living in jigger invaded area to change their style of living: - i.e. share the same room with livestock/chicken

This activity has a lot of new diverse challenges and requires careful approaches.

Since the beginning of the activity, we have managed to cover the whole of Obambo. Other new challenges we have been facing as TKMP includes:-

1. Distance

Most of villages are far from main access and take a lot of time walking to reach victims

## 2. Access

Accesses into other villages are impassible and cannot allow even a motor bike to penetrate into some homes,

## 3 .High level of poverty in the village:

Some victims are in a very pathetic situation in that after treatment you have to sympathize with kids and give a token for food because such families sometimes have spent several days without food.

4. Local health workers are not willing to volunteer any more since the work has proved too tiresome and involving and at the end nothing sufficient to carry back home since TKMP does not have payment allocation for them.
5. The allocation for drugs is not enough since the number of infected persons increases every day.

While the following are challenges within the community

- Government ignorance about jigger menace and failure to provide drugs to infected society/communities.
- They can't work on their farms
- They cannot walk to hospitals to seek medical care
- They can't clean or take care of their waste resulting into more illness.
- The children drop out of school
- Cases of deaths and individuals being crippled as a result of hunger and pain
- Incidences of HIV infections due to sharing of needles used to 'Kolo' (luo language for digging-out the jigger). Kolo is the most used method with petroleum paraffin or spirit applied to the open wound.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Since the beginning of this activity, number of death case as a result of jigger menace has drastically reduced in this area.

Awareness creation about jigger menace is all over the village / Obambo location and social stigma which has been prevailing amongst the community infected is now low.

TKMP has gain popularity and respect as only organization which has vast capacity to fight jigger menace.

## **3. Planned activity 4. Tree nursery**

This idea started last quarter and has pick-up successfully. We now have tree nursery in the office compound with a total of 2500 seedlings.

We have begin creating seed bank by collecting locally available seeds in the region, also Schools are now collecting seeds which we are going to start tree nursery in Kubar, Obambo, and Ochilo primary schools.

### **3. Planned activity: 5. Network meeting (at the Organization level)**

Through the support of TSC the activity has been going on well and we are now known to most Government and NGOs which are working within Siaya and Kisumu County.

We have attended two inter Ngo meeting which was convened by Western Kenya NGO network.

Major agenda in these meetings are - How western Kenya NGOs Network can help in training communities to have peaceful election in the coming general election.

- Western Kenya NGOs to identify one or two key projects that they jointly fund and supervise.

The above agenda were discussed but participant failed to have proper solution to these proposed agenda because of the following challenges:-

1. Funding
2. Personnel
3. Time

The meeting assigned executive committee to struggle and source for any interested donor who Would fund the proposed activities.

#### **.Network meetings at Project level**

Network meetings have been going on at the project level whereby committees from the three projects conduct meetings through support from TKMP.

The meetings have been very successful and a lot of achievements realized within a short period e.g.

- Resolution of Ochilo stalemate management issues.
- Formation of dam water association in progress
- Committees are willing to work together, handle their issues alone not waiting for TKMP.

#### **Key insight and lessons**

Ability to bring the 3 S.W .projects committee together has reduced work load for solving issues by TKMP within the projects.

#### **Project Status**

##### **Gona water project: -**

Operation of this project is very perfect, filters and whole system is function well. So far 11,000 lts of water consumed and Kshs 900/- tariff collected which was spent on fuel and oil purchase.

Gona operators have shown great improvement in record keeping and filter cleaning. Gona water quality is seemed to be better than all from other projects.

This could be because of proper manual cleaning by operators and also sub-filter is doing great work to sky hydrants because it retains all hard substances e.g. plants leaves.

Dead plants leaves can also determine quality of water if they deposited in sky hydrant i.e. taste, smell and probably the colour of water.

Fence is properly protected and no damage has happened to it. The dam is very good, water level have not dropped also dam walls are now covered by vegetation.

Management committee is coming up and they attend meeting in good number. They also introduce duty roaster whereby each day a committee member must visit the project and asses operation of their projects.

Gona community still supports their projects despite of a few challenges. This is seen when they demand from area administration to support committee to protect the dam.

#### **Tinga Water project: -**

The project has been suffering from operation issues after former operator left two months ago. The problem is now solved and they got new operator who is improving well.

Project is going on very well; minor repair needs to take place before the end of this quarter. From July to September Tinga community have used 15,270 lts while Kshs 2813 and Kshs 2100 used for buying fuel and oil.

Committee participation is not very good because most of committee members are involved in other activities funded by other NGOs e.g. C.D.C., CARE etc.

State of Tinga dam continues to worsen, water level has reduced and growth of algae is too high in this dam. The dam has received a lot of silt and it is almost full.

Tinga community has made several informal requests to TKMP to assist them in rehabilitate this dam.

#### **Donkey project**

- As stated in last quarter report that there is ban for livestock movements in the region, this has hinder committee's wish to purchase donkeys from Rarieda District.
- Money for this project is still in TKMP, s account and the project will take off as soon as the ban is lifted-up.

#### **Ochilo water project: -**

This project is working well despite of a few challenges. School is using it and they still support it by providing fuel and oil for the pump.

School committee has come out from politics and called a joint meeting between project committee and TKMP which will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

The agenda will be harmonization of two committees and allowing community to draw water from the project.

NOTE: Ochilo community and School have shown a great change, deviate from politics and willing to work together to own the project.

### **Sanitary towels-**

This project has not been so good despite of our effort to buy materials for making more towels .It was proposed that girls give small amount of money just for sustainability.

Most girls' pupils have shown a sign of shyness and not willing to collect the pads some are telling us that their parents are not willing to give those cash for sanitary towels.

I would suggest more training and talking to girls by saying this I mean female staff could be the best person to handle girl's cases.

Community local workers who were chosen and trained on how to make the towels have been also showing less commitment.

My suggestion and direction for this project as per next quarter, s plan are: - There is a need to conduct a campaign, have meetings with parents so that we talk to them.

I have also recommend WASH officer be a lady of which I have I identify a lady whom I s willing to join TKMP as a volunteer.

She has been working with Impact Research International an affiliate Organization from C.D.C. - (Centre for Disease Control) International.

Her qualifications are: - **Diploma in Community Health and Development**  
**Experience- 4 years working in the same field.**

### **TKMP Office Admin/Staff:**

Through the support from TSC we bought 2 laptops –

1. TOSHIBA laptop new
2. .Hp laptop new and repair our old TOSHIBA laptop and a desk top.

Siaya program we now have 2 laptops and one desk top. 1 laptop hp I gave to account department to ease account work so that they don't go to cyber to write or sending reports.

The problem of report wring is not a big problem as it was before. We can now write our reports in good time.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank our donor TSC for the support they have been giving us to make our work easy and comfortable.**

STAFF:-

**Kori**

So far he has settled in Siaya and started in-school program, tree nursery demonstration unit and sporting activities.

Kori:-

He has worked very well in the area of in-school and tree nursery and has not satisfactorily done well in the following areas:

- Sporting activities around 3 safe water projects catchment.
- Report writing, this activity has been like a punishment to him. We have discuss with him how best he would like to do report

**Sylvester:** He has been working well with the project committees and operators but early September he decided to abscond himself from duty, switching off all his contacts for two weeks.

He came back and I gave him verbal warning and asked him to apologize in writing.

He is also week in report writing and lack personality to speak with committee when there are issues.

**Challenges:**

The major challenge to these fellow staff is that they have problem in writing report.

Both have not been able to handle sanitary towel and jigger issues very well.

Suggestion:

I would like to suggest that we identify someone who can coach us in report writing. This would be one area of staff capacity building.

Recruitment for WASH officer would actually help in addressing sanitary towels jigger campaign especially talking to communities and giving them hygiene tips.

**4. Planned Activities for next Quarter:**

- 1. Safe Water impact evaluation**
- 2. Network meetings**
- 3. Staff capacity**
- 4. Reporting**



## 5. Statement of Income and expenses 1st July to 30th September 2012

Date	Income Particular	Amt (Kshs)	Date	Expense Particulars	Amt (Kshs)
	IRF transfer	860,611.65		Bank charges	5,990.00
				Allowance Project manager	195,000.00
				Allowance WASHE officer	135,000.00
				Allowance Acct officer	90,000.00
				Allowance Community Officer	60,000.00
				Internet/phone	15,000.00
				Office rent/security/solar	45,000.00
				Safe water Operators allowance	20,000.00
				Training Committee	60,000.00
				Additional Gona fence	65,000.00
				Sanitary pads	20,000.00
				Jigger support materials/community	20,000.00
				Leaders Networking meeting	40,000.00
				Tinga water supply	10,000.00
				Tree nursery	20,000.00
		860,611.65		Total expense	800,990.00
				Balance	59,621.65

**6. Budget for the next quarter October – December 2012**

Particulars	Unit	Unit cost(Kshs)	Total Cost(Kshs)
<b>Office support</b>	#	#	#
Rent/water/electricity/security	3.00	15,000.00	45,000.00
Stationery/internet	3.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
Minor repair & Maintenance	3.00	3,000.00	9,000.00
#	#	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>69,000.00</b>
#	#	#	#
<b>Personnel costs</b>	#	#	#
Safe water manager	3.00	65000.00	195000.00
officer	3.00	45000.00	135000.00
Rural outreach officer	3.00	20000.00	60000.00
Accounts officer (Gnet)	3.00	30000.00	90000.00
#	#	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>480000.00</b>
<b>Safe water support</b>	#	#	#
Operator allowance	3.00	7000.00	21,000.00
Safe water leaders network meeting	3.00	20,000.00	60,000.00
Gona Dam fence protection	3.00	2000.00	6000.00
TKMP Network meetings	2.00	10000.00	20000.00
Manual cleaning for 3 SW. projects.	3.00	9000	27,00000
#	#	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>134,000.00</b>
<b>In-school support</b>	#	#	#
Sanitary pad support -materials and f/up	1.00	20000.00	20000.00
Tree nursery/ demonstration nursery	1.00	20000.00	20000.00
#	#	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
<b>Community health workers</b>	#	#	#
Jigger campaign -materials and f/up	1.00	10000.00	10000.00
#	#	#	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Total amount</b>	#	#	<b>733,000.00</b>
<b>Less balance</b>	#	#	<b>-----</b>
<b>Total amount requested</b>	#	#	<b>733,000.00</b>
<b>AUD \$ rate @1AUD =85/-</b>	#	#	<b>7,922</b>

**We therefore requesting for AUD \$ 7922 for October to December 2012 Quarter**

**Thanking you,**

**Yours truly,**

**David Opondo Mango**

**Project Manager, Siaya.**