

This report provides a detailed summary of TKMP activities for 1 October to 31 December 2013.

1.0. Introduction

1.1 Summary of planned activities and achievements

As outlined in Section 8.0 of the previous quarterly report, the key proposed activities in this period of TKMP operations have been:

1. School WASH training
2. Community Health initiatives (jigger campaign, Sanitary towels and hygiene training)
3. Network meetings
4. Investigations into staff training opportunities - send info to Tweed
5. Performance and development plan for staff
6. Ongoing supervision and maintenance of Safe water Projects

Key achievements for this quarter have been:

- School WASH training conducted at Kubar and pupils understand the importance of hand washing after visiting the toilet.
- Over 50 houses have been smeared as one step of reducing jigger breeding zone.
- Over 30 homes have cleared bushes around to reduce mosquitoes and racks for washing dishes built in every home as a fact to embraces hygiene matters.
- 78 pupils who sat for national examination were issued with sanitary towels and no cases of girls pupil late for exam or having any problem in the exam room.
- Manyasi kiosk and filter is finally in the village and erecting of kiosk started early December.
- Repair has been carried out in the three Safe water projects after heavy rains damaged piping systems.
- Dam Water users Association is finally registered by the government as Community Based Organization (C.B.O.) named – Alego-usonga Dam Water Users Association. It covers major constituency that forming Siaya town.

Key challenges during this quarter have been:

- Transport to villages – Gona, Tinga and Manyasi became very difficult and expensive because of rain and high cost of fuel.
- Campaign for Siaya county governor seat affected most of projects committee meetings.
- Cost of living has tripled- up as government increases taxes on fuel and essential commodities.
- Some NGO's are now creating micro-finance activity within the village and most committee members are now joining them, so very little time for safe water meetings.

Opportunities and other unexpected events:

Nil.

1.2 Significant socio-economic factors influencing TKMP activities

At a national scale, the following key events are highlighted as having impacted on people and the environment:

Terror attack in North-eastern Kenya and inter- tribal war going on in northern towns, several people feared dead and the government does not let the media to report on the matter. There is a big immigration from this area to Nairobi city increases city population and crime rate is very high.

The government decision to send army to the north-eastern has claim lives of innocent people because the suspected terrorists are plain clothed as civilians so more innocent persons will continue dying.

Death of former S. African president – Nelson Mandela really goes with the hearts of everybody in this society.

At a local scale, the following key events are highlighted as having impacted on people in the Siaya district:

The outcome for election of the Governor of Siaya was disputed. There was a by-election for the seat. The campaign for electing a new governor for Siaya was going on and this means that dam water users association representatives are often involved in politics meetings.

As the election is now over, things have gone back to normal and there no more problems with this. The lesson for us is to plan very little future activities during election period.

The sitting governor is very supportive to TKMP and his office is always open to us. We are even planning to take him for site visit to all TKMP projects. Am planning to invite him after replacement of Tinga filters and doing a few repairs in other projects.

NGO's are competing for peoples time, and some are offering payment for attendance at meetings. These NGOs are weak in community mobilization and prefer short cuts as well as take advantage of the community poverty situation. TKMP has been very clear with community in our project area and no circumstances do we provide money for meetings.

This put us at a disadvantage when it comes to meeting attendance, as community prefer where they paid money. We are trying to reach out to the NGOs offering sitting money through NGO Network meeting to educate and lobbying for level playing for all NGOs.

2.0. Planned Activities and Progress

This section describes work that has been undertaken on planned project activities in this period of TKMP operations. Tasks, progress and achievements are described, as well as challenges that have prevented planned activities from being completed.

2.1 School WASH training

This activity has been going on in the three schools within our area of coverage – Obambo, Kubar and Ochilo but was very successfully done at Kubar school.

During this exercise pupils were trained on how to wash hands after visiting toilet and the importance of hand washing.

As a measure of sustainability, TKMP bridges a talk between school admission and Tinga safe water committee to give school 500 lts of water during dry season at subsidy cost to enable hand washing activity to continue.



young pupils trained on washing hands after visiting the toilet (Kubar School)

2.2 Community Health initiative (jigger campaign, sanitary towels and hygiene training)

This activity was very successful despite of challenges caused mostly by bad weather condition in this area.

TKMP conducted home to home hygiene training on issues such as training community on how to construct a simple dish washing racks, sealing floor with mud, clearing bushes around the home.



2.3 Network Meetings

- TKMP attended a meeting of the Friends of Yala Swamp in Kisumu in December. This association is concerned with issues relating to water land and environmental impact of Dominion Farms and several construction companies building roads in Siaya County. Attendance by TKMP is valuable as it confirms the organization profile in the district and builds relationships with other NGO's.
- TKMP also attends monthly meetings arranged by Siaya District senior government department managers. In this quarter meetings were on food security and safe water adequacy. It also attends meetings of individual dam water associations, as well as facilitate combined meeting of Gona, Tinga, Ochilo and Manyasi dam water user association to cover matters of shared importance.

- The main issue of concern in the quarter for the dam water user association was registration of Dam water user association and starting micro-finance activities.
- The Dam water user association has been recognized by the government- ministry of water as a legal body to manage dams within our area of operation through support from TKMP and ministry of water.
- So far the association has been legally registered as Community Based Organization C.B.O. with the government. Its registration was back dated to May 2013 so that the Association could be one of the beneficiaries which are getting development funds from government towards the end of this year. This is clear evidence that there is a lot of effort in our work of community development. Getting this certificate in Kenya is not an easy work.



TKMP meets administration heads and other NGOs working in Siaya District during networking



Certification of dam water users association.

2.4 Investigation on staff training opportunity

This was to find out colleges that can give staff quality training at affordable rate within Siaya and send their CV to board / Tweed Shire Council for recommendation.

So far Maseno university, Bondo university and Interlife college of professional are some of the institution that can provide training to the staff. I will get the brochures and forward to TSC/Board when they are open next year.

2.5 Performance and development plan for TKMP staff

- There is an arrangement for staff to join C-operative society and do saving for the future.
- We have suggested that staff appraisal be carried on yearly and each staff be graded-up according to his/her performance. This would mean salary and promotion should be considered.

2.6 Ongoing supervision and maintenance of safe water projects

During the rain a lot of damages were noticed and maintenance to the three safe water projects were done. Some maintenance will be carried out early next year.

We have a log sheet that i wish to share with Rob when he comes for proof that we clean and we chlorinate water despite of no budget put for it. Normally I include chlorine and powder soap cost in maintenance budget. I would like to confirm to TSC that all Safe Water Projects are being chlorinated every time water is pumped

3.0. Safewater Project Status Project

3.1 Gona Dam and Safe water Kiosk

- (a) The following changes and maintenance tasks were undertaken at Gona Dam and Safe water Kiosk during the quarter:

New project committee has been elected by the community under administration authority whereby Joseph Ochol was elected new chairman and Michael Onyango Okako is the new secretary general and most former committee members retained their positions.

Replacement of main line 2" pipe which was broke by storm water, 3 gate valve at the discharge point and meter cleaning.

Pump repaired Note: the program needs to buy a new pump for Gona project.



- (b) A summary of the condition of the dam, pump, plumbing, tanks, filters, kiosk and standards of operator daily maintenance (chemical cleaning/back washing etc) are as follows:

Component	Condition	Comment
Dam	Good	
Pump	Poor	There is a need to buy new pump
Plumbing	Fair	
Tanks	Good	
Filters	Good	
Kiosk	Good	
Daily operation and maintenance (operator performance)	Fair	

- (c) Maintenance planned for Gona Dam and Safewater Kiosk for the next quarter, including estimated material costs, are as follows:

2" pvc pipe = 2 lengths, ¾" gate valve= 3 pcs, tangit glue, pump repair and transport for materials and staff for two days = Kshs 29,450/- NOTE: **Gona pump needs urgent replacement.**

- (d) Water supply volume from the Safewater Kiosk meter and money from water sales are as follows:

Due to much rainfall in this quarter, only 1000liters of water was consumed and Kshs 418 was the total tariff collected in this quarter.

- (e) Performance of the management committee is assessed as follows:

The performance of this committee has been poor. Replacement of key problematic members has been done.

The dam and its wall are still in good shape but keeping off livestock a battle particularly the herders who come from villages further away from dam area. Like now it is dry season and there are limited cattle watering points given that Lake Kanyaboli is fenced. The only dependable water are Gona and Tinga. We are witnessing very high number of livestock. The other problems the locals who recently discovered fish in the dam. These people come at night and even damaged some areas of the fence line. Also ants have eaten a number of timber poles.

The committee is trying their best to address this with the government, but we are also careful not to cause conflict denying people their livelihood as this may cause people not supportive to the program.

3.2 Tinga Dam and Safewater Kiosk

- (a) The following maintenance tasks were undertaken at Tinga Dam and Safewater Kiosk during the quarter:

Replacement of o rings and 3 valve
Replacement of 1 gate
Meter cleaning and filter manual cleaning
Cost incurred during this repair including transport is Kshs 8,120.

- (b) A summary of the condition of the dam, pump, plumbing, tanks, filters, kiosk and standards of operator daily maintenance (chemical cleaning/back washing etc) are as follows:

Component	Condition	Comment
Dam	Poor	
Pump	Good	
Plumbing	Good	
Tanks	Good	
Filters	Poor	
Kiosk	Good	
Daily operation and maintenance (operator performance)	Good	

Comment:

Tinga filters needs to be changed as soon as possible.
Tinga dam might not survive the whole of 2014 unless silt is removed (de-silting recommended).

- (c) Inspections and maintenance planned for Tinga Dam and Safewater Kiosk for the next quarter, including estimated material costs, are as follows:

Ongoing replacements of small plumbing components required. These are not presently available to be sourced from Sky juice Foundation.
These include 4 sky hydrant filters and fittings such as gate valves. O rings and both male and female nipples.

- (d) Water supply volume from the Safewater Kiosk meter and money from water sale income are as follows:

Water quality has changed especially water has been smell dung and dead plants.
Volume of water consumed in this quarter is very low compared to last quarter because of too much rainfall in this region. Most people in the village use rain water and few goes for safe water at this time.
Kshs 422/- collected from water sales last quarter.

- (e) Performance of the management committee is assessed as follows:

Fair. Meeting attendance is OK - politics and other NGO's are taking peoples time - as well as other commitments such as farming. Also too much rainfall in the region affected projects meetings but we managed to conduct one meeting in every project in this quarter.

3.3 Ochillo Dam and Safewater Kiosk

- (a) The following maintenance tasks were undertaken at Ochillo Dam and Safewater Kiosk during the quarter:

The main line from the dam which was repaired last quarter has been exposed by run-off and animals stepped on the pipe and burst.
We are doing a major repair when school will be opened next year 2014.

- (b) A summary of the condition of the dam, pump, plumbing, tanks, filters, kiosk and standards of operator daily maintenance (chemical cleaning/back washing etc) are as follows:

Component	Condition	Comment
Dam	Good	
Pump	Good	
Plumbing		
Tanks	Good	
Filters	Good	
Kiosk	Good	
Daily operation and maintenance (operator performance)	Good	

Comment:

Less intense use and better water quality make this project less stressed than Tinga.

- (c) Inspections and maintenance planned for Ochillo Dam and Safewater Kiosk for the next quarter, including estimated material costs, are as follows:

Repair main line leakages and bury in concrete. Transport materials to Ochilo. The total cost will be Kshs 21,000/ only.

- (d) Water supply volume from the Safewater Kiosk meter and money from water sale income are as follows:

Since schools closedown in late November, only 2000lts of water was consumed by the school.

- (e) Performance of the management committee is assessed as follows:

Ongoing negotiations to see if the community can be given access to the project by the school. School committee is working well.

A meeting has been conducted by area administration and it was agreed that election be held so that both School and community are represented and both to use the project.

3.4 Manyasi Dam and Safewater Kiosk

- (a) The following maintenance tasks were undertaken at Manyasi Dam and Safewater Kiosk during the quarter:

Manyasi kiosk has been erected and tank stand also will be joined this week.

In our last meeting with the committee there was disagreement between TKMP on the size of the tanks allocated for Manyasi. The group complained about 1000 lts tank too small for the community so they requested TKMP to make changes from 1000lts to 5000lts for clean water tank while raw water tank remain 1000lt so we are planning to build a stand for 500lts tank.



- (b) A summary of the condition of the dam, pump, plumbing, tanks, filters, kiosk and standards of operator daily maintenance (chemical cleaning/back washing etc) are as follows:

Component	Condition	Comment
Dam		NA
Pump		NA
Plumbing		NA
Tanks		NA
Filters		NA
Kiosk		NA
Daily operation and maintenance (operator performance)		NA

Comment:

We hired a generator and electric drill for Manyasi kiosk erection for 2 weeks because rain disrupts works every day.

- (c) Inspections and maintenance planned for Manyasi Dam and Safewater Kiosk for the next quarter, including estimated material costs, are as follows:

Finalizing stand, erection, purchasing water pump, meter, 2 tanks flexible pipe and fittings, plumbing operators training and commissioning of the project and approximate cost will be **Kshs 575,600/=**

- (d) Water supply volume from the Safewater Kiosk meter and money from water sale income are as follows:

NA

- (e) Performance of the management committee is assessed as follows:

NA

3.5 Kubar School Sanitation Block and Rainwater Tank

- (a) The following maintenance tasks were undertaken at Kubar School during the quarter:

Toilet block to be maintained by school committee. Additional training on WASH behavior and operation and maintenance of toilets required.

- (b) Performance of the management committee is assessed as follows:

Fair

4.0. Community Health Initiatives

(Jiggers, Sanitary Towels, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion)

The following activities have been undertaken by TKMP staff in the area of community health

Sylvester has been working with community to educate benefits of sealing floors with mud to reduce jigger breeding in cracks and dust in floors. Also spraying diazanol in homes to kill the jiggers.



Community Jigger treatment on 4 November 2013

5.0. Meetings and Community Development

The following meetings were attended or arranged by TKMP. Information supplied includes the attendees, the purpose of the meeting, the outcomes or resolutions made and detail of any costs incurred by TKMP:

Who: Dam Water Association and registration of the association.

Where: One in Obambo village and another one in Siaya District water office.

When: The meeting was held in late August and early September.

What: De-silting of Tinga dam and registration of the association.

Why: The association is trying to lobby for allocation of funds by the government for the maintenance of dams within their catchment. So far Kshs 46,200 has been spent.

6.0. Staff Activity and Performance

6.1 Rural Outreach Officer

Sylvester is visiting Tinga and Gona each day to read water meters and check on operators. He is continuing work with jigger, carry-out home to home visit to supervise bush clearing in home to eradicate mosquitoes to reduce malaria infections. He also arranges meetings with projects committee with an agenda of project management and help in community mobilization for the support of the projects.

6.2 WASH Officer

Wilfreda is talking to women on sanitation issues. She distributed sanitary towels, checking completion of dishes washing racks in every home and floor sealing (mud smearing on traditional houses).

She has a lot of potential and has really been putting effort at especially on hand wash, use of clean water and adoption of toilets.

She has formed a group of women going round home to home and school – Kubar to check hygiene issues and best practise on the use of toilets. She will need training and support in computer, report writing and WASH project design.

6.3 Accounts Officer

We have been having problems with changes of accountants at GNet since I took over, three accountants have come and gone. The current officer went since December after losing parent and hasn't come yet. This is why my last quarter report was not verified by GNet accountant.

It is difficult to find and keep qualified accountant with the salary being paid. I would like to apologise for this and am already taking steps to ensure we have a good accounting support at GNet. In fact will personally see to it that proper accountant is recruited if the current one does not show up by end of this month. Accounts are reconciled I would like to inform you that all TKMP receipts and accounting books are secured and safe.

7.0. Office and Equipment Status Report

- The office and furniture are in good condition.
- There are three digital cameras not working
- Three laptops and a desk top computer are in good condition.
- There are ongoing efforts to have electricity connected to the office. Progress will be advised we have paid power connection fee Kshs 42,000 and the office may get power next week.

8.0. Planned Activities - October to December 2013

The following key activities are planned to be undertaken in the next quarter:

1. School WASH training
2. Community Health initiatives (jigger campaign, Sanitary towels and hygiene training)
3. Network meetings
4. Investigations into staff training opportunities - send info to Tweed
5. Performance and development plan for staff
6. Ongoing supervision and maintenance of Safe water Projects

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

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