

# WATER IS LIFE - KENYA

Livestock as a Business group members put lessons into practice.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Water is Life – Kenya working with communities to escape poverty*

“You must really love your animals if you use so much medicine when you spray them,” That’s what a neighbor told Bob Ntina, a member of one of WILK’s Livestock groups. Bob reported to me how he had put the lesson from Dr. Immaculate Gathoni from the Ministry of Livestock, into practice. He bought a high pressure pump and sprayed his cows with the proper amount of acaracyde to protect them against ticks.

In WILK’s training for “Livestock as a Business” we learned that using one bucket to spray a whole herd (40-50 cows) was common practice. But the recommended dosage is 20 buckets per herd. Bob reported that when he used the correct dosage he noticed a huge change in the condition of his cows: no ticks or skin wounds. He wants to care for his animals in the best way possible and set an example for his neighbors. When he goes to the market, his cows will be in high demand. Income will increase for Bob and his family. The benefits of WILK’s livestock as a business program then spread across the community!

You, our supporters, make this enriching program possible. THANK YOU!

*Thanks, Joyce*





# CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

## Risa: Patience Makes Perfect

(Search for "Risa Primary School" on Google Maps)

WILK believes that taking time to build a relationship of trust with communities is key to successful projects. We learn the history of past projects, identify real leaders, and begin work as partners to solve critical problems.



Joyce with Risa teacher Mr. Momonyi and students

The trust WILK built within the community of Risa is now fueling change. WILK's first Risa project, at the school where students used to drink from cement-mixing barrels, now has a fully-equipped rainwater catchment. Three new water storage tanks also can now be filled with assistance from the Kenya Wildlife Service during the dry season.

The community borehole, begun by a church but never completed, has been tested by WILK.

Results show the water is fresh, not salty, and the borehole yields 400 gallons an hour. Now, the people of Risa are waiting on **you**. WILK needs \$12,000 to complete the borehole and provide a tank and troughs.



Men from Risa community

*"If WILK can help with water for the school and the community where people really live, away from the [Amboseli National Park] gate, it will be a huge help. The school will improve, the livestock will be better, the people will be very clean, which will be good for the tourist business."*

*John Parkisaile Chairman of local cultural site*

## Olepolos: Hope Rising

WILK believes that real change happens when the community takes the lead. After the Olepolos community arranged and oversaw the construction of the borehole operator house in June, WILK began the final stage of the project. This stage included building a 100,000L (26,500gal) water storage tank, livestock trough, community tap, and latrines. Another WILK value is investing resources in quality work. All who saw the construction have praised its high quality.

Now with all the work completed, new opportunities abound. Two new vegetable stands and an outdoor food stand provide an income for local families. Before the end of 2013, WILK will facilitate a visit from community health workers based in Olchorro to lead a training on sanitation and hygiene. With water access, better water management and new water-based economic opportunities, hope is rising in Olepolos.



Women celebrating atop completed Oleopolos tank

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- \$200 provides a cow for a livestock group
- \$100 pumps water to 800 people for 2 weeks
- \$50 provides 110 feet of pipeline

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# UPDATES

## Olchorro: On Tap

Olchorro: The village of Olchorro is a great example of how a little help can go a long way. This community, a few miles outside of Oloitokitok, brims with potential. The town includes people from three tribes who have worked together to better their community.

In the town center, 86 families have been connected to a community-run pipeline. Another 85 taps have been constructed outside of town, reaching an estimated total of 2,400 people. Tap water is shared generously with neighbors, so real users are many more. The pipeline also supports about 750 cattle and 2,500 goats and sheep. Yet, for all the progress that has been made, the community needs more.

One branch of the pipeline fails primarily because it isn't connected to a tank. The water, originating in Tanzania, is turned off at night and is prone to occasional daytime outages. The available water also doesn't reach many of the families and livestock in the area. They currently use water from a nearby spring that has been linked to typhoid.

The Olchorro Pipeline Committee has asked WILK to support an expansion of the pipeline to an additional 250 households and build a large holding tank to increase water reliability and reduce community vulnerability to water-borne disease. For \$20,000 water will reach home for 2,500 more people. Please consider investing in Olchorro where a little help will go a long way.

### Meet Anne Kironyo

Anne Kironyo is an important member of the Olchorro Water Committee. Her husband left her five years ago with significant debt, but she did not succumb to hopelessness.

She started a small business and cultivated her farm to support her family and educate her three sons. She pioneered the Olchorro Community Health Workers, committed to training and care focused on hygiene-related diseases like jiggers and typhoid. In an interview with WILK she said, "When I travel to the areas which are not getting water from the Olchorro community pipeline, there's a big difference in overall personal hygiene. People are much dirtier and prone to skin diseases and diarrhea due to lack of clean water. Typhoid is also more prevalent."



WILK Board member Tad Yancheski visited Kenya in June to lead the WILK team on a survey of six water pan sites (rainwater-fed ponds). Here Tad listens to the members of Risa community as they explain the history and key characteristics of their water pan. A consistent finding was that good community management meant water stayed cleaner and lasted longer.

**To support women like Anne and communities like Olchorro: Make a one time, OR better yet, monthly donation online.** By clicking "make this recurring" on the paypal form you'll help provide the financial flexibility we need.

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## Changing Lives

WILK's livestock groups continue to prosper. Five groups received loans last November and repaid all \$11,000 this June. On average, each earned 38% profit after returning their loans, meaning they have money to invest next year. For three groups, this was their second WILK loan and their experience paid off. All three invested their own money alongside the WILK loan and now have an average of \$2,800 saved.

The biggest sign pointing to this project's success is the waiting list. Nine new groups are ready to join the livestock program. People see that this program yields results. The next loans will be distributed November 2013. WILK needs your help to build this successful program. \$3,100 provides trainings for a group and a loan that buys 10 cows.

**Consider supporting a livestock group for Christmas. Give a gift that changes lives around the world.**





## Upcoming WILK Event: Thirst Reverse

Nov 20th, 2013: Help Bring Clean  
Water from Newark to Kenya

20% \* of all purchases at Iron Hill Brewery, Newark,  
Delaware on Nov. 20th will be donated to Water is  
Life Kenya.

\*Must present "Give 20% Coupon" enclosed in  
newsletter.

Visit website or call Newark office (see below) to purchase  
WILK beaded products or to arrange your own beading party!

### SAVE THE DATE:

World Water Day, March 22, 2014. Stay tuned for  
more from WILK ....



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