

WATER IS LIFE KENYA



Message from the Director: Learning Together

To sustain water infrastructure, local communities must earn sustainable incomes from their livestock. WILK invests hundreds of hours and **your dollars** in the Livestock as a Business program to improve knowledge and teamwork among herders. People often ask “Maasai people being told how to keep livestock – isn’t that what they do?” Recently, at a livestock disease training, one of the community members who was watching said the same thing.... “What can you teach us?”

By the end of the training that same person was saying “We see that we have been using too little acaricide... and that we have been holding the tongue while giving the deworming medicine. *And it’s wrong!*”

This is the power of group trainings. By welcoming community members we can grow the reach of our trainings. Before we left Loolakir several men asked us “how do we become part your groups?”

I asked Ilmarba Group Chairman Joseph Larasha about the advantages of group training and he said “*when I do something I learned in a group training people may question me but I have support from other group members, who received the same training. This really helps us and our neighbors slowly change how we keep our animals.*” The other advantage is that members have different strengths. You might get someone very strong in livestock business that you can learn from. Or you can ask a group member to help you understand technical lessons like livestock disease control.

Water is Life Kenya has invested, **by your generosity**, in the power of groups to be agents of change in their communities. Now, whole areas have improved their breed of cows and their methods of livestock disease control. And do you know what that translates into? Money for water, money for school, money for university, money for emergencies.

Please keep supporting this effective program.

Thanks, Joyce.

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Risa livestock group members at the grassland management training

Working together



Web of life training

Working together, called “Harambee” in Swahili, is a central part of Kenyan life. However, outsiders often look to do the work of ending poverty themselves. At Water Is Life Kenya, we firmly believe in *working together* with communities in each of our projects. By *working together*, ground-level innovation has the opportunity to sprout like the way Olchorro’s residents manage their water. By *working together*, the people of Enkong’u Narok will find creative ways to move forward with their new well. **You** can be a part of these incredible projects by *working together* with WILK. Read more to see how **your donations** can and will bring lasting change to Southern Kenya.

Olchorro at Work

This May, you helped WILK purchase and deliver 100 tanks to families on the Olchorro Community Pipeline. Now, we’re working to make sure the pipeline is managed well into the future. For the remaining 100 families, WILK has offered to purchase 1 tank for every 2 tanks bought with fees collected by the pipeline committee.

“Even if we only get water in our pipeline 2 days per week, we’re ok now because we have the tanks! It’s really helping us – no more water problems!” -Olchorro Community Member

The Olchorro Community Water Pipeline has taken a huge step towards being a well-managed community water supply!

You can help Olchorro reach their goal of every member having a tank by contributing \$100 for 1 tank, \$200 for 2 tanks...why not 6 for \$600? Having reliable water in their tanks helps people have one less thing to worry about, especially during the current severe drought.



The joy of water in Esukuta!

On July 15, 2015 another Water is Life Kenya well was born in the village of Esukuta. We gathered around with students, teachers, community members and the drilling team before the drilling started to pray for a great result and mere hours later - *at 44 meters - first water!* Then, more and more water. The children ran out from school to see the water flowing up from the ground instead of down from the sky. The looks on their faces were as if they were witnessing a miracle!

With your help, the blessing of this water will soon be made available to the people of Esukuta. The pump house is almost complete and then comes the pump and generator installation. All we need is individuals like yourself to *work together* with Water is Life Kenya to provide the resources needed.



At the Esukuta Drilling

Esukuta: Job “well” done.



Olchorro Pipeline Committee

Enkong'u Narok Community Borehole Opening Ceremony

Joyce Tannian

For me, the opening ceremony on August 23rd, 2015 was coming full circle. The very first time I set foot in Enkong'u Narok came after walking for 8 days in a walkathon, tired and dusty. This was where I spent part of my first year in Kenya and saw the burden women face carrying water every day. When Livestock as a Business started in Enkong'u Narok, people I knew from the village came regularly to ask for our help.

“ We need clean water, the swamp water is dirty, it's risky for the children because of the wild animals, malaria is a problem. Please, you know us. Help us. ”



The water tanks at Enkong'u Narok

When we interviewed families many reported children dead to malaria. When I was back in the US giving talks I described Enkong'u Narok's dire situation and it touched the heart of one gentleman in particular, who donated generously to start the Enkong'u Narok borehole project.

Today, this problem has been mostly **solved by the new borehole**. No more going to the swamp and being exposed to the mosquito breeding ground, no more using the standing stagnant water from the dirty shallow well.



Joyce, Larasha, and the MP cutting the ribbon

I entreat you all: Please don't stop giving! The relief of daily burdens provided by your giving is **huge!** Today, Enkong'u Narok borehole provides clean, abundant, delicious water! The ladies love their new taps, the school has water in tanks and handwashing stations and will soon have dormitories. We had a fantastic celebration, with visitors, local leaders, the community and local elephants all enjoying the festive afternoon.



Local Elephants joining the celebration.

Give a little love this holiday season....

You can 100 families get tanks in Olchorro. **Donate Now!**

You can support the group trainings that make livestock groups profitable. **Donate Now!**

You can equip the new well in Esukuta. **Donate Now!**

You can make a difference today!

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•**Did you know....**During his recent visit to Kenya, Secretary John Kerry loved WILK’s paper jewelry. Join our leaders in supporting WILK by purchasing beaded jewelry online: www.waterislifekeny.com/store.

•Ready for another chance to support WILK while going to your favorite restaurant? Keep your eyes out for **Thirst Reverse III, coming January 2016**

•**Want to meet with Joyce this winter?** Contact the WILK office @ 302-894-7335 to set up a time for Joyce to share with your church, school, business, or just meet over dinner.



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