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Autumn News 2021

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A message from our Hon. Patron....

Dear Nic, Elaine and all friends of Kadzinuni,

I loved reading the recent newsletters. Honestly, the progress, aims and accomplishments are colossal and impressive by any standards, but for a small charity like the Friends of Kadzinuni they are AWESOME. Bravissimi tutti!



Joanna
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2021 Kadzinuni Christmas Appeal

Please consider donating to the appeal to support our Farmer Training programme by purchasing Christmas gifts for friends and family from our ethical Farmer Training range. See the back page for full details. Thank you.

Our online donation platform has changed...

Sadly **virginmoneygiving** has closed its online platform for charitable donations. This is causing much extra work for thousands of small charities as they seek a new service. We have now joined **CAF Donate** and the link to our Donation page can be found here...

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18387#!/DonationDetails>

How training Farmers is transforming Kadzinuni

In the summer we asked Patrick, leader of the Farmer Training programme, to complete a detailed survey so that we can demonstrate the impact that the programme has made.

His reply, accompanied by photos and additional information, really does show how this type of education is steadily moving Kadzinuni forwards addressing poverty, food security and gradually increasing self-sufficiency across the community. For seven years we have funded this programme, training over 30 members of the Kadzinuni community each year in a wide range of skills extending their ability through education and practical work.

What we have learned from the survey...

- Up to January 2021 the programme has trained 220 local people in many skills. Since then another 30 have joined the programme.
- 95% of those trained are female.
- 25% under 30 years old, 65% aged 31 to 50 and 10% Over 50.
- 90% of those trained have continued to use the skills and knowledge gained.
- 85% of those trained have produced a surplus of food above that required by their immediate family.
- 170 hectares of land is now being farmed more efficiently and using more sustainable methods than before.
- **On average the trained farmers have seen their yield of maize increase from 270kgs to 1,350kgs per year!**
- Trained farmers no longer grow traditional maize, local mangoes, tall coconut trees and local legumes... instead they grow hybrid maize, high yielding grafted trees, citrus trees, dwarf variety of coconut trees and drought resistant early maturing legumes.
- They have two main growing seasons each year.
- A range of improved techniques are used... land is correctly prepared; fertilisers are now used; seedlings correctly spaced when planted out; pests are managed.
- After selling the surplus many farmers are paying school fees for their children.



Added to these factors Patrick tells us *“The farmer training project has made our village to be well known which in turn has created a very positive impact for the community.”*

Project plans for the next few months

Following the refurbishment of Kendrick's Clinic in the last year we are now moving forward to plan a couple of additional maintenance jobs. Firstly, due to erosion during heavy rains we need to build a retaining wall around one corner of the main clinic building. This will then protect Kendrick's for the long term. Added to that, when the refurbishment was done (re-decoration inside and out, new windows, doors & floors repaired) we identified that the roof was beginning to wear out. The corrugated iron sheets have done well to last over 15 years, but we are now aiming to replace the roof BEFORE it fails. Our Rotary partners are co-ordinating these two projects and as we have some funds held in Kenya, set aside for clinic maintenance, we hope that we can get the work done in the next 2-6 months.

Covid-19 Update

Our initiative in the summer of 2020 to protect Kadzinuni from a major outbreak which has seen a full-scale education programme, the supply of soap, gel, handwashing stations and masks seems to have worked. Kadzinuni has been and continues to be protected as we still await the vaccination programme to begin in rural areas like Kadzinuni. So far Kenya has only been able to vaccinate less than 5% of the population and their access to vaccine remains very poor. They tend to receive supplies with short use by dates at short notice which are then very hard to deploy in time. Thankfully as of 1st October Kenya has only suffered about 250,000 cases since March 2020 with only 5,131 deaths. The current 7-day average of new cases is just 251 per day and 7-day average of deaths just 5 per day.

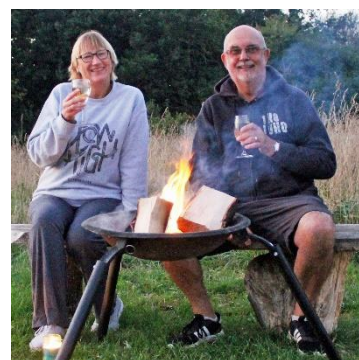
Student Bursary Scheme

As we approach the time of year that we send out our 2021 donation to the scheme we can report that by January 2022 we will have over 8.4 million Kenya Shillings invested, with 85% dedicated to the bursary scheme generating interest to fund 20 student bursaries every year. The education system has been disrupted by Covid however they seem to be on track to return to their normal term dates and examination programmes from 2023.

and finally...

2020 has been an exceptional year in so many ways, yes it has been awful, but it has also challenged us to deal with new situations and I think we have learnt many new things. We will emerge from the pandemic and our wishes are...

- **For all our supporters to have a great Christmas.**
- **For everyone here and at Kadzinuni to stay safe.**
- **For 2022 to be a year of progress, recovery and kindness to all.**



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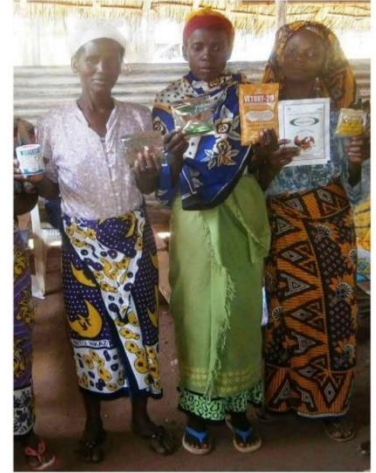


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