



KCEP Newsletter

Kipepeo Community Empowerment Program

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'empowerment lays a foundation for a measure of success, its through this that kipepeo was born to strengthen and nurture needy peoples potentials, creating more opportunities for self sustainable livelihoods. We believe if people are empowered in various facets affecting their lives, they can contribute immensely to their economic well being, community and nation at large. Together as one, we can make the difference' Julius Khamati Kuya Founder/Member KCEP



Above: international volunteers

Volunteer adventures

Having international volunteers from Korea, Japan and Australia meant it was time for an adventure, over the weekend we set off to kakamega rain forest to play with the monkeys, we did a sunrise hike and experienced Kenyan beauty and its finest. We had an amazing time with lots of laughs, a big thank you to Masato from Japan for organizing it.

KCEP through its continued empowerment of the community through microfinance, managed to be awarded the contract to supervise 38 community groups with that the government awarded loans for poverty eradication, KCEP continue to empower the groups through monthly meeting, business development trainings, people and productivity, record keeping and as well establish a loan accessibility culture among the poor local community members.

Kipepeo updates

Kipepeo has managed to acquire a rental residential place to host their volunteers, this has been made possible through volunteers continued recommendation on improvements on host facilities, now volunteers can access to electricity, running water (not always) and a cemented house, with a play field where they can relax as well as close to KCEP office reducing time spent on walking or waiting for a matatu to go to a host family.

We have too managed to receive a long term volunteer Tyrone Estcourt who is doing 10 months period volunteering on our projects, for the last four weeks we have had him, he is so inspiring and motivating, self driven, and a visionary who wants to help transform what we do in a meaningful way, he is organizing for multiple fundraisers to enable help protect the environmental set up around Kimia, this will involve establishment of dust bins, environmental education to inhabitant of Kimia and how to self sustain the projects with its importance to their environment and possible recyclable methods to protect the environment. Jethron one of KCEP members has been to Belgium for a period of one year now volunteering as well as working to encourage African exploration and volunteering in the European countries, this was made possible through a partner organization that KCEP works with through voluntary service. He will definitely be back at the beginning of the month of March.

Street Children

Its has been a stepping stone for taking 3 street kids back to school. Education being the key pillars of development, its too cherished by KCEP fraternity and that's why we have used all means to get these boys back to school, one at Esibeye, another at Mumboha and one at Emutsuru Primary Schools, they now have an opportunity excel and access education like any other children. This is our goal as an organization, to reunite street children back to their families as well as integrated them to the community.

It has been again a great moment for the street children football club, as we have received football uniforms from the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Emuhaya District, this has been made possible through KCEP continued networking and collaboration with the District Youth Office on issues concerning youth development and economic growth, the football team for the street kids now has a uniform that can motivate them to play smart against their opponents and nurture their football skills.



Above: The street boys in their new uniform + coach Jesse

Community Micro finance



Left: this months work camp

Welcome from Korea and Japan

From the 6th till 31st of Jan we had 3 Korean, 2 Japanese and 3 Kenyan volunteers arrive in Kimia, over the three weeks we did such projects as, planting seeds donated from past volunteers for the orphans, digging at the office, AIDS awareness, Street kids, visits to schools and orphanages and more. Having many volunteers helped us to achieve a lot in the time they were here. We learnt about Japanese and Korean cultures at culture nights at the Kipepeo residence and we made many memories, a big thank you to Evelyn from Eastern Kenya for all her organizing she did as a work camp facilitator.

More volunteers are always welcome, please contact us if you are interested!

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