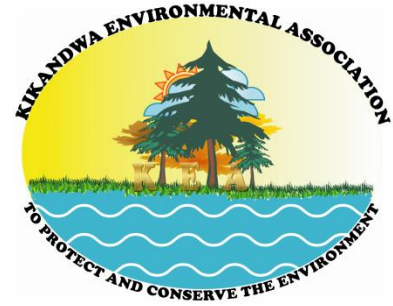


KIKANDWA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY INNOVATION RESOURCE CENTRE

KEA CIRC REPORT FOR JUNE 2015



FROM TENANTS TO LANDLORDS

KEACIRC is pleased to announce that we are now our own landlords. We have no words to thank your our donors and the global giving team for your efforts and continuous finances to invest in our cause of building a community resource center in Kikandwa sub county. The first \$9000 donations from global giving did a great work in our community to help equip the center with computers, a printer, cater for rent and allowance for the resource center attendant but in June 2015, we reached a milestone as we are no longer renting. KEA CIRC finally has its own premises and this has been realized with your donations. The resource center now is waiting to get a power connection since we have not yet installed it yet. Therefore computer lessons and secretarial services have been temporarily put on halt until a power connection has been put.



An Exposure Learning Visit

Figure 1: The new resource center premises along the main road

Kawempe Home Based Care Givers Alliance from Kawempe division in Kampala district made an Exposure visit to the newly constructed KEA CIRC premises in Kikandwa Sub County. The Immersion was intended to provide a powerful way to help the group to get deeper insights and experiences that they usually do not access in their work domain. They learnt in a personal way about KEA CIRC's activities and services, Kikandwa community people's lives, livelihoods, and cultures, and the conditions they experience and vice versa. This provided a touchstone to refer to, and a source of confidence, and the conviction of development initiatives leadership for CSO Leaders and the local community actors based on personal experience.

The group was welcomed by Seruzi Alexander; the head of the center. He outlined the history and introduced the activities carried out at the center. The center's main objective was to establish and manage a Centre where knowledge and information can be shared and generated on various issues ranging from Environment, Natural Resource management, poverty eradication to food insecurity issues, health, youth unemployment and ICT Training.



Figure 2: Seruzi Alexander (striped shirt) delivers his remarks about KEA CIRC during the learning visit

The group later proceeded to KEA's headquarters in Kasejere village to carry out field work where they got a chance to tour different projects like the Half + Half 1000 acre project, supermarket garden, community nursery bed and the hand dug well.

The director of KEA, Mr. Kaganga John welcomed the delegation to the forest. At first the group got puzzled as to why they were entering into a bush for their breakfast



Figure 3: Breakfast in the forest

but after settling into the forest, they started enjoying meals with a variety of food and the environment itself. Towards the end of the breakfast, Mr. Kaganga asked the CSO Leaders why he had brought them to the forest and not anywhere else. Pauline answered by saying that Mr. Kaganga wanted the Leaders to be in close contact with nature; to enjoy and admire it; she went on to say that forest is a good relaxing and camping site with nice scenery.

From the forest, the delegation was led to the “*supermarket garden*” where CSO leaders were shown banana and coffee plantations inter-cropped with fruit and timber trees and were exposed to different farming techniques and methods.

From the field, and after a brief rest and entertainment, the CSO leaders, community members and other invited guests toured the exhibition and other projects at KEA headquarters to see what farmers and the local people and members of KEA do.



Figure 4: A farmer displays his agricultural products during an exhibition

We are happy to notice the impact of the resource center in our community as it has become a modal Centre that many organizations admire. More and more visitors purposely come to visit the resource center but end up falling in love with the tremendous work that KEA is doing for the community. This Centre would not be in existence without your support. We continuously thank you for your efforts and hard work and finances you have put to make KEA CIRC what it is right now.

We are overjoyed with the acquisition of our own plot of land having the newly constructed resource center. **THIS CALLS FOR CELEBRATION; Doesn't it!**