

KIKANDWA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY INNOVATION RESOURCE CENTER

KEA CIRC REPORT FOR JULY 2015

IMPACTING SOCIETY AT LARGE

Impact of the Community Water and Sanitation Hygiene Project

KEACIRC is thrilled to proclaim that our former graduate Nakitto Betty and the head of ICT at the resource center Mr. Seruzi Alexander are

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concluding the water and sanitation hygiene project that was funded by The Pollination Project.

Kasejje community had only one water access point that is a spring well that was serving the whole community. This is no longer the case as the community hand dug well is now fully operational. It has made an instant impact in society as it has saved women and children from the daunting task of traveling almost 1 km to and

fro to fetch water downhill which was not very safe for domestic use. Several workshops and meetings have been held to sensitize people about water and environmental resources management issues, improved personal hygiene behaviour, domestic and environmental sanitation practices focusing on children and women through increased and improved access to quantity and quality water supply and sanitation infrastructures.

The management of the resource center takes pride in their initiative to avail safe water and improve sanitation practices in the village; "it's great to see that they (Nakitto and Alex) are shifting from their professional fields of study to focus on community development issues. We thank you for the gift of the new well and request that you identify more pressing issues in the community to address." remarked one of the workshop participants.

Remarks from Seruzi Alexander: Project Co-leader

The lack of access to clean water is often an insurmountable obstacle to helping communities. Children won't be able to go to school, growing food, building a house, staying healthy will always be difficult. If we are to break the vicious cycle of poverty, Water resources should be available and managed at the lowermost level of society and we should recognize that women play a fundamental role in the provision, management and safeguarding of water. Therefore it is our duty to sustainably use and protect this well for the betterment of this village.

CHALLENGES

Although the management of the resource center successfully managed to construct new premises for KEA CIRC, we are still faced with a challenge of installing an electricity connection at the premises. This has halted almost the services we used to provide at the center. We are tirelessly working hard to get a connection to electricity but are still financially challenged. We continuously call on you our beloved donors to help the resource center get access to electricity.

In conclusion, we also like to thank the management of Global giving that is continuously giving us a platform to reach out to the community through various projects that we have implemented on ground.



Figure 1: School students, teachers, community members and leaders convene to draw water from the well during its launch