

# School Organic Garden Project Save School Children from Hunger



A huge thank you goes to global giving, donors and friends, family and work mates that made it possible to support both the community and the school. Your generosity will continue to have a positive impact on many people for years to come. Thank you so much.

After more than 6 years of raising funds towards the establishment of the community innovation resource center project (#11176), were very excited towards the end of 2015 continued raise funds towards supporting community school at Kasejere Village in Kikandwa Sub County. The raised money supported school gardens, repairs of the temporarily school structures and start of new permanent

building. We are very excited for the again funds raised the funds to support the ongoing activities in Kikandwa.

In addition to this, money raised, it enables us run the internet costs, electrical pay bills, and meet breakfast lunch for the volunteer at the community resource center who hardly engages take part in the planning and implementation of the activities in the community.

Our School Organic Garden Program has been incorporated in to research in the past three month. In collaboration with Colombia University, A Growing Culture and KEA Green Hill Education Center, Kikandwa Environmental Association (KEA) aims to establish many organic gardens that will encourage students and teachers to learn modern farming methods. They are taught new skills that will enable them to farm the land in a productive and sustainable way. These skills are then passed onto their families, therefore transforming the previous farming lifestyle of mere subsistence farming.

KEA Green Hill Education Center (GHEC) school garden project was basically established with its major objective of changing our communities to promote



healthy eating and active living, through on-hand farm gardening, providing lessons on basic health and giving knowledge on proper balanced deity, increase farm productivity, reduce food deficiency, promote school lunch programs in partnership with Kikandwa Environmental Association (KEA), an organization which promote food security. Consequently addressing the challenges caused by malnutrition and poverty in the community.

### **project Impact**

- ✓ School garden project; provide hand-on nutritional educational opportunities for children to cultivate and prepare organic produce, nature healthy lifestyles and environmental stewardship and improve academic achievement through active participation.
- ✓ Offered nutritional classes to children, parents and community leaders, reduce childhood obesity which is a serious problem in low income families.

- ✓ Children learnt on how to prepare delicious recipes using the fruits of their labor and offer lessons that center on garden, and all aspects of growing, harvesting, and preparing seasonal produce.
- ✓ Engaged children in environmental sustainability and teaching them how to practice permaculture- a holistic agriculture system that mimics relationships found in nature.
- ✓ Advocate for schools communities to provide lunch with balanced deity to their children in order to lower the rate of childhood obesity.
- ✓ Children acquired skills and knowledge in improved land management and good agronomic practices which they will continue to pass on to their families and children will be served on balanced deity prepared from the produce of the school garden.

January 2017, a delegate from Climate Based Adaptation visited the school, to share knowledge and learn from children on how to mitigate and adapt to climate change as new unique program added to our school garden program. All delegates spent, an amazing day creating wonderful new friendships and being involved in a wide variety of activities. The school children learnt and participated in further discussion and training in up to date organic farming methods and the students will then become 'change agents' as they pass on these newly gained skills to their respective parents and homes everyone was told of the importance of having the whole community involved in the school gardening project.

Since the establishment of the school garden the school and community have continued to learn about a variety of modern organic farming techniques. Students and teachers have participated in a number of training that have been held at our and these new skills continue to show great rewards in their school garden by donating organic seed from USA to the school, and community.

Since establishing the school garden not only the children from KEA, but also surrounding community have been taught many skills including soil preparation, double dug farming methods and seed cultivation. They are all learning new skills that will improve their ability to be able to farm the land in a sustainable and productive way. Plantations of vegetables, creels and trees that have been planted

are all doing very well. In addition to this the children no longer have to walk for kilometres to get to a water source and can enjoy a drink throughout their long day at school.

The students and teachers have learnt many new skills and as testament to their commitment and hard work a variety of vegetables continue to flourish in their school garden.

Thanks so much for supporting our community (Help Us Build Our School)  
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