

Statistics on Village of Hope - Kabisine

ASSESSMENT of February 26, 2020

The staff of Dufatanye Organization were trained on village/household assessments, and then took a 30-minute motorcycle ride from Nyanza to Kabisine for assessing the newest Village of Hope project. Kabisine is up in the mountains outside of Nyanza where the car path changes to a motorcycle path and ultimately a footpath. The 6 staff devised a plan and broke into 3 groups to be able to cover the rocky, hilly village efficiently. The village extends down to a river, up to the mountain top and meanders along the footpath leading past 2 churches. The homes are constructed of homemade, sunbaked bricks, clay shingles, sticks and mud. It took 8 hours to cover 100 homes and interview 96 villagers at their homes.



The man in the left photo is 90, his home fell down in the last rain, so he is renting this tiny place (rat infested), has no one to help him and no money. Some days he goes without water or food, sometimes his neighbors help him out. He needs our support.

We discovered that the village is the most impoverished in the District. It is the lowest village of a categorized list. We heard from the people that they were surprised we had come because they thought everyone had forgotten about them. They were happy to see the staff of Dufatanye and answer questions to determine their hierarchy of needs. Their needs are vast and many. They suffer from lack of many basic necessities, a harsh living environment and need intervention in a big way. Their soil is rocky, has boulders, and lacks proper microbes for a balanced growing environment. The stream that flows through the valley is the main source of water for drinking. There are no wells and the furthest house has a 2 ½ hour walk to collect water in jerry cans and haul it up the tall mountain. The question was asked as to why they live here, the answer was because it's where their family was living and they have no money to move to another place, much less repair the homes they are living in.



Unemployment is at 94% and 99% are farmers working the rocky land for their daily food requirements. The village consists of widows, orphans, disabled, genocide survivors and has multiple health concerns among which malaria was the #1 issue followed by worms and hypertension. 98% of the village lives without any source of power or cell reception. This means communications is through the village leader who then transfers the message to the village by foot. 48% of the population are children/youth 20 and under.



PROGRAM

Dufatanye Organization will begin the work of Village of Hope - Kabisine in March by training the community on improved agricultural practices, i.e. improved soil and agricultural practices, improved banana varieties, animal husbandry, balanced diet to fight malnutrition, savings groups, cooperative formations and trauma education.

A Saturday children's program will be established at one of the larger structures in the village to provide a child friendly and safe space for the 100 children to gather, receive a nutritious, enriched meal, fun and educational lessons (nutrition, health, trauma, Bible, culture, song, etc.).

Dufatanye plans to explore further innovative ways to support Kabisine, i.e. rainwater catchment, drip irrigation, NFI distributions, latrine improvements or construction, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, nutrition and health information, medicinal plant varieties, etc.

We thank you for your support for this highly impoverished village of fellow human beings. Consider sharing the project with your friends and family, so that we can impact lives that have lost hope.

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