

Disaster Response in the Horn of Africa

EMERGENCY RELIEF SEEDS PROGRAM

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

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1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

Donor Organizations	Help-Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe 40,000 Euros		
Implementing Organization	Kujenga Maisha East Africa (KUMEA)		
Target areas	Mwingi, Embu and Machakos in Kenya		
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2.0 ABOUT KUMEA

Kujenga Maisha East Africa (KUMEA) was established and registered in Kenya in June 2010 as an NGO for the New Apostolic Church ; East Africa District. It grew out of the Relief and humanitarian efforts of the Church that had been going on for five years. The majority of church members in East Africa live in places where HIV/AIDS and poor climatic conditions are major contributors to poverty. Kumea therefore feels duty bound to respond to the needs of these communities.

Although KUMEA is a Faith based NGO, It operates beyond the boundaries of the New Apostolic Church. It brings together people of all faiths and persuasions without discrimination. KUMEA seeks to improve the living conditions of vulnerable members of the community through developmental activities .It is a vehicle through which an organization or individual can contribute towards sustainable development in the communities of East Africa. The Objectives of KUMEA include:-

- Enhancing agricultural crop and animal yield through modern, innovative, cost effective and efficient farming techniques and improving sanitation.
- Employing agricultural extension officers to train adult Kenyans in modern farming techniques and assisting them acquire managerial skills;
- Drilling boreholes and erecting water catchments reservoirs.
- Distributing farm implements free or at subsidized cost to individual or collective members of the beneficiary community's activities and projects aimed at economic empowerment of the people within the organization's sphere of operation.

This Report covers the details of the project conducted jointly by Kumea and [Help Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe](#). The progress of the project is highlighted and the balance of funds is shown in the statement of expenditure.

3.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

In the last three decades Kenya has been experiencing annual drought that occurs between the months of June and November. The drought has led to famine in the areas of North-Eastern, Eastern, North Rift, Coastal and section of Central Provinces. 2011 was the worst year that resulted in the declaring by UN as the worst drought in 60 years.

4.0 PROJECT GOAL

- To Minimize human suffering and enhance recovery
- Foster self-sufficiency by assisting farmers with seeds and fertilizers and training them in good agricultural practices.

This project was conceived as an extension of the food aid program that had been implemented successfully in the same regions.

5.0 INTERVENTION

Kujenga Maisha East Africa (KUMEA), received funding from [Help-Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe](#), (Germany) and has distributed Maize seeds and fertilizers to 765 families in Kenya Central and Kenya East.

- Each family was expected to prepare half an acre piece of land for the project.
- The maize seeds distributed were the Hybrid Duma-43-type which are known to do very well in these regions.
- The fertilizers distributed were 25Kg of Double Ammonium Nitrate (DAP) for planting and 25 Kg of Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) for top dressing.
- Through collaboration with the Ministry of agriculture, Kumea received the assistance of extension officers who worked with the groups, training them in best agricultural practices.
- Shortly after the harvest, the farmers received assistance with storage sacks and the chemicals for preserving the cereals.
- On average every farmer harvested 6 bags of 90 Kgs each from the half acre plot.
- Unfortunately in Mwingi, the rains stopped before the crop was ready and this led to poor performance in the area.

5.1 SUMMARY OF THE INTERVENTION

Location	Farmers	Farmer's Plot area	Kgs / farmer	Fertilizer-DAP (Kgs)	Fertilizer-CAN (Kgs)
Mwingi	240	(45 x 45)m ²	5	25	25
Machakos	285	(45 x 45)m ²	5	25	25
Embu	240	(45 x 45)m ²	5	25	25
Total	765	Farmers			

6.0 LESSONS LEARNED

- The timing for distribution of the seeds and fertilizers is very critical. If possible, the first rains must find the seeds already planted.
- Farmers should be encouraged to make their own manure. Some farms which had very low fertility did not produce the best harvest possible.
- Maize planting in Mwingi is not recommended but farmers still insist on planting the same crop year after year and it fails every time. This time they almost harvested but the rains stopped two weeks earlier.

Laurence Mburu Kariuki and wife Lioce Wirimu Mburu

“The Certified seeds donated by Help were of very high yield. We appreciate the efforts by Kumea & Help”



Peter Ng'ang'a; 64 years old from Kianjuri Village

“We have learned good lessons on how to plant certified seeds. We appreciate the assistance provided by Help and Kumea”



Emma Wanjiru Ngugi

“I am very happy with seeds and fertilizers donated by Help Germany”



Mary Kanini; 68 years Old & widowed from Muvoni Village, Kathiani.

“We are very happy for the efforts from Help-Germany and we are thankful for the seeds & fertilizers”



Mary Ndolo, Mother of four and member of Uwouwo (the truth) Self Help Group; Muvoni Village, Kathiani.

“I am happy with the assistance of seeds and fertilizers from Help-Germany, I am expecting to harvest 5 bags of cereals”



Sarah Muinde; 48 years old mother of six.

“I am extremely happy with the seeds and fertilizers donated by Help-Germany. I have confidence my family will have food for the next three months”



**Sebastian Kamau; 69 years old
from Murang'a.**

“I am happy with the
emergency relief seeds from
Help-Germany”



**Peter Ndeva; 49 years old from
Kiathanini village.**

“I am happy with the
emergency relief seeds from
Help-Germany. I will appreciate
if the program can be extended
to cover more beneficiaries”



Zedekiah Mburu; 56 years old.

“There is a very big difference
between the ordinary maize
seeds and the seeds provided by
Help-Germany. I will also adopt
the farming techniques that
were taught by the extension
officers”



Samson Ngugi ; 64 years old.

“I am very grateful for the assistance. I am sure my family will have enough food for the next six months. God bless Help-Germany”



Wolfgang , Shadreck Ndeti & Wilson Ndenyele

“Thank you for playing your part in the program”



The project has largely been successful.
Thanks to the timely intervention

David Mutiso Mutisya of Machakos on his farm is 63 years old, has six children and has adopted 4 orphans from his late daughter. He said he is very happy that he will have a harvest this time around.



Mr. Mutiso receiving congratulations from John Riley of HELP Hilfe Zur Silbethylfe. Looking on is Mr. Shadrack Ndeti (The Government extension officer)



Catherine Kaleche Simon of King'ongo Village shows the farm where she planted the relief seeds.



9.0 REVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY RELIEF SEEDS PROGRAM ON 29th FEBRUARY 2012



10.0 FARMERS WERE SUPPORTED WITH STORAGE BAGS AND CHEMICALS 5th MARCH 2012



11. SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS DISTRIBUTION - EMBU



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