

REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION OF FAMINE RELIEF FOOD TO VICTIMS OF DROUGHT IN MWINGI



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Project implemented by: Kujenga Maisha East Africa



PROJECT PROFILE

Project title:	Mwingi famine relief 2017
Project duration:	One Month (1Month)
Geographical coverage:	Mwingi.
Intended Beneficiaries:	5000 Households.
Donor:	NAK-Karitativ.
Brief Outline:	The purpose of the project is to distribute Maize and beans to families affected by drought in Mwingi.
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Partner	Kujenga Maisha East Africa	Project Number:	20170-003
Project Name	Hunger Help East Africa 2017	Project Duration	2 Months
Project Leader	Dr Simon Maina	Reporting period:	2 Months

1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

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. 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.

From January 2017, the Country was affected by severe drought with an estimated 2.7 million people affected. The drought was on 10th February declared a national disaster with calls being made for aid to counter the drought that is posing a major risk to people, livestock and wildlife. The Kenya Red Cross has estimated around 2.7 million people are in need of food aid after low rainfall in October and November and the next rainy season not due before April.

KUMEA funded by NAK-Karitative implemented a relief food distribution in the month of May 2017 to 5000 households of people affected by the drought in Mwingi. The project intended to compliment the government efforts in alleviating the suffering of the drought victims by distributing relief food in Mwingi where we currently have other humanitarian activities. The locations in which the food was distributed were Mukonga, Ngomeni, Katse, Kathiani and Nuu. In each of the centres, food was distributed to 1000 households.

The food distributed is expected to last them between three weeks and a month. The short rains have already started and it is expected that the hunger situation will be very soon under control

1.2 PROJECT OBJECTIVE & PURPOSE

Overall Objective

The overall objective of the emergency relief assistance was to provide food to drought victims in Mukonga, Ngomeni, Katse, Kathiani and Nuu.

Specific objective

Reduce the hunger and loss of lives due to drought for 5000 households in Mwingi.

2.0 CHANGES OF THE SURROUNDING CONDITIONS AND PROJECT ORGANIZATION

There were not significant deviations from the planned implementation schedule save for the hardship experienced during deliveries to the identified centre because of the deterioration of the roads as a result of recent rains. This necessitated the use of lighter vehicle to one of the locations (Mukonga) because the trailer could not make it. The cost of this change was absorbed by the transporter.

The initial plan was to give each household 10kgs of Maize and 5Kgs of bean but there was a balance for food in each centre which was given to the most need.

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

3.1 ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR DISTRIBUTION

A project implementation committee comprising of government officials church leader and village elders were involved in the identification and compiling a list of the heads of household that were severely affected by the famine in their areas.

KUMEA then announced a request for quotations for 700 bags of maize and 400 bags of beans. The maize was to be repackaged into 1260 bags of 50Kg each and the beans into 1440 bags of 25Kgs each. The suppliers were also asked to quote for the cost of repackaging into the desired quantities and state the cost of transporting the food to the distribution centers.

The company that had the lowest priced quotation was contracted with providing the food packages as per the table below:

NAME OF ITEM	Weight	NO OF BAGS
MAIZE	50Kgs	1,260
BEANS	25Kgs	1,440

4.1.1 purchasing of bags of maize and beans for drought victims in Mwingi



Purchase of bags of maize for drought victims



The repackage maize and beans. The maize is in 50Kg bags. beans in 25Kgs bags

3.2 RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

KUMEA staff assisted by the area administrators, church ministers and selected beneficiaries coordinated the distribution exercise. Armed security personnel were also called for crowd control. The beneficiaries' details (name and ID number) were confirmed with the register before the food was issued to them. The food was distributed to a total of 5000 beneficiaries.

Each household was given 10kgs of Maize and 5Kgs of beans in the first round of distribution, the remainder at each centre being given to the once identified as most needy. The beneficiaries were required to come in groups of five, and they were give one bag of the 10kgs maize and one bag of the 25Kgs beans. This was to be shared equally immediately after receipt.

As per the above implementation plan, the purchase of 700 bags of maize, 400 bags of beans, their transportation and distribution was to the drought victims was successful and within the specified timeline.

The pictures below show the actual distribution of food to the beneficiaries.



Jane and David assists in offloading the food from the truck in Mukonga



Relief food distribution in Katse



Relief food distribution in Mukonga



Relief food distribution in Kasteni



Relief food distribution in Kathiani



For these group of five women, its time to share the maize and beans equally

The project funds availed were sufficient to carry out the project. The project duration was also short hence the reserve funds were not used.

3.4 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

During the project implementation, KUMEA offered the overall oversight. There was also input on the monitoring by the Mwingi public health office which had the mandate to ensure the food was fit for human consumption.

3.5 STAKEHOLDER AND PARTNERS

The project was jointly implemented with the support of the following stakeholders

- a) The local administration, chiefs and village elders played a key role in beneficiary identification, and maintaining law and order during distribution
- b) Department of public health, Mwingi/ Masii ensured strict compliance with the food requirements and regulations
- c) The local church ministers offered support in organizing the beneficiaries and in maintaining order throughout the distribution process.
- d) The community offered support in offloading the relief food and in the
- e) Suppliers for the food stuff and transport. Mwanzo Mpya Trading Company limited was competitively selected to supply the required maize and beans. In addition, they repacked the food to the desired quantities. The maize was repacked into 1260bags of 50Kgs each while the beans were repackaged into 1440 bags of 25Kg each. The bags were branded with the logos for KUMEA land the NAK-Karitativ . Transport was offered by Double Honour Company limited.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSION

4.1 ASSESSMENT OF TARGET GROUP

The relief food distribution targeted vulnerable households who did not have food as a result of the drought with the primary objective of saving lives, and preserving livelihoods. The target group was identified with the help of local church and administrative structures. During the distribution process, the elderly and disabled were

given priority The grant funds were used to purchase food and meet the associated cost of transportation and distribution of food rations to beneficiaries as well as administrative charges.

4.2 ASSESSMENT OF PROJECT RELEVANCE, EFFECTIVENESS AND COST EFFECTIVENESS

The project met its overall objective which was to contribute to the on-going efforts of the government and other humanitarian partners to mobilize resources for the emergency relief response. The costs effectiveness of the distribution was achieved by re-packaging the food into smaller bags that would be easily handled by the beneficiary hygienically. The food distributed will be able to cater for the household's main meals for between 3-4 weeks.

4.3 ASSESSMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

The overall objective of the project was to distribute relief food to populations in some locations Mwingi worst hit by drought. KUMEA has had other past interventions in the area, namely a goats keeping project and a water and sanitation project. There is however a clear need for consideration of other livelihood projects especially in the area of climate smart agriculture and promotion of growth of draught resistance indigenous crops.

4.4 CONCLUSIONS

The beneficiaries were grateful to the donor for providing funds for food distribution. They were also happy with the methodology that KUMEA and the community representatives used to identify families affected with drought.

KUMEA team found out that most of the families were in need of support of food items and also non food items. The beneficiaries requested the KUMEA team to come up with projects that would enable to empower them financially since most of them had lost all their belongings during the tribal clashes.

Based on the observations from the distribution exercise the following are the recommendations.

1. Different Small and medium income generating enterprise programs should be implemented to enable the community to be economically empowered.
2. To empower the women in Mwingi who formed the highest percentage of the vulnerable, they should be introduced to vocational skills like tailoring and table banking in order to help in their economic recovery.
3. For future emergency food distribution, further attention should to be given to women, children, the elderly and the disabled who we confirmed are the most vulnerable.

APPENDIX :

5.0 INTERVIEWS WITH THE BENEFICIARIES

AN INTERVIEW WITH A BENEFICIARY OF FOOD AID IN MALUNGUYUNI – KASTEN

The interview took place on 2nd June 2017 after victims of hunger received food in Malunguyuni.

Interviewer: Am pleased to meet you and the people of this area. What is your name?

Interviewee: Kimwele Mutua.

Interviewer: Mr. Mutua the drought here seems quite severe, what could be the cause?

Interviewee: This area has gone without rainfall for three consecutive seasons. Even our animals are now dying because of the drought, for us to get food is by God's grace.

Interviewer: What are the people doing to address the situation?

Interviewee: We have only formed groups whereby we lobby for support

from the government and well – wishers like you.

Interviewer: How long do you think this food is going to sustain you?

Interviewee: I wish to thank the donor Nak – karitativ and Kumea for this support. This food is enough to take me and my family for about 2 – 3 weeks.



Mr Kimwele Mutua could not hide his smile after receiving his portion of food

Interviewer: After the three weeks, what shall happen?

Interviewee: It is only God who knows. We shall keep on praying and we trust and believe that God will send you again to come and help us.

Interviewer: Thank you Mr. Mutua. Let us all trust that God is going to perform his miracles.

Interviewee: Thank you for helping us. God bless you.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A BENEFICIARY OF FOOD AID IN KATHIANI – TSEIKURU

The interview took place on 2nd June 2017 after victims of hunger received food in Kathiani.

Interviewer: Old man, what is your name?

Interviewee: My name is Musomba Maundu.

Interviewer: What is your denomination?

Interviewee: No, i don't go to church but i believe in God.

Interviewer: The area looks very dry, are there crops in shambas or cereals in stores?

Interviewee: My son, the situation here is pathetic, as you can see the bare land, the shambas are the same and the stores are empty. We are going without food for days.

Interviewer: Now that today you have received this food, what are your comments?

Interviewee: Truly, God is great. Thank Nak – Karitativ for this plan.

Interviewer: Now that you have received food today, how long do you think this ratio is going to sustain you?



Mr Musomba and his wife await the other members of their group to come and share the food

Interviewee: Am going to ratio the food so that it takes at least 2 weeks.

Interviewer: After two weeks, what shall be the next course of action?

Interviewee: God's servant, our future is in God's favour. We only pray that God considers us and sends us another aid.

More so, we request the church to help us in this situation.

Interviewer: Thank you Musomba for your responses. Let us trust God because everthing is possible.

Interviewee: Be blessed as you go back to Nairobi.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A BENEFICIARY OF FOOD AID IN NGOMENI

The interview took place on 2nd June 2017 after victims of hunger received food in Ngomeni.

Interviewer: My grandmother, what is your name?

Interviewee: My name is Rhoda Mwari Muli.

Interviewer: Now Rhoda, you look old and energetic, how old are you?

Interviewee: Am 76years old and happy because God has responded to my prayers.

Interviewer: The hunger seems to be so striking in this area as many people look weak. What could be the cause of the drought?

Interviewee: I thank God for Nak – Karitativ and Kumea. We have been going without food for the whole day since the rains have failed for several years. Still bandits attack in this area has been so high. The few crops which are surviving in our farms have been eaten by camels since we have fled for our security. Food commodity prices have been hiked abruptly with prices for animals going down. No rains, no food, no security and even due to lack of rains consecutively animals have nothing to feed on. As farmers of Ngomeni the conditions are not good and we thank God for this gift of food and request them to consider as next time.



M/s Rhoda Mwari during the food distribution exercise in Ngomeni

Interviewer: Now Rhoda, i sympathize with the situation. How long do you think this food is going to take you and your family?

Interviewee: You may think that this food is little by your opinion. To me this food is much for me and my family since am used to going without food. It is going to take us sustain us for the next three weeks.

Interviewer: After three weeks what shall be the next course of action?

Interviewee: My son, its only God who knows. With the prevailing prices of food commodities, i don't know where to go and the security issues in this area are too alarming. We pray that God sends "Manna" as he has done today.

Interviewer: Thank you grandmother for your offer to talk to us. God is faithful and everything is possible.

Interviewee: Thank you and God bless you in your journey.

