



"PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITIES, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES."

## One Acre to Grow

A workshop was held on teaching sustainable farming practices to over 140 individuals in Homa Bay, Kenya. One Acre Fund partnered with Kenya Works for a full day of creating awareness about home gardening, nutritional food values/benefits along with the resulting financial savings to the families. The demonstration plot used during the seminar is within the school compound and will support nutritional needs of the school community. The workshop participants are excited about how they are coming together to build community and empowerment through food security.



Farming plays a key role in solving poverty and hunger.



## REEP

We have made the trip twice to Butula, Kenya to learn of the work REEP(Rural Education and Economic Enhancement Program) does in advocacy for children and womens abuse issues. Mary Makokha, REEP founder and director, lobbys for human rights and is a voice for the unspoken, women and children alike. Mary has agreed to travel to Ongata Rongai, Kenya to lead a workshop for parents and school staff in abuse awareness and prevention, early 2014. KW's also wants to partner with REEP to provide shelter and for this vulnerable population. Your gift can make a difference!

# On the Road...

Dear Kenya Works Friends,

In October, I traveled to Kenya for 2 weeks as the new Director of Kenya Works. I was welcomed by old and new friends in my new capacity and saw numerous ways Kenya Works could help bring dignity and hope to different communities in Kenya.

While my first trip in this role, it is the 11th trip I have made to learn and work with different organizations in Kenya. I have deep connections with many people and communities through my previous travels and will look to them for collaboration and support, along with Kenya Works project manager, Cosmos Ochieng, based in Nanyuki, Kenya. I have no doubt their knowledge and friendship along with Mary, my predecessors strong project foundation, will lead us to make an even larger impact to people and their communities, in need.

Please join me in continuing the work begun by Mary as Kenya Works looks for new and powerful ways to support communities throughout Kenya. While a US based non-profit, we are listening to the communities in varying areas of Kenya and finding ways to partner for positive, empowering change.

Help us in partnering with communities to expand opportunities.

Asante sana,  
Julie Schaller-Schmidt

## Meet Cosmas

Meet Cosmas Ochieng, Kenya Works Project Coordinator



Cosmas has been a member of the Kenya Works team for the past 18 months. He holds a degree in Food Manufacturing as well as courses in Human Resource Management, Career Guidance and Counseling and has various business administration skills. He is also Director of Operations for Eco Fuels Kenya, Ltd., a for-profit social enterprise producing biofuel, organic fertilizers and plant health products from the nuts and seeds. Cosmas developed raw material collection systems that reach out to the very poor communities enabling them to generate income from locally available natural resources.

As Project Manager at Kenya Works, Cosmas has initiated many impactful programs within his local community, as well as communities throughout Kenya. Cosmas believes in education and equality for all and feels a personal responsibility to help support growth experiences that lead to sustainable futures for the people of Kenya. He leads by positive example as well as the belief that we all have the power to create positive change in our greater world. In February 2013, Forbes magazine listed Cosmas as one of "Africa's 30 under 30: Africa's Best Young Entrepreneurs". Kenya Works is proud to have him on staff.

## Hope & Dignity

At Kotonje Public School in Nyanza Province, 145 girls have been supplied and educated in the use of eco friendly reusable sanitary napkin pads.

While seemingly small in project, the outcome for the girls is monumental. School attendance is uninterrupted, allowing girls to fulfill their academic potential along with providing the Ugandan women who sewed the pads, financial independence. The girls also received panties, which were for some, their first ever pair.

Kenya Works will be supporting more girls in Kenya through this education/dignity initiative.



## Building Success

Hydraform interlocking brick making machines have proved to be one of the solutions to affordable housing in Africa. The technology cuts the cost of housing by 35%. The bricks are strong; they aren't fired which saves trees; no "mud" is used in construction. Thanks to help from the John N. Bergstrom Fund and First Presbyterian Church of Neenah, KW was able to initiate a brickmaking project that promises big rewards.

The community has agreed to a "Pay It Forward" arrangement where the profits will help pay for school fees, medical care and food for vulnerable children. An investment, which will reap, continued dividends for the community.



Bright idea for Holidays - \$30 will buy a rechargeable solar lamp for a family, so that children can do homework without the expense and fumes of kerosene lamps. Be a source of light this Holiday season.





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