



# KCDI Annual Newsletter

2013



CHANGE FOR A WHOLE VILLAGE

IN THIS ISSUE

## INTRODUCTION TO KCDI

by KCDI

### BACKGROUND

The Kasavai Community Development Initiative was founded in 2011 by Alistair Y. Amendi and Franziska Kerting, in order to promote and support community projects in Kasavai.

Alistair Y. Amendi grew up in the village. He met Franziska Kerting through Oxfam International Youth Partnership in 2010. Together they decided to found this initiative.

### VISION

The Kasavai Community Development Initiative's vision is a community where women and children's rights are respected, education is taken keenly and where people protect and conserve the environment. We envision a community where girls are given an opportunity to explore their potential as well as the boys and where there is creation of opportunities among the youth in the community.

### MISSION

The Kasavai Community Development Initiative's (KCDI) mission is to support children's education, women's rights, youth participation in issues

involving the community as well as to spearhead the community development.

### OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of KCDI is to support further development in Kasavai village to accomplish the future vision of a fully developed Kasavai village in which women and men have equal rights and access to resources, people live in harmony with the environment and all people have equal life opportunities through education.

The sub-objective of KCDI includes the following:-

1. Creation of awareness on domestic violence and how to stop it
2. Promotion of education to children and youth
3. Creation of awareness on reproductive health especially to girls.
4. Promotion of income generating activities to youths
5. Creation of awareness on sustainable utilization of natural resources and conservation of environment.
6. Promotion of women and children rights.
7. Raise funds on the purpose of KCDI



### Sponsorship Program

An update on the latest and ongoing beneficiaries in the child sponsorship program



### Works by KCDI and Its Partners

An update on the programs KCDI has managed to do through the support of its group and individual partners



### Volunteer Program

Irrigation Report and Computer Training.

## New Beneficiaries on the Sponsorship program

by KCDI

This year, KCDI through the support of its well-wishers has managed to support the education of more kids....

### HALIMA NAVALAYO

Halima Navalayo is our new beneficiary on child sponsorship program, great thanks to **Sandy Foster** and **Brenda Holbein** who have agreed to sponsor her in pursuing her nursing training. Halima father died before she was born and the mother died when she was 5yrs. She lived with her grandmother who also died in 2008. She was taken up by her uncle who saw her through her high school education. However, the uncle only buys and sales domestic animals which is the lowest business in rural Kenya. She managed to excel in her high school despite all the hardships she went through but she could not get her papers due to outstanding fee balance. Thanks to Sandy and Brenda, she will be able to get her papers and join university.

### HADASSAH

KCDI got to know about Adasa's case through a

Hadasa is a brilliant 13 year old with a dream of one day becoming a journalist. Because of the free primary education, she has been able to study up to class eight, where she's sitting for her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) this year. She is very hardworking and her teachers see a lot of potential in her.

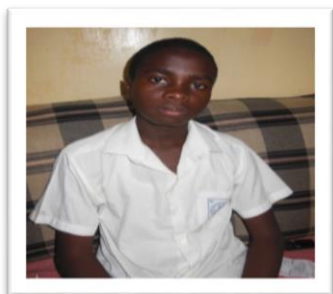
However, Adasa is worried that she might not be able to proceed to secondary education since the well wisher who took her in will not manage to pay for her secondary education.

For Adasa, finding a sponsor would mean renewed hope; a chance and an opportunity to be someone who will be in a position to help other orphans and vulnerable children like her



## Beneficiaries Already On the Program

By KCDI



*Khubeib Asena*

### KHUBEIB ASENSA

Khubeib Asena is a very talented young boy from Kasavai village. FHe was the best player in his primary school team. Asena was able to perform really well in primary school. Unfortunately his parents were not able to pay for his high school education. Nevertheless with the help from Hope2Kenya, KCDI was able to find a sponsor for him. Now he is in High school on a full scholarship. There he is the captain of the high school football team and is again performing really well in school, he is now in form three

has been in a special thanks to Cathy from Hope2Kenya.

### ANN LIVOI

KCDI was able to secure the funds for Anne Livoi to join high school. Anne is now 16 years and her family is living under really hard conditions. Anne is now joining form Two and she has been performing very well. Thanks to Donna Lowe, Anne might realize her dreams of becoming a judge.



*Ann Livoi*

### TREVOR SAGALA

KCDI came across Treva Sagala the first time in April 2011 at the Membership Meeting of KCDI. Treva was born deaf, but even though he was not able to speak he showed to be a very clever boy, who captured new things very easily. He was drawing pictures a piece on paper during the meeting. His mother was really desperate, because she was not able to send him to school because of his disability. Since Jan 2012, Trevor



*Trevor Sagala with Executive Secretary  
Alistair Y. Amendi*

# Ann Livoi on Girls Program by Muthaa Community Development Foundation

by KCDI



were trained on hygiene, drugs and alcohol, love, sex and relationships and on how to get organized to reach their goals and a lot more. The training was organized in a way that different mentors were speaking to the girls. KCDI Executive Secretary Alistair Y. Amendi and Programme Officer Franziska Kerting were also part of the mentor group and got the chance to observe Anne's development during the Nufaisha training and she was definitely not the same as they had

brought her on the first day. The highlight was when Sharon was singing a song on HIV/AIDS at the finally graduation diner. KCDI would like to thank the Muthaa Community Development Foundation (MCDF) for giving Anne the chance to participate in the Nufaisha. Anne promised to share the information she got with her peers in school and in the Kasavai village.

Anne got the chance to participate at the Nufaisha Girls Programme of the Muthaa Community Anne got the chance to participate at the Nufaisha Girls Programme of the Muthaa Community Development Foundation. During the week in Nairobi she got training on everything a teenage girl needs to know. They



## WORKS BY KCDI AND ITS PARTNERS

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### Adult Education Program

16 year old Canadian girl Abby Thompson had a vision to support women in rural Kenya, to acquire the education that they were denied due to gender discrimination, early marriage, pregnancy or poverty. Therefore she initiated an adult education programme where women can learn how to read and write.

The programme started on 8th July with 10 women participating. After starting the programme, there was a rise in demand for the classes immediately so that 15 additional women joined the programme while sponsoring themselves. The new students are taught three days a week for three hours in the evening.

### General and Medical Eye Clinic by Hope2Kenya

Most people in the Kasavai village are not able to get their eye sight or general health checked, as the health sector especially for rural people still very expensive. Most people treat themselves with traditional medicine that might not provide a cure for their diseases. Further, problems with eye sight is especially hard to tackle in the rural areas due to lack of facilities that take care of this.

Hope2Kenya organized a General and Medical



Eye Clinic with KCDI, where Over 200 people were given full eye check up and those found with defects were given free eye glasses. Another 300 people were given medicine in the general clinic.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

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### Computer training

KCDI represented by Volunteer Marcus Mierzwik started computer training for the Upendo Youth Group. During this time, 6 youth were trained on MS Office as well as internet functions.

After the workshop, KCDI Volunteer Marcus handed out the certificates for successful participants in the KCDI Computer Training. During the workshop members of the

Upendo Youth Group were trained on MS Office and Internet.

The participants shall later function as trainers in the KCDI Community Resource Center that shall be constructed in the near future. KCDI really appreciates the good work done by Marcus and hopes

### Irrigation Research

As a second assignment Marcus conducted a irrigation research on the newly established

irrigation system in Kasavai village. It examines the potential of the irrigation system. The report can be downloaded on our website.



## Thank You for the Support!

KCDI would like express its appreciation for the great support it received from various donors and friends. A special thanks goes to Hope to Kenya, which contributed to KCDI's success, we hope to continue the cooperation in the future. Another thanks goes to MCDF. We hope to continue to work with MCDF on future projects. A special thanks also goes to our volunteer Marcus. The people really enjoyed spending time with him and we enjoyed working with him.

The KCDI Team

# Kasavai

Community  
Development  
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## Happy New Year!

We wish all our supporters a Happy New Year 2014! We hope everyone has a blessed 2014 with lots of new challenges and new achievements. We hope also in 2014, you will not forget about KCDI and the people of Kasavai.

Lots of new things are planned in 2014. The year will start with a new volunteer in the village that will conduct a baseline survey in the village. The baseline shall identify the main challenges of the people in Kasavai and will build the foundation of a strategic plan that will be developed by Kasavai to bring the organization on the next level through long term planning.

Other exciting new projects are planned around gender and agriculture. We are recruiting new volunteers and try to build partnerships with international volunteer agencies, to allow a constant flow of new volunteers. New volunteer positions will be published on our website.

KCDI will further try to increase its networks with other nongovernmental organisations in Kenya to profit from comparative advantages of these other organisations. We further hope to deepen our relationships with Hope2Kenya and MCDF, who were already a great support in 2013.

We hope to be able to finish our long-planned community resource center in 2014, to allow villagers access to internet and other resources.

So, 2014 is going to be exciting and we hope you are going to accompany us throughout the year with your Support.

The KCDI Team

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Awesome videos of our work can also be found on YouTube.

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