

JIFUNZE INTERNATIONAL

ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024

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MISSION

Our mission is to encourage, engage and equip vulnerable adults and children living in high risk situations. Teaching them to understand how to protect themselves from physical or emotional harm. Developing confidence and skills which will lead to self actualisation.

VISION

Our vision is that all vulnerable adults and children living in high-risk situations will be encouraged, engaged and equipped with knowledge and skills to relieve poverty and stress while improving their health and wellbeing.



VALUES

JUSTICE

The cornerstone of our work is ensuring everybody is treated equally, and with respect and dignity



INTEGRITY

We strive to be honest, transparent and accountable in all our work.

FAIRNESS

Our work will reflect fair processes and practices for everyone involved

UNDERSTANDING

Of cultural diversity, and awareness of the differences and similarities in everyone's lived experience



NON-PROFIT

100% of our project fundraising goes to supporting projects

ZEALOUS

Passion and energetic desire drives our commitment to our projects

EMPATHY

Our focus is on maintaining sensitivity to the importance of humanity in everybody we meet



VICTORIA'S REPORT

The last 12 months have been a whirl wind. We have seen one of our biggest programs close and a new set of adventures begin. I would first like to start by acknowledging our food program and its supporters Rotary eClub One and Tai Sang giving back for all their support over the course of our free meal program.

When we started this program I didn't realise the path that you had set us on but it is one of so much reward albeit with its own challenges. Last year we started the food program and served over 117,000 meals. The program sadly came to an end due to a violent incident where someone lost their life. Out of respect for everyone involved I won't go into the details.

Since then we have shifted the program and we have a number of boys engaging in activities that will help them live productive and healthy lifestyles long term.

It is such a pleasure to be part of the positive change that we are seeing in their lives. I look forward to what the next 12 months does for them.

We also took time to support the community. We provided first aid training to all the ambulance drivers and community members in Kajiado. We worked with Rotary eClub of Outback Australia and Cairns Trinity as well as District 9560 to support the hospital with 27 pieces of medical equipment for the New Born Baby Unit. A clean water system and new roof was built on the Prison kitchen thanks to Kay and Scott Ehrenberg. We shared our left over food pack items with 51 families who are suffering the effects of HIV. A local school benefited from sporting equipment and our days for girls distributions continued. We sponsored local bus drivers to Nairobi for specialised driving lessons aimed at reducing accidents. Jesse continued with medical college and our school garden programs continued by sharing fresh produce with vulnerable children.

We ensured that our governance was in order both in Australia and Kenya. Cynthia and I were grateful to attend training NGO board training to understanding our filing requirements overseas.

I was very fortunate to be able to present the Jifunze International story at the Rotary District 9560 conference. We also had a booth in the house of friendship and the opportunity to be featured a number of times in their newsletter which gave more time to better explain our projects.

The local Kenyan government shared our project on their social media, we were featured in an Irish online newspaper. We hosted a booth at the Rotary International Convention in Singapore.

I want to thank you all for your love and support. Without you and the funding that you share with us none of this would be possible. We have a full payment report which is available on the ACNC website. If you would like any clarification I am happy to assist.

Victoria Porter - Founder and CEO Jifunze International

ENSURING GOOD CULTURE WITHIN OUR TEAM

AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WE HANDED OUT A NUMBER OF AWARDS INCLUDING A VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD FROM ROTARY E CLUB ONE TO OUR CHAIRMAN ROBERT FOR HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION AS A PHOTOGRAPHER. ROBERT DOUBLES AS OUR PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEOGRAPHER. TO IMPROVE HIS VOCATION HE RECEIVED DRIVING LESSONS.



VICTORIA AND CYNTHIA WENT TO A WEEKEND OF NGO BOARD TRAINING IN MOMBASSA AND THEN CYNTHIA CONDUCTED STAFF TRAINING FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM TO ENSURE THEY ARE ACROSS NGO BOARD STANDARDS

OVER EASTER WE HOSTED A PARTY WITH A NUMBER OF THE BOYS FROM THE FOOD PROGRAM THE STAFF AND KENYAN BOARD MEMBERS - WE HAD A ROUGH FEW MONTHS WITH MANY PEOPLE SICK AND HOSPITALISED SO IT WAS NICE TO ENJOY SOME TIME TOGETHER.



ON NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY WE CAME TOGETHER WITH SOME OF THE BOYS FROM OUR FOOD PROGRAM TO PLANT BANANA TREES IN ATHI RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE HAVE ALSO STARTED TEAM MEMBER OF THE QUARTER AWARDS WITH NANCY WINNING IN ROUND ONE, ONESMUS IN ROUND TWO, QUARTER 3 WE DIDNT HAVE AWARDS DUE TO STAFF SICKNESS AND CLOSING OUT THE YEAR

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNANCE

At Jifunze International we work hard to ensure good governance standards. This starts with a focus on understanding the needs of the communities in which we work, and ensuring our staff training lies within the framework set out by the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC). We understand the need to work closely with our sponsors and keep them informed on project progress and management of their donations. We identify and manage risks both at home and abroad. When working overseas we understand the importance of careful decision making when entering into third party agreements.

This report outlines the governance practices and policies that have been implemented to ensure Jifunze International's foundation stays strong into the future and we remain compliant with the ACNC Governance and External Conduct Standards.

Board Members and Staff Training

The Board and staff of Jifunze International have undergone a range of training this year, to enhance their understanding of governance responsibilities. This training has covered a wide range of topics, including:

- Becoming a Charity Board Member – What you should know
- Governing a registered charity in Australia
- Reporting obligations of a charity Part A and B
- Fraud prevention and financial management
- Governance Standards Part A and B

As an organisation we prioritise the online learning programs and webinars made available by the ACNC. These programs are designed to support leadership and accountability within charities such as Jifunze International.

Policies and Compliance

Once again, we have been reviewing and updating all Jifunze International policies and procedures, ensuring each is aligned with the governance standards set by the ACNC and ensuring their continued relevance and effectiveness in our practices.

Understanding the needs of the community is where every project starts and this year amongst others, we have updated our project approval processes. Procedural changes saw the stricter adherence to a robust needs assessment and introduction of a 3-month review of existing projects and the presentation of new proposals.

This change in practice ensures tighter project monitoring and improved financial management strategies.

Membership with the Australian Council of International Development (ACFID)

Our goal over the next 18 months is to become a member of the Australian Council of International Development (ACFID), which is the peak body for Australian non-government organizations (NGOs) involved in international development and humanitarian action.

Becoming a member of ACFID will provide several benefits for Jifunze International, including:

1. Access to a network of NFP organizations and professionals, facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboration.
2. Adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which sets high standards for ethical, accountable, and effective aid and development practices.
3. Increased credibility and recognition within the international development sector, both locally and globally.
4. Eligibility for funding opportunities and partnerships that may be restricted to ACFID member organizations.
5. Opportunities for professional development and capacity-building through ACFID's training and resources.

By joining ACFID, Jifunze International will demonstrate its commitment to upholding the highest standards of governance and ethical practices, further strengthening its position as a trusted and respected organization in the international development arena. By prioritizing good governance, we ensure that we effectively pursue our mission and create lasting positive impact in the communities we serve.

Roberta Porter - Australian Governance Director



FUNDRAISING



\$8913.71

**INCLUDING JESSE'S SCHOLARSHIP FROM
PORT OF TOWNSVILLE ROTARY CLUB**



**ROTARY CLUB OF DARWIN SUNRISE \$500
LITCHFIELD PALMERSTON ROTARY CLUB \$500
TOWNSVILLE MONTESORRI -
DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR COMMUNITY GARDENS**



**ROTARY DISTRICT GRANT \$4000
ROTARY ECLUB OUTBACK AUSTRALIA \$500
ROTARY CLUB CAIRNS TRINITY BEACH \$500
DONATED TO COMPLETE NBU PROJECT**



**ROTARY E CLUB ONE
SPONSORSHIP OF ROBERTS VOCATIONAL SERVICE
AWARD AND DRIVING LESSONS - \$500**





FUNDRAISING



RIVERSIDE GARDENS PHARMACY DONATED \$5000
TOWARDS OUR FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAMS

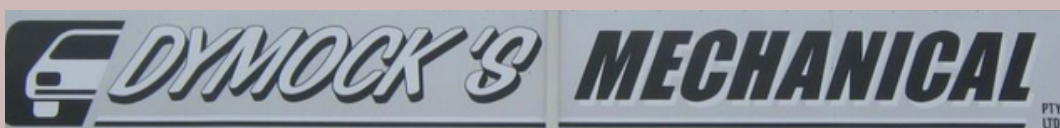
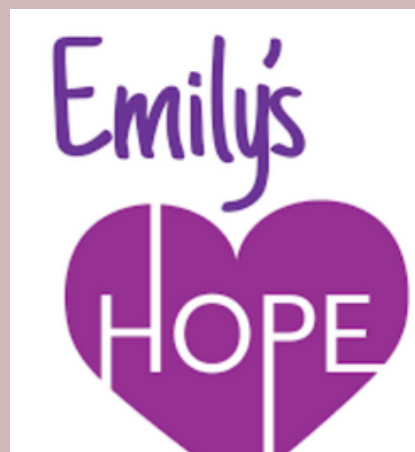


TAI SANG DONATED
TOWARDS OUR FOOD
PROGRAMS

TOWNSVILLE MONTESSORI
DONATED TOWARDS OUR
GARDEN PROJECTS



THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES DONATED TOWARDS OUR GENERAL ACCOUNT



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FUNDRAISING

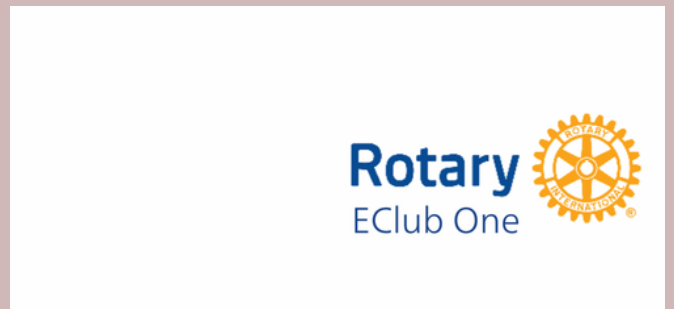


DISTRICT GOVERNOR PRATH AND THE TEAM DONATED \$1000 AND A FOLLOWING \$3000 AFTER VICTORIA AND ROBERTS PRESENTATION AT THE D9560 CONFERENCE



ROSS RIVER ROTARY CLUB DONATED \$1000 TOWARDS GENERAL PROJECTS

ROTARY E CLUB ONE DONATED \$6500 USD TOWARDS OUR FOOD PROGRAM KITCHEN PROJECT



THANK YOU
YOUR SPONSORSHIP ENSURES
OUR PROJECTS SUCCESS



MARKETING



We created numerous social media posts with comprehensive photo and video footage including two video series one on First Aid and the second on our medical equipment distribution which were shown on Facebook and Instagram.

Our founder Victoria and board member Cynthia spoke at Rotary meetings including cluster and club meetings in Kenya, in Singapore at Rotary E Club One's annual dinner, and the District 9560 conference.



Victoria also visited clubs across Townsville including the Rotary Club of Townsville, Mundingburra, Thuringowa Central, Ross River and Port of Townsville.



We had an article published in the Armaghi in Northern Ireland and were also featured on the Department of Health Services Kajiado County's Facebook page.



We had articles about our new born project, Jesse our medical student, our first aid training and our drought relief program.

We also had a booth at both the Rotary Singapore International Convention and the District 9560 Conference in Darwin with posters showcasing our partnerships.



ARMAGHI.COM

Armagh native 'Down Under' tells how her charity is providing vital health training in Kenya



FOOD PACKS FOR HIV PATIENTS



Last year we distributed food packs to drought affected communities. This year due to some protests which caused school closures we had a surplus of food for our school program heading into the holidays and by adding a few items and veggies from the garden we were able to offer 20 packs to patients from Kitengela Hospital, 20 packs to Isinya Hospital and 11 to GK Prison Dispensary.

Each pack contained flour, rice, beans, oil, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, sugar, salt, chai and milk.

We worked with the health department and local Community Health Volunteers's to find the most needy people

who at times are missing out on taking their medication due to a lack of food. Victoria and Doreen visited 85% of homes with some packs remaining at the facilities for collection.

The food distribution was across two seperate days.

Given the food we had in storage the additional cost of putting together the packs was \$790.45.

Pictured Grace (Isinya Hospital Community Health Volunteer) and Doreen (JI)



DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING

BUS AND AMBULANCE DRIVERS



In the first quarter of the year we were approached by the Kaijado County Government to offer training for the ambulance staff in defensive driving.



We entered 12 participants into the program, 8 ambulance drivers and 4 bus drivers. These drivers attended five days of training at Kenya Institute Of Highways & Building Technology.



The participants were able to extend their education in mechanics for any breakdowns on the road, this allowed them to understand how to deal with the car when it was overheating, transmission issues along side a host of other mechanical problems.



They were also given tools to assist them to ensure they did not panic in unexpected road blocks, or when cars suddenly stopped in front. This training allowed the vehicle to come to a stop without injuring passengers onboard.



They were given the opportunity to see and appreciate the road rules in other countries and therefore tailor their driving style to ensure better safety for all on the roads.

These participants also joined in first aid training with St Johns.

JAMI BORA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION

Last year (22/23), we visited Jamii Bora High School after a request from a local community health volunteer.

We gave every girl in the school a reusable sanitary kit and asked the boys what they felt was needed in the school. We had a number of requests including sporting equipment.

In late August we went back to the school with a safety box for the equipment fitted with a padlock, soccer balls, volleyballs, badminton rackets and shuttlecocks, nets, soccer goals, skipping ropes, red and yellow cards, ball pumps, cones and juggling balls. The project cost \$660.09 with transport and snacks for all students included in this price.



GK PRISON

WATER CHLORINATION SYSTEM

We not only aim to improve the quality of life for our beneficiaries, we hope to help our employees develop. With this in mind we were grateful to have received a micro loan from the Ehrenberg family before the passing of our staff member Karis for his carpentry business.

Karis joined the Jifunze team following his time as an inmate in GK Prison. Given his untimely death we decided to do something in his memory with the money. We approached the Officer In Charge and Public Health Rep from the compound and asked where the funds could be best used to improve the health and wellbeing of the inmates.

They had previously been donated a chlorination system to ensure the water was clean from bacteria for the inmates to use, however they had never been able to install it due to the missing installation parts. The officers and inmates installed the machine and we were given special permissions to enter the prison though out the process.



ROOF ON THE KITCHEN

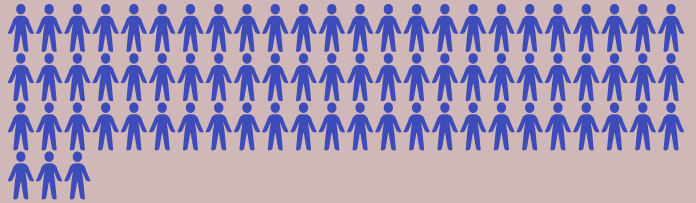
We had some funds left over and this allowed us to improve the kitchen's roofing at the Prison.

The roof was in major disrepair and caused issues for hygienically preparing food. The inmates in the building team built the roof, the before and after pictures are available for your viewing.

It was close to Christmas and so we also sent some bales of Chapatti flour so that the inmates could share chapattis on Christmas Day.



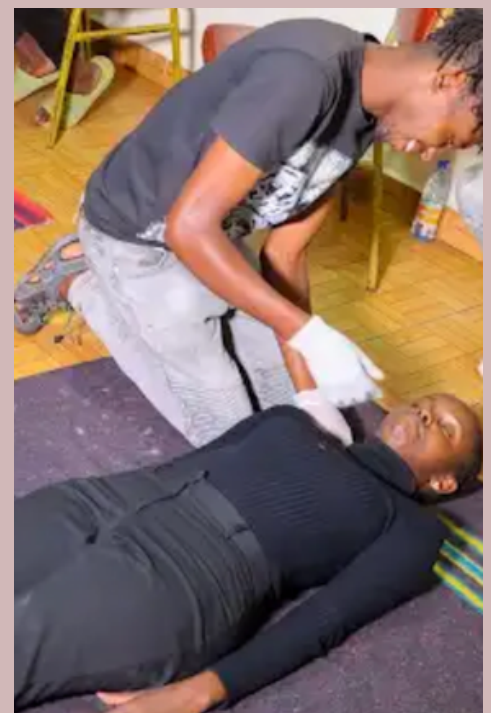
FIRST AID FACILITATED BY ST JOHNS



We have educated 75 people in First Aid. This included 41 in Quarter One, 17 in Quarter Two and 18 in Quarter Three.

The training sessions were located in Zulu Hotel, Kitengela, Kibo Slopes Hotel, Loitoktok and Sunstar Hotel, Nairobi. The participants included Ambulance and bus drivers from Kajiado, boys from our food program, community volunteers and others.

Each participant received snacks and lunch, in some cases they were transported to the venue. Every person took away a personal first aid kit and bus drivers received kits for their buses.





FOOD PROGRAM



The food program started off well in the earlier part of the financial year with 16,190 meals served in quarter one. An additional 885 meals were served in quarter 2.

Unfortunately after a change of location we were faced with some challenging circumstances in which a violent attack took place. We want to pay our respects to the family members of the boy who lost his life.

For the remainder of 2023 we closed down the program and took the participants offsite for their Christmas Party which we held at the Scouts Hall in Kibera.

As the new year opened we worked to look for a safe and secure piece of land within the area but are yet to find one. We have attempted a land purchase which we decided not to pursue when members of our team fell sick.

We will continue with our search for safe and useful land but in the mean time we have been catching up with the boys regularly to ensure we keep an open dialogue with them and have sent some to driving school, assisted them with getting their ID's and some have entered more tailored education.



FOOD PROGRAM

EDUCATION EXTENSION



TERRANCE

Terrance is currently in his second semester of Catering at Vision Empowerment Training College. He is fully enjoying the experience and is cooking for the other boys on a daily basis.

CHARLES AND JAMES

Both Charles and James have taken 15 theory and practical driving lessons and then completed their test. Both passed on their first time. Charles has completed the process and is currently holding his smart card license.



BERNARD

Bernard is a highly talented artist and has been studying at Lithiums school of art. Lithium is a street artist who organises and designs buses. Bernard has been working on some of these.

OMAR

Omar has also been enrolled in Vision Empowerment Training College and he is studying plumbing. Omar is currently working on Saturday doing house cleaning.



SHABAN

Shaban is enrolled in Tunapanda institute school. He is currently doing his ICT course working on computer software. The course is for 6 weeks and it has been incredibly beneficial to Shaban to gain these skills as he hopes to support his brother with them in future.

YASSIN

Yassin has been working at the local laundry near Victoria's home. We are hoping this will develop his confidence and language skills to assist him in future education.



KAIJADO REFERRAL - NEW BORN UNIT



We worked with Alex Kilowa the CEC (Minister) of Health from Kaijado County and Dr Fredrick Ayaya the Chief Superintendent of Kaijado Referral Hospital in partnership with their nursing team led by Anne.

These connections allowed us to get a comprehensive list of material and child health based equipment for the referral hospital. This hospital is the main referral hospital for Kaijado county and assists people who travel very large distances for major health assistance. Patients who cannot be assisted there are transferred to Nairobi for assistance.

Due to other donors in the area we changed our order to accommodate the needs of the hospital.

Following the delivery of the equipment we hosted a lunch and learning session with the doctors and nurses from the New Born Baby Unit - education was provided by the equipment suppliers Harley's Limited.

SHOPPING LIST

- 1x Fm-9000 Plus Fetal/Maternal Monitor
- 4x Nebulizer
- 2x Suction Unit Sam 14 (Mobile Unit)
- 4x Bp Machine Child BP machine with cuff
- 2x Im3S Vital Signs Monitor
- 2x Heavy Duty Aluminium Wheelchair
- 3x Hospital Bed Manual Two Crank
- 4x H100B Pulse Oximeter With Battery Charger Stand
- 2x Spo2 Sensor Child
- 3x Pd-100 Plus Sono Trax Basic

SPECIAL THANKS

The Ede Family and the attendees of our High Tea
Emily's Hope
Rotary E Club Outback Australia
Trinity Beach Rotary Club
D9560 - District Grant Committee

TOTAL COSTS

\$16,753.12

This included the cost of the equipment, lunch during training and transport



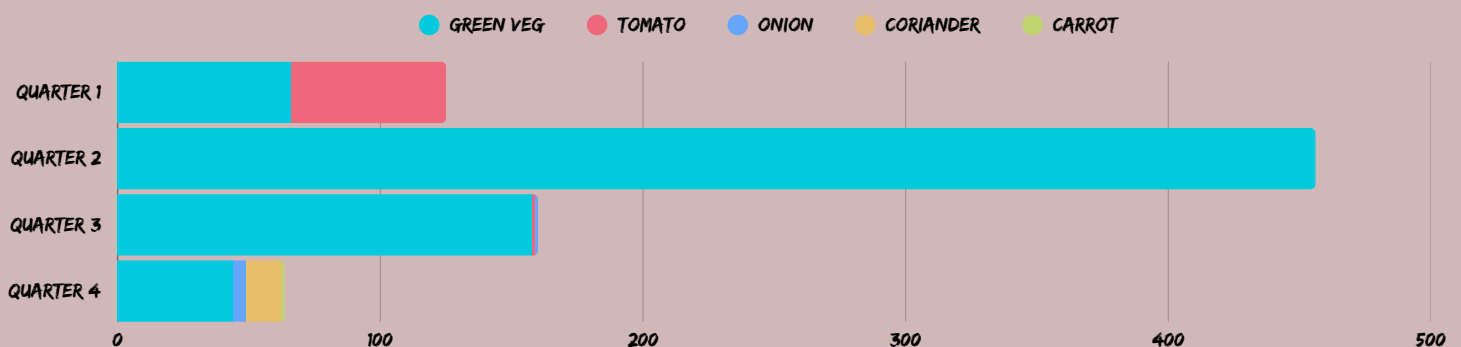
TOWNSVILLE MONTESSORI ATHI RIVER SCHOOL GARDEN

As we all desperately waited for the rains Athi River was lucky enough to have an irrigation system.

Unfortunately we did have some staff turn around in the middle of the year which affected the gardens harvest numbers, in the later part of the year.

Athi River has also had a number of break ins over the course of the last 12 months, which have been very disappointing for all involved. One break in involved an assault on a security guard who we sent a care package to after the incident. Currently we are looking at ways to make the area safer including flood lighting over the space at night.

During the flooding due to the low level of this farm there was significant water damage but we are currently working to replant the area with seeds and create our own seed beds once again. Due to flooding over mass land areas finding seedlings has been a challenge. We are working with local vendors to find what is required and Victoria carried some small needs from Australia for planting.

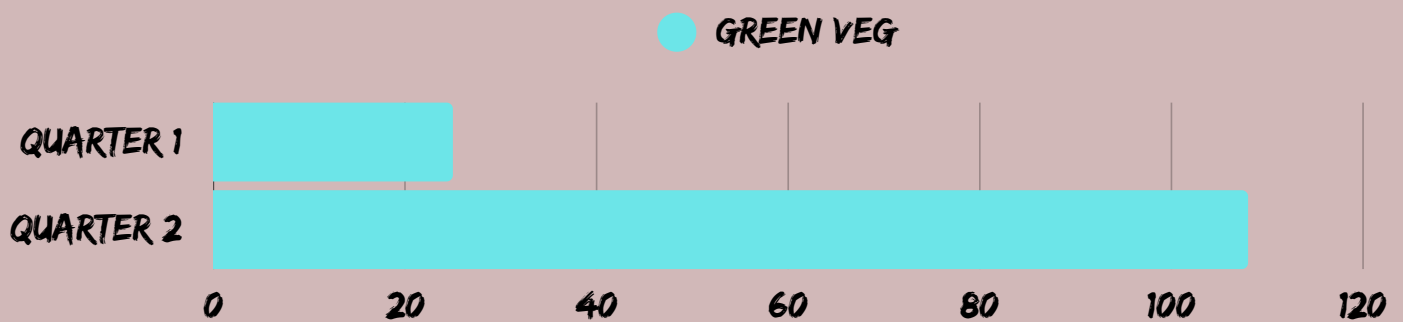


Left: Boys from school helping out on National Tree Planting Day
Right Mama Cynthia Lead Gardener Athi River

NOONKIRPIR SCHOOL GARDEN

Unfortunately, our garden in Noonkirpir was short lived. The school had their water turned off which meant there was no supply to the gardens. The school was not in a position to fund water for the garden and whilst we assisted at the start bringing in water bowsers the cost became unsustainable.

If the school gets their water reconnected this is something that we could look at continuing in the future. As the current head teacher is very passionate about this project.



GK GARDEN

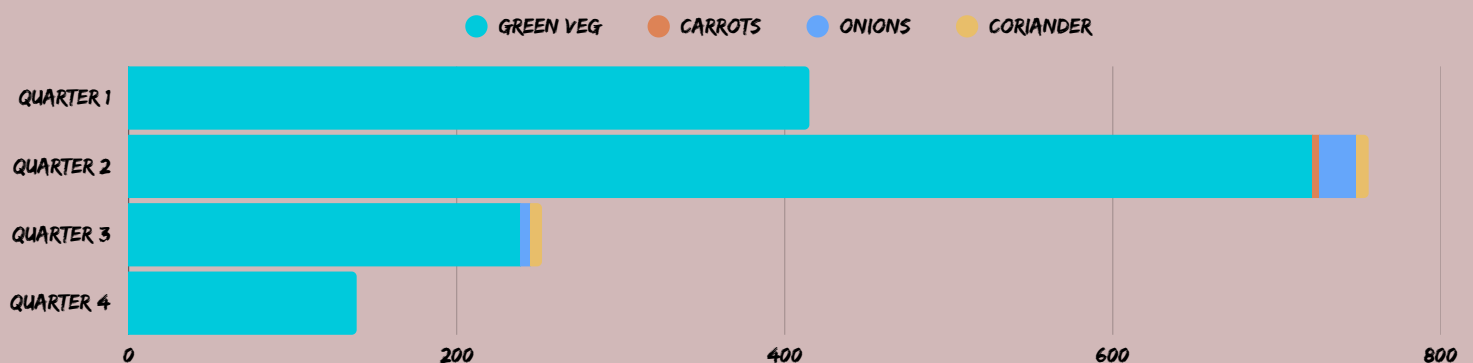
GK Garden has also seen it's own highs and lows but due to the high level of land on which it sits it was not as badly affected by the flooding as the water drained away from the area.

This farm has had a number of water issues in the past but has had only a little disruption this year. Nancy has done an outstanding job and we saw our first harvest of bananas from the garden although it was only five bunches. It leaves hope for the other trees which have since been planted.



GK garden also harvest a small number of carrots and other veg.

Pictured: Nancy Garden Lead GK Prision Primary



JESSE - MEDICAL SCHOOL

SPONSORED BY PORT OF TOWNSVILLE

ROTARY CLUB



Hello everyone,

I hope everyone at Port of Townsville is keeping well.

I am very grateful for the opportunity and chance to be in medical school and so I wanted to ensure that I have kept you updated well.

It is through your support that I am able to study and focus on my education. Currently, I have been able to learn a lot from class including;

1. Taking blood pressure, pulse rate and body temperature.
2. Basic examination of the physical body system which include the Respiratory system, Cardiovascular system and Abdominal examination.
3. We have learned to take the patients biodata, past medical history, history of past illness, family history and social history.

Outside class I was lucky to have received a pass to the training hospital usually reserved for second years,

through this opportunity I was able to witness and be a part of;

- Giving out medication under supervision of qualified practitioners in wards.
- Inserting the Intravenous cannula (the needle into the vein in your arm or hand for medication to be delivered via drip) this was experienced in the casualty department
- The delivery of Intramuscular medicine [medication given via needles through the muscles].

Though there have been some challenges, like trying to adjust to the new environment and to get to learn significant content from the lecturers, I have been able to adjust quickly so that I can keep up with my peers.

We did our first Continuous Assessment Test at the beginning of March though I was slightly distracted because one of my friends lost his life and I travelled for the burial, I did the exams and have shared the marks with Victoria to give to you.

One of the things I have been able to do very well is to learn some skills from the hospital. I have been able to practice on some patients in hospital successfully. This keeps me motivated, to go there many times and during the weekends so that I can learn more.

I have been able to learn a new study skill called the active recall [this is writing question on what the lecturer is talking about and trying to answer the questions after the lesson] which I have been practicing in the last week.

This assists me to recall all we have been taught in class.

I am hoping to continue doing well in my studies.

Thank you very much for your kind support, were it not your support, I would have not gone this far.

Thank you once again and may God bless you all.

Kind Regards, Jesse

DAYS FOR GIRLS DISTRIBUTIONS

At the beginning of the financial year we held off on continuing with the distribution of pads due to a continued drought. We felt that due to the need of clean water to wash the pads it was best not to share them when clean water was in such short supply and at a time where people's health was at an all time low. Meaning that they may experience infections easier if they have not correctly washed the kit.

When we established places with appropriate water supply we were happy to proceed with small groups of girls and so we distributed 56 kits in Kijiji a slum in Nairobi not far from Kariobangi. Following that we distributed 113 to the girls in the local high school in Magadi. Magadi is in west Kajiado and we travelled through a salt factory to a township where the girls from two local schools gathered to hear the education and receive their kits.





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