



Creating **Opportunities** for
Impoverished Communities to **Thrive**



2015 Annual Report

Dear Kageno Supporter,

Thanks to you, 2015 was an exciting year for Kageno. We grew our feeding program dramatically, increased the number of community members with access to clean water for drinking and cooking, continued educating nursery school students, and provided thousands of vaccinations in two communities in Kenya and one community in Rwanda.

When we first started work in Banda Village in Rwanda, water-borne illnesses such as hookworm and giardia were rampant. In 2009, the Krickett and Randal Goss water project provided the central area of the community with easy access to clean water. Thanks to partnership with the Peace Corps and World Connect, this year we were able to add two extensions to that existing infrastructure, doubling the number of people in the area with access to clean water from about 5,000 to 11,000.

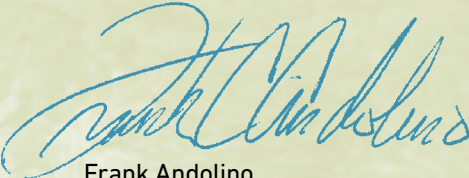
We have been working with Table for Two since 2010, to provide food to our nursery school students in all three locations. In 2014, our discussions with them shifted to the greater problem of malnutrition in the surrounding communities and, with their help, we nearly doubled the number of students we were feeding in 2015 by providing meals to the older primary school students at schools in all three communities. We feed over 3500 students almost every day across our three locations. Some students receive two meals a day. In 2016, we will be feeding 4150 students almost every day. Many of these students receive very little food beyond what we provide and some do not receive any other food, so we are especially grateful to be able to provide them this essential nourishment.

In Rwanda, we conducted an impact assessment in the summer of 2015 and are working now to compare that data to our baseline survey taken in 2008. This comparison will show us which of our programs are working well and which are not meeting our goals, allowing us to restructure or cancel the programs that are not performing to our expectations. As part of the impact assessment, we held structured conversations with community groups and learned that overall, our work in education, health care and in providing employment are viewed as positive impacts within the community.

In 2016 we are continuing our essential education and agricultural and nutrition programs. We hope to expand the health care we are able to provide in Banda and are looking at additional changes we can make to our programs to increase the health and well being of the communities overall.

We look forward to your ongoing support to help make change in these three communities. We could not do this without you.

Sincerely,



Frank Andolino

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Support:	\$322,419
Total Expenses Kenya:	\$180,792
Total Expenses Rwanda:	\$182,624
Other General Relief:	\$16,550
Total Expenses Worldwide:	\$18,743

Kenya

Education	\$129,565
Environment	\$11,660
Project Management	\$22,780
Total	\$164,005

Rwanda

Education	\$100,088
Environment	\$548
Construction Project Management	\$65,105
Total	\$165,741



A thriving **natural environment** can be a developing community's most valuable **asset**



Environment

When Kageno first arrived in each of these three communities, many of the most pressing issues centered around the health of the environment as reflected in the health of the community. In order for the community members to be healthy, they must have access to clean water and nutritious food.

When Kageno Rwanda first began operations, we focused on ensuring that a large portion of the community had access to clean water and we invested heavily in completing a clean water project for the central village. In 2015, our partnership with World Connect and the Peace Corps expanded that clean water project to the more distant reaches of the community, nearly doubling the number of people with access to fresh, clean water.

HIGHLIGHTS

Rwanda:

- Installed 5000 meters of pipe and 18 water taps providing 11,619 people with access to clean water
- Over 2300 kg of vegetables grown and distributed

Kenya:

- 258 trees planted
- 494 seedlings prepared

In Kenya, where the water issues are less pressing, we focused more of our energy in 2015 on planting trees and building or expanding gardens near both of our schools to provide jobs for community members and ensure an ongoing source of fresh vegetables for the community.

In all three communities, we have been implementing crop diversification and innovative agricultural practices in order to increase the variety of foods we are growing and to provide

opportunities to earn income through the sale of crops beyond what is used for our feeding programs.



Kageno, "A Place of Hope", was conceived in response to the ravages of AIDS on the communities. The three communities we chose had all been underserved in terms of health care. Kageno is able to ensure that basic health needs are met, and that community members have the information they need to take ownership of their own health.

In Kenya, Kageno's health clinic has become the community's responsibility and continues to provide essential care although it is not under our direct auspices.

In Rwanda, Kageno continues to provide fundamental health care such as education, immunizations, testing for HIV and other STDs, as well as referrals to the district hospital—a half day's travel away—for those with more serious needs. For many, the trip to the district hospital was a huge deterrent to receiving health care, and they are grateful to have a local source for their most basic health needs.



HIGHLIGHTS

Rwanda:


- 5603 people treated and educated
- Nearly 2000 people participated in Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)
- Over 1200 individuals, mostly infants, received vaccinations



Healthcare



Access to basic **health care** is a fundamental **human right**



There is no more **effective** way to transform lives than through **education**



Education

A crucial part of Kageno's approach since we first started is ensuring equal access to education for all children within the community. We work with parents to build and run our schools, providing work opportunities for the parents and ensuring a sense of investment in their children's education.

We have built schools with libraries, latrines and recreational space, and we provide a daily meal to all of our 515 students. Parents frequently tell us that because of the daily meal, they want to send their child to school instead of having them helping with household activities.

Our adult educational programs include classes for parents and community members on a variety of topics, ranging from agriculture to English. In 2015, 1278 adults attended English classes and 817 attended our agricultural education sessions.

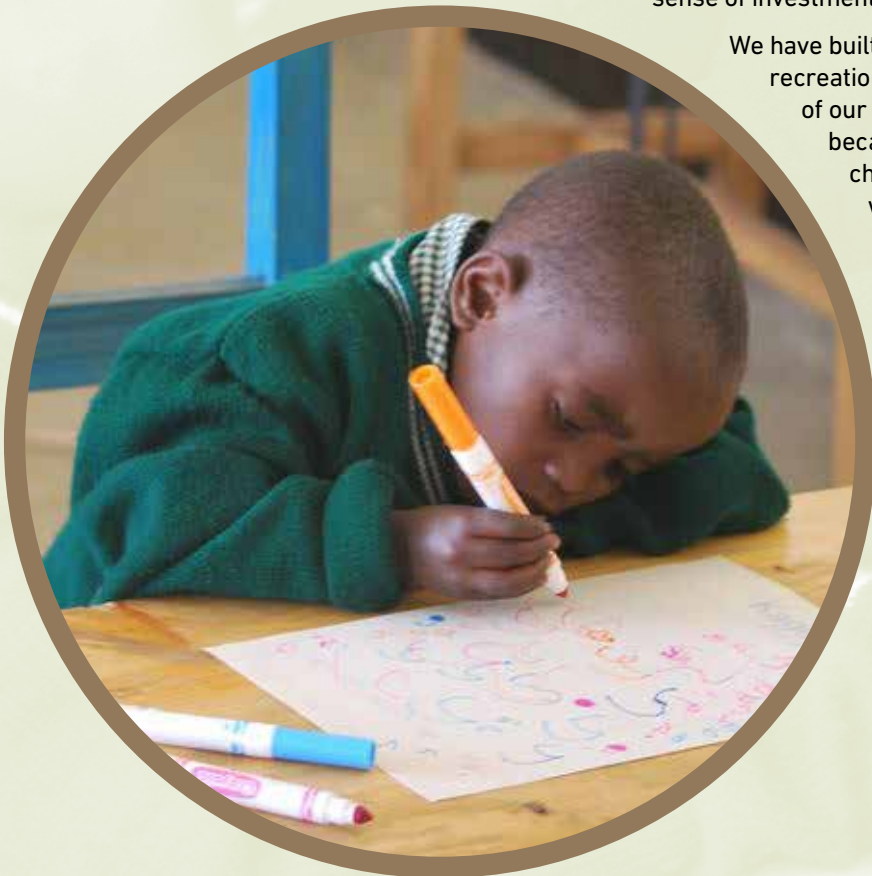
HIGHLIGHTS

Rwanda:

- 300 children in nursery school
- 1278 attendees at English classes
- 681 attendees at agricultural education sessions

Kenya:

- 215 children in school
- 136 attendees at social trainings



In all of our communities and programs, we focus on providing work opportunities for community members. Some of these opportunities are long term and some are short term – depending on the needs of the existing projects and programs.

Kageno is currently the largest employer in Banda and the economic impact on the community is significant. In 2015 we provided work day opportunities in environmental and agricultural work, chicken farming, and maintenance of the schools. In total we created 1428 work days above and beyond the permanent positions.

HIGHLIGHTS

Rwanda:

- 807 work days created in environmental work and 285 created in chicken farming

Kenya:

- 336 casual jobs created on Rusinga and Mfangano Islands
- 31 individuals engaged in our Micro Finance program



Income generating programs give individuals the power to create change for themselves and their **community**

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