

## Karimu Celebrates Its First 10 Years

Dear Friends of Karimu,

Thank you for your devotion and donations to Karimu. Your generosity has enabled Karimu to improve education, health care, and infrastructure in the remote Tanzanian village of Dareda.

Your generosity is remarkable because it expresses faith in an approach to development that makes Karimu unusual in the nonprofit world. Instead of hopping from one community to another, we have focused year after year on one community, winning the trust of its people and their support for our projects.

We make no assumptions about what the people of Dareda need, since we believe they understand their own needs better than outsiders can. We ask the villagers to explain their needs to us. Then we work with them to set priorities, aware that the needs are many and that we lack the resources to satisfy all of them at once.



Children in Dareda's neighboring village, Gajal, must walk for miles to fetch water (left); Karimu President Marianne Kent-Stoll with Karimu Field Officer Erro Shau and midwife Esther Ng'aida (below)

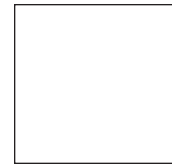


The villagers become invested in Karimu's projects by choosing them, and then become even more deeply committed by contributing labor, materials, and cash.

Please see the reverse for a summary of what Karimu's unusual approach and your generosity—and, above all, the extraordinary people of Dareda with whom Karimu is privileged to work—have achieved.

2017 Karimu volunteers: Janine Baltar with primary school children (above); Paulo Mattos and Ufani teacher Clement Tangawizi (in purple hoodie) teach computer technology (right); with local teachers (far right)





**2007:** Originating in the shocked reaction of its vacationing founders to the condition of Ufani Primary School, Karimu builds toilets to prevent government closure of the school.

**2008-2009:** At Ufani Primary, Karimu builds teachers' houses and additional classrooms and pipes in clean water, increasing enrollment and helping its students achieve the highest average scores on their exit tests among more than a hundred schools in the region.

**2010:** With the simple realization that many children are too sick or hungry—or live too far away—to attend school, Karimu begins looking at projects which the people of Dareda propose to improve healthcare and other aspects of village life.

**2011:** Karimu starts building teachers' houses at Ayalagaya Secondary School to improve teacher retention and begins helping Ufani teachers with professional development.

**2012:** Introduces electricity and running water to the public health clinic.

**2013:** Seeds a microlending group, builds a bridge to prevent flooding from cutting Dareda in two during the rainy season, and brings clean water to one of the driest parts of the village.

**2014:** Builds large fuel-efficient stoves at Ayalagaya Secondary School to eliminate unhealthy open fire-cooking and to increase attendance by enabling the school's cooks to prepare breakfast for the poorest children.



Ayalagaya Secondary School students (left); New solar-powered maternity center (below)



**2015:** Renovates two classrooms at Dareda Primary School and intensifies midwife education.

**2016:** Builds a modern birth center to reduce high maternal mortality rates.

**Today:**

Continued development of Ufani Primary has turned it into an informal "magnet" school with twice its 2007 enrollment.

The solar-powered maternity center is now receiving government-supplied staff and supplies and is delivering babies.

Average income of the microlending group's original members has tripled.

Bacho Primary School's attendance has risen 30% in the first year since water was piped to this previously bone-dry school, and a hundred families living nearby share the water. Bacho Primary is on its way to joining Ufani as a magnet school, with a well-irrigated farm to help sustain it well into the future.

For the first time we have a year-round local presence with the hiring of a part-time teacher, Mr. Erro Shau, to collect data, resulting already in considering a comprehensive solution to the area's chronic water shortages.

Karimu is reaching out to assist Dareda's neighboring villages as our network of trusted friends in the area continues to grow.



Before and after at Bacho Primary School

