



Dear Friend of Karimu,

We hope you are well and staying safe.

Thank you for helping to make 2020 another big year for Karimu. You can see our accomplishments below or by watching the short video [2020 in Pictures](#) on our YouTube channel (or on the [Karimu website](#)).

The year began with two of us--Marianne and Don--traveling with their two daughters and a handful of other volunteers to Tanzania, arriving on New Year's Day eager to build new relationships with the people of Arri Ward. Arri is the neighbor of Ayalagaya Ward, where Karimu has worked for over a decade. In Arri, a common theme was that the people had been waiting for Karimu for years and were excited to start collaborating.

No one dreamed that, because of the coronavirus pandemic, this would be Karimu's only trip of the year. But the leadership of our six local Tanzanian employees in working to keep the people of Ayalagaya and Arri Wards safe from COVID-19 gave us heart. Thanks to our Tanzanian employees and their bonds to this remarkable community, Karimu was able to continue all of its projects with just a four month interruption.

We thank you for your generosity, whether you are a new donor or a longtime Karimu supporter. To our longtime supporters in particular, we say that your steadfastness in giving year after year is deeply reassuring. We promise that Karimu's commitment also remains steadfast.

To our supporters who make relatively small donations, please know that even small donations make a big impact. Karimu's gratitude for donations of all sizes takes inspiration from a Swahili song, joyfully sung by Tanzanians on gift-giving occasions: *Ni zawadi, ni zawadi, hata kama ni kidogo, ni zawadi*. It translates, roughly, as "Even if small, a gift is still a gift."

Finally, we thank Karimu's thirty-eight volunteers from ten countries who devote countless unpaid hours to working with our Tanzanian staff.

Best wishes for the holidays and the New Year, which we hope you will usher in by enjoying our pictures and video.

*Asante sana,*

Marianne and Don, Co-Founders of Karimu International Help Foundation

Nelson Mattos, Chief Operator Officer and Claudia Mattos, Advisor and Architect

**January - Donation of books and school material for all schools in Ayalagaya**



**January** - Completion of bathrooms at Gajal Primary School



**January** - Volunteer trip: educational murals painted by students and volunteers in the walls of Dareda Kati Primary School



**February** - Completion of Arri survey to better understand the situation in the ward and to provide a foundation for prioritizing, estimating, and measuring our projects





**March** - Completion of computer class for all teachers from Bacho Primary School and the medical staff of the Dareda Kati dispensary



**March** - Beginning of Karimu's response to coronavirus campaign: organization

of a public awareness campaign, training of our staff, community leaders, and key influencers, training of medical staff and donation of sanitation and medical supplies and personal protective equipment



**April** - Education of the communities of Arri and Ayalagaya about how to avoid Covid-19 infections and how to treat the disease





**April** - Distribution of flyers and soap to every household in the area





**April** - Donation of sanitation and medical supplies and personal protective equipment to Covid-19 treatment centers and 53 dispensaries across the state



**April** - Implementation of medical interventions recommended by the World Health Organization - as part of the Covid-19 task force we implemented: Sanitation education for handwashing and patient screening dealing with standardization of patient intake including taking vitals, triage, and patient separation for communicable diseases



**May** - Opening of Gajal Dispensary





**May-** Vaccination campaign



**May** - Donation of medicine and medical supplies to Dareda Kati dispensary



**June** - Support the reopening of schools: donation of supplies, training of all students, teachers and staff on handwashing, COVID-19 and respiratory illnesses, hygiene and proper use of toilets for boys and girls





**June** - 23 teachers sponsored by Karimu's scholarship completed one more year of university with 5 graduating





**July** - Donation of tanks for Arri schools, ink for Ayalagaya (to copy old national exams for practice), copies of old exams for Ayalagaya primary schools



**July** - Donation of medicine and supplies to Gajal Dispensary





**August** - Bathrooms of Dareda Kati Primary School are done.



**August** - Construction of housing for doctors and nurses of Dareda Kati Dispensary is finished.



**September** - Installation of electricity and donation of computer and printer for Bacho Primary School





**October** - Computer classes for teachers of Gajal Primary School and medical staff of Gajal Dispensary started.



**November** - IT system in the Dareda Kati Clinic fully operational in order to

improve health services and the overall operation of the clinic



**November** - Teacher scholarships for 2021 awarded to 20 teachers from across Arri and Ayalagaya

**December** - Launching of vanilla project - registering of first farmers; Greenhouse for vanilla seedlings; irrigation pond for vanilla crop





## December - First baby born at Gajal Dispensary



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