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Dear Donors,

We made it and set a new record! **The toilets for Haysam Primary School are done and in operation in just 2 months!** Thanks to your financial support and the hard work of all villagers, the new school year started in January without any interruption, since we were able to address the government threat to close the school due to poor sanitary conditions. And what a difference! Please take a look at the school bathrooms before and after.





We built separate bathrooms for girls and boys. The girl's bathroom has 10 stalls (including one for disabled kids), and the boys bathroom has 5 urinals and 5 stalls (including one for disabled kids). All stalls have a flush toilet and water faucet for cleaning, and the walls are tiled to make cleaning easier. Both bathrooms have also a water sink for hand-washing.



The Haysam toilets were the very first stage of the large Water Project to bring clean water and sanitation to the areas of Haysam and Gajal. Right now we have two activities of the second stage of the Water Project running in parallel:

(1) Construction of a water tank up in the hills, where the water will be collected and the treatment station will be installed. The following picture shows the villagers excavating to prepare the area for both.



(2) Construction of a large water tank for water distribution for the area of Haysam which is also being built, in part, by the villagers as you can see in the following picture.



Following the completion of the above 2 pieces, we will construct the large water tank for water distribution for the area of Gajal and start laying the underground pipes. We at Karimu are very proud of our partnership with the local community. The villagers have committed to lay down the underground pipes, reducing the total cost of the project by almost \$20,000.00. The work will start immediately after harvest in April, when pipes can cross the land without damaging their plantations.

The **final stage of the reconstruction of Bacho Primary School** - for which many of you have contributed funds in the last two years - is going well and you will receive an update on that soon. Just for your information, new Donors, this phase includes the construction of the third and last classroom building, toilets for the children and toilets for the school staff, as well as construction of the kitchen. Hopefully, by then, we will also be able to update you on our fundraising against our goals. We are just waiting for reports from Google about donations by its employees.

Once again, thank you very much for your support. We hope we can count on you to continue help us eliminate poverty in these areas of Tanzania. Feel free to spread the word so that your family, friends, and coworkers – just like you -

can also help these communities improve their well-being. We are always tremendously grateful for any donation you make at <u>http://www.karimufoundation.org/</u>. And remember that, because Karimu is run 100% by volunteers, every dollar donated will be fully used to execute the projects.

Asante sana! Thank you so much,

Nelson & Claudia Mattos (with the support by Karimu's founders: Don and Marianne)