

## Community engagement and quick update on the water project

Dear donors,

One of the most important "ingredients" of Karimu's success is the high engagement and support of the local community. In the past few days, we were very happy and extremely proud to see that demonstrated by the actions of the villagers of Gajal, Haysam, and Dareda Kati.

It was time to start laying the water pipes to connect the treatment station up in the hills with the water tanks in Gajal and Haysam. Over 150 people from Gajal and 109 from Haysam showed up to work hard, each person digging a trench 10m (30 feet) long and 1,22 cm (4 feet) deep per day. Everyone - men, women, teachers, boys, the elected village chair ([Martin Deemay](#) seen in the last of the four pictures below), elders, etc. - was equal, working side-by-side to reach the same goal: to bring clean water to their families.



After digging for just 2 days, the villagers finished the task: a 5 km (about 3 miles) long trench connecting the source of water to the tanks in Gajal and Haysam.



The villagers will now start laying the pipes from the water tanks to where the water points with faucets for water distribution will be built. The first batch of material for the construction of these water points have just arrived.



As you know, Karimu has launched a campaign to construct 25 additional water points to keep the average walking distance to fetch water under 500 meters (slightly above  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile). By doing so, children who are primarily responsible for fulfilling the water needs of their families can attend school and not spend the day going back and forth for water.

We would like to thank you, donors, for helping! We have already raised \$15,420, but are still short of \$9,580. In case you haven't had time to make your contribution or want to read more about the campaign, all you have to do is click on the following link:

<https://campaigns.karimufoundation.org/campaign/no-more-walking-up-to-4-km-to-fetch-water/c179793>

**Water is source of life and hope of a better future.**

Once again, thank you very much for your constant support of Karimu. *Asante sana!*

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