

Quick update: Water Points and Community-based Maintenance of Karimu's Projects

Dear Donors,

Sorry to send you too many emails in the last couple of weeks. However, I have two quick updates that I thought were important enough to send you another email.

I am already on my way to Tanzania. So, it will be quick.

First, we have reached our fundraising goal of \$25,000 to build additional water faucets in the Ayalagaya area. I have no words to thank those of you who stepped forward to ensure that no child needs to walk more than 500m (slightly above 1/4 mile) to fetch water for their family needs. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! If you are interested in seeing where the (almost 60) water points will go, please take a look

at https://drive.google.com/open?id=1oXnll3lmj7cElreoW_SoPOSNOM1R8wks&usp=sharing

Second, I received the pictures below showing the community maintaining (in this case, repairing) the bridge built by Karimu 5 years ago. Many of you have asked me how Karimu ensures its projects are maintained, avoiding long-term dependencies of the community on us. Karimu only executes projects that are either self-sustained or whose maintenance is taken over by the community upon completion.

Built in 2013, the bridge is a good example of that. Its wood floor needed to be replaced. The community approved bringing down a tree, someone donated the tree, and everyone worked hard to make wood boards and replace the bridge floor. I love the Karimu model of cooperation! We enable things, but the locals take care of it. A beautiful partnership! And note that everyone gets his/her hands dirty. The guy in a pinkish shirt in the last picture is Sabini John - the elected mayor of Ayalagaya Ward.





That's all for now. Talk to you upon our return from Africa!

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