

Dear Donors and Supporters,

I have recently returned from a trip to Tanzania to check the progress of our projects and close our 2022 plans with the communities that we serve.

I was lucky enough to be in Tanzania on March 1st when we started the Arri Water Project and I was just blown away by the highest level of community engagement I have ever seen.

The 1st step of the project is to clear the land and dig the trenches to lay the underground pipes that will bring water from the top of the hills to the sedimentation tank in Arri. On that 1st day, 1600 members of the Arri community showed up to work for free (this is part of their USD 55K contribution to the project). They cleared 1.7 km (1 mile) of land approximately 2 meters (~ 6.5 feet) wide from a thick jungle and dug a 1 m (~ 3 feet) deep and 0.5 m (~1.5 feet) wide trench that was also 1.7 km (1 mile) long.



Their engagement continues to be extremely high. Now that the trenches are getting close to Arri and are in a clear, flat area, on March 15th alone, the community dug 4,800 meters (~ 3 miles) of trenches in only 4 hours.

Even the Tanzanian engineers who are overseeing the project told us that they have "never seen anything like this" level of engagement.

Well ... I am not surprised. We are bringing water to 15,000 people in 23 villages who, today, must walk for hours to collect water from dirty rivers. They know very well that this project will dramatically transform their lives in ways that it is hard for us in the west to understand. We saw that transformation in Ayalagaya and are excited to repeat it in Arri.

Asante sana, Nelson Mattos Karimu - Chief Operating Officer

PS1: This is the most expensive project Karimu has ever done. The total cost of the project is USD 1,15 million and we are short of \$300K. We will be deploying water points in the villages as we manage to close the funding gap.

PS2: I plan to update you on our 2022 plans in the next couple of weeks. Sorry for the delay.



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