

Dear donors and supporters,

Over the last few years, I have been fortunate to go to Ayalagaya Ward, in Tanzania, 2 to 3 times a year. Each time I am there I get excited to see the progress we are making. It is visible! I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It is contagious to feel you are closer to get the ~11,000 people of Ayalagaya out of poverty. They can feel that too and are truly grateful and happy about the positive changes we are making to their lives.



Thank YOU for your help and support.

In my last email, I gave you an update on the projects enabled by our 2018/2019 fundraising season (you can see the ongoing and upcoming ones at the bottom of this email). The purpose of this message is to describe what we would like to do with our 2019/2020 fundraising efforts as we are officially kicking off the 2019/2020 Karimu fundraising campaign. Here links to a lot of details about our 5 main themes:

[Providing a suitable learning environment for all primary school children](#)

[Helping school-age children reach their highest potential](#)

[Expanding the range of health services to Ayalagaya](#)

[Become the sponsor of a university degree](#)

[Promoting community-based savings and microloans](#)

The good news is that, if we raise the necessary funds, we will be done in Ayalagaya in 2021!!! Yes, we should finish to execute our strategic plan for Ayalagaya by then! The bad news is that we need to reach a new record level: \$757,000 !!!.

Please help us get through the finish line! Don't wait! Please go to the Karimu website (<https://www.karimufoundation.org/>) or to any of the above links and donate! Thank you.

If you are interested in learning more about the future work, please keep reading below.

Thank you VERY MUCH for your past support. We could not have come so far without you!

Asante sana,

Nelson Mattos
Karimu, Chief Operating Officer

We will continue to simultaneously run projects related to the 3 areas we focus on: health/sanitation, income/education and access to financial services.

Projects to be funded with 2019/2020 fundraising

[Providing a suitable learning environment for all primary school children](#) (total cost of 432,000)

Our goal is to finish the effort to bring the same suitable learning environment of Bacho to all primary schools (we did 2 and have 3 to go). To do so, we need to reconstruct Ayalagaya primary schools that still have dark, dirty classrooms with no window to protect students from wind and rain. The reconstruction of schools has a great impact on school attendance and enrollment. To put in perspective, Bacho has now 265 students, almost 30% more than when we started the project. With this project we expect a similar impact on Dareda Kati (1070 students), Gajal (781 students) and Haysam (518 students) primary schools. This project includes:

- Reconstruction of Dareda Kati Primary School (\$150,000)
- Reconstruction of Gajal Primary School (estimated cost \$141,000)
- Reconstruction of Haysam Primary School (estimated cost \$141,000)



Haysam Primary School



[Helping school-age children reach their highest potential](#) (total cost of \$140,000)

Ayalagaya Ward has 5 primary schools and one secondary school. Children who seek further education must go to Dareda Mission High School, which lies 18 km away. This distance can hardly be covered on foot 5 days a week, and several students are forced to look for accommodation in Dareda Mission. Not all families are able to pay for housing and food on top of school fees, uniforms, and school material. As a consequence, less than half of the secondary students continue their further education. To help all school-age children reach their highest potential, Karimu will expand Ayalagaya Secondary School into a high school. The government is supportive of the effort and committed to provide the teachers. As this project involves simultaneous construction works and high demand for funding, we decided to split it in two stages. In 2020 we intend to complete the first stage, which encompasses

- Construction of a physics laboratory (estimated cost \$40,000)
- Completion of 8 unfinished classrooms (estimated cost \$50,000)
- Construction of a dining hall which can also be used as a large room for national examinations (\$50,000)

The second phase of this project includes the construction of a hostel for boys and girls and construction of more classrooms.



Secondary school students

[Expanding the range of health services to Ayalagaya](#) (estimated total cost \$98,000)

To reduce maternal and infant mortality rates as well as to improve the overall health of the population, Karimu built the Dareda Kati Clinic in 2016 to replace the former dispensary. Every month, on average, 220 pregnant women receive prenatal care, 12 babies are born, over 500 children under the age of five receive vaccination or medical treatment, 120 women receive family planning services, and hundreds of adults come to see the doctor.

Nonetheless, whenever the clinic has insufficient resources - drugs, equipment, skills - to manage clinical condition patients are referred to the nearest hospital, which lies 18 km away. For this reason, many of them do not seek further care because they simply cannot afford the transportation.

The federal government has sought the support of Karimu to turn the clinic into a mini hospital (officially called a Health Center in Tanzania) in order to expand the range of health services provided in Ayalagaya. As partners in this project, the government has committed to provide the necessary medical staff, furniture, and funds for the daily operation of the Health Center and requested that Karimu covers the cost of construction and most of the medical equipment.

Besides specialized services, surgical procedures, the health center will also be able to hospitalize patients for multi-day overnight stays reducing dramatically the need to be sent to a far away location for treatment. This project encompasses:

- Construction of medical ward for male and female patients
- Room to perform minor surgical procedures
- Clinical laboratory to provide routine pathology services

- Pharmacy
- Mortuary
- Donation of medical equipment, such as ultrasound machine, x-ray, ECG machine, blood transfusion fridge and incubator for premature babies



Dareda Kati Clinic

[Promoting community-based savings and microloans](#) (estimated cost \$69,000)

Due to lack of funds, Ayalagaya savings groups are only able to provide small loans to some of their members. Our goal for 2020 is to make \$100 available to every member of a saving group across the region. This would provide all members of each group with the opportunity to increase their income and better support their families.



Savings group meeting

[Become the sponsor of a university degree](#) (estimated cost \$18,000)

Highly qualified teachers transform lives! For this reason, Karimu has been providing scholarships to teachers earning their university degrees by covering 75% of the cost (the teachers are responsible for paying the remaining 25%). Teachers with this advanced level of education provide leadership and professionalism to their schools and their communities. Current instructional strategies, educational best practices and implementation of technology are just some of the skills these teachers learn and implement in their classrooms on a daily basis. Students are thriving and National Exam scores are rising!

We are seeking donors who would be interested in sponsoring a teacher by signing up to become a recurring donor. With a monthly donation of \$50, you can support a teacher in earning a university degree. Your gift will have a profound impact on the 7807 students, community and future of Ayalagaya and Arri wards.



Ongoing projects

1. Maintenance of school and water projects
2. Construction of Gajal Dispensary
3. Small improvements for Dareda Kari Clinic
4. Construction of bathrooms for students and staff and hand washing sink at Dareda Kati Primary School
5. Construction of bathrooms for students and staff and hand washing sink Gajal Primary school
6. Expansion for the girl's bathroom at Haysam Primary School
7. Expansion of girl's bathroom at Bacho Primary School
8. Donation of books (ratio of 2 students: 1 book) and school material (maps, dictionaries, musical instruments) for all schools in Ayalagaya
9. Training of Ayalagaya Savings Groups
10. Computer training for Bacho Primary Schools teachers and medical staff of the Dareda Kati Clinic

Remaining projects funded by 2018/2019 fundraising

1. Construction of bathrooms for students and staff and hand washing sink at Dareda Kati Primary School
2. Construction of bathrooms for students and staff and hand washing sink at Ufani Kati Primary School
3. Construction of patient bathrooms and laundry for Dareda Kati Clinic
4. Construction of housing for doctors and nurses
5. Remodeling of Ufani Primary School
6. Support the community in the projects they committed to execute on their own



Students bathroom at Ufani Primary School