

# KARIMU

INTERNATIONAL HELP FOUNDATION



Dear Donors and Supporters,

What an amazing year it has been! Karimu had its best year ever, despite the pandemic that continues to disrupt lives worldwide.

We are sure you will feel pride and desire to celebrate what we accomplished together in 2021 when you read about our achievements, below, or watch our video, [Our Year in Pictures](#), showing a compilation of our 2021 projects.

We are amazed at the visibility and recognition that Karimu has received at the national level in 2021.

- December - The Prime Minister of Tanzania is visiting Ayalagaya to see our projects.
- November - Dareda Kati Primary won 3rd place in the National Competition for the cleanest school among 18,200 schools.
- June - Regional and national dignitaries brought the Uhuru torch, a prestigious national symbol, and unveiled a national recognition plaque for the Ayalagaya Hostels construction in support of a new high school.
- April - Manyara Region Commissioner Joseph J. Mkirikiti came to Ayalagaya to inaugurate the classrooms in Gajal, Haysam, and Dareda Kati primary schools.
- February - Karimu was recognized as the #1 NGO operating in the Manyara Region and was honored by Mr. Mkirikiti for contributing to improvements in education.



We are pleased and excited by a sense of completion as we come to the final phase of our work in Ayalagaya and of a new beginning as we start to run large projects in Arri.

## Sanitation

- We are done with sanitation projects in Ayalagaya Ward!
- In Arri we have started well, completing the emergency [bathrooms for Tsaayo Secondary](#) and [Dohom Primary bathrooms](#) to prevent closure of these schools.



Tsaayo Secondary School bathroom

## Health

We can celebrate our great progress in the health area.

- We completed Phase 1 of our Health Program for Ayalagaya Ward, providing basic healthcare within a one-hour walk for all residents.
- We also completed Phase 2 ensuring staff retention as now both Dareda Kati and Gajal have adequate housing for their medical staff.







Gajal medical staff housing

- And we have accelerated the delivery of our Phase 3 goal: a Health Center (mini-hospital) within a thirty-minute taxi ride for all residents by completing the [maternity ward building](#) and being within days of finishing the outpatient building. With these two new buildings, the government will expand the medical staff at the start of the year, transforming the facilities into a Health Center serving 50,000 people in Ayalagaya and neighboring wards.



## Maternity ward building

- We are also in full swing rolling out health interventions, completing this year:
  - training on [Integrated Management of Childhood Illness](#),



Practical day in Dareda Hospital

- running a [campaign](#) to reduce cases of Tuberculosis,







Tuberculosis campaign

- screening for [Syphilis](#).



Syphilis kits, HB strips and HB machine

- [testing of expectant mothers for anemia](#),
  - training to improve mother and newborn health,
  - providing [hygiene](#) education.
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- We modernized our clinics by installing [IT systems at Dareda Kati clinic](#), thereby increasing patient trust in the payments, reducing wait times, improving medication inventory, and patient medical history tracking and access. This will also simplify reporting requirements to the government once the Health Center is in place.



Dareda Kati Clinic staff using the IT system

- Finally, Karimu continued to [provide needed medical supplies](#) to support COVID-19 preparedness in Dareda Kati, Gajal, Tsaayo, Dohom, and Managha dispensaries and treatment in the Manyara Regional Hospital.



Medical supplies donated to the Manyara Regional Hospital



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## Education

The year of 2021 once again confirms that education is at Karimu's core. For the second year in a row, every Bacho Primary School student passed the National Exam, and all schools improved their already high passing rates. In addition, every Ayalagaya Secondary student passed the National Exam for the first time ever. Furthermore:

- We continued the reconstruction of Dareda Kati, Haysam, and Gajal primary schools, completing one building for each. We are on track to finish our work at all Ayalagaya schools in 2022, depending on our fundraising success.



Gajal Primary School classrooms

- The expansion of Ayalgaya Secondary into a high school is now approved for July 2022, following the completion of fourteen new classrooms, the [boys and girls hostel](#), a brand new sanitation system, bathrooms for teachers, and an upgraded [electrical system](#).





Ayalagaya Secondary School hostel

- As the new school year starts in January, all schools in Ayalagaya will have new [furniture: desks, chairs, and cupboards](#).



Bacho Primary School

- We congratulated four teachers who received their university diplomas through our [scholarship program](#) and granted another nineteen teachers scholarships for the 2021-22 school year. Gajal teachers and the medical staff of the Gajal dispensary completed [computer training](#).





Final day of computer training

- In Arri, we started school constructions with the delivery of two classrooms at [Arri primary](#).



Arri Primary School classrooms

- And we expanded our help outside Arri and Ayalagaya, launching Karimu's Social Program and subsidizing the completion of [Majengo primary](#), which was hit hard by a storm, destroying its buildings.







Majengo Primary School

## Financial Services

We are also proud of the results in the financial area.

- We graduated six more [savings groups](#) from our training and saw their average return on savings become 19.9% higher than the national average.





- We launched [Karimu Financial Assistance](#), delivering loans to the graduated savings groups, and were astonished that all of them repaid their loans on time.

## Income

In this area that is crucial to poverty elimination:

- Our [vanilla project](#) finished the year with twenty-five farmers, each with at least fifty vines.



Vanilla farmers training

- We wrapped up the year by hiring two consultants to help us polish our income strategy. We will start 2022 with a solid plan to increase people's income through organic farming methods, introduction of new crops, and livestock management.
- We sent two staff members to Uganda for [Street Business School](#) training so they can develop an entrepreneurship program specific to impoverished regions.

No one could have dreamed that, despite the coronavirus pandemic, we would accomplish so much. We are proud of the best year in Karimu's history and we feel blessed to have so many generous supporters who made these achievements possible.

Whether you are a new donor or a longtime Karimu supporter, thank you.

To our longtime supporters in particular, thank you for your steadfastness. We promise that Karimu's commitment will likewise remain steadfast as we move into Arri.

To our small donors, please know that small donations make a big impact. This year we were deeply moved by the California kindergarteners who donated their pocket money to sponsor books and school materials for the kindergarteners of Dohom village in Arri.

We thank our seven Tanzanian employees and their commitments to these remarkable communities, and we thank Karimu's sixty volunteers from thirteen countries for devoting countless unpaid hours to working with our Tanzanian staff.

Best wishes for the holidays and New Year, which we hope you will usher in by enjoying the video of [Our Year in Pictures](#).

*Asante sana,*

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