

Dear donors and supporters,

The purpose of this email is to give you a mid-year update on our projects. As our fundraising cycle runs from August to July of the following year, this is the perfect time to wrap up the 2018/2019 cycle and tell you what your contributions are enabling. It is “out of this world”!

Just a quick recap: the elimination of poverty (Karimu’s main goal) requires that we focus on three areas simultaneously:

1. Improve health and sanitation
2. Help increase people’s income (investment in education being a key part of this)
3. Enable access to financial services (particularly, savings and micro-loans)

Your increased donations have enabled us to grow exponentially and simultaneously run projects in all three areas. However, this creates a challenge to keep you informed without overwhelming you with too much information. To facilitate your reading, I am grouping our projects under

- projects already concluded
- ongoing projects
- projects starting soon

subdividing each section according to the 3 areas above.

As you read the project update below, you will clearly see that you are making an incredible transformation in the lives of almost 11,000 people. You are enabling our work in these three areas and an acceleration of our activities. This is making our positive impact totally visible.

When I walked around Ayalagaya in June/July, I started noticing the significant increase in the number of houses with metal roofing and brick walls. I decided to start counting them and concluded that nearly 50% of them have metal roofing and brick walls. Three years ago, that was almost non-existent as most houses were built of mud and straw. Moreover, every one of our 31 volunteers had the chance to witness the transformation caused by the water project. Kids have more time to study and parents to engage in productive work. This is very exciting! I could go on and on, but I would be diverging from the main purpose of the email.

So, let me just say **ASANTENI SANA** (thank you very much).

Nelson Mattos
Karimu Chief Operating Officer

Projects already concluded

Health and sanitation

- Fine tuning of water resources (construction of intake tank at hills of Gidimu C subvillage, water tank at Hhewas subvillage, retaining wall, gutters and landscaping around the large collection tank in the hills)
- Education and training for over 50 midwives from Ayalagaya and Arri Wards and donation of soap, blankets, baby clothes and baby towels
- First aid training for two teachers of all 15 schools in Ayalagaya and Arri and restocking of first aid kits

- Consultation of over 150 patients by Karimu volunteer doctors and training of medical staff
- Donation of pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, fetoscopes, ear gloves among other supplies to the Dareda Kati Clinic and the 2 other health centers
- Donation of solar panel, medicine and medical equipment for Tsaayo dispensary



Income / education

- Scholarship for 31 teachers covering 75% of the cost to obtain a university degree
- Basic computer knowledge course for all teachers of Haysam Primary School
- Donation of computer and printer for Haysam Primary School
- Installation of electricity and wiring at Haysam Primary School
- Installation of solar panel at Gajal Primary School
- Painting of Bacho Primary School classroom and bathroom walls with hygiene and educational material
- Donation of over 500 pairs of shoes and 500 articles of clothing for the poorest children
- Donation of school material for all Ayalagaya and Arri schools
- Leadership training for 20 middle school girls
- School classes for approximately 650 students from 12 primary schools and 3 secondary schools
- Sports competition with over 100 kids of all 6 Ayalagaya schools and donation of sports equipment
- Assessment of agricultural and livestock activities in the area and identification of areas where Karimu could have a positive impact on the income of the community in the short-term



Financial services

- Evaluation of all savings groups in Ayalagaya
- Development of a training program for savings groups and preparing them to form a federation as means to increase their access to larger loans.

As you can see, we already achieved a lot in the first half of 2019. Thank you for your help and support!

Ongoing projects

Health and sanitation

- **Small improvements for Dareda Kati Clinic**

Three volunteer doctors visited the clinic in June and assessed the facilities, suggesting small improvements to enhance the services provided by the medical staff.

This project includes

- Donation of an autoclave
- Construction of a large incinerator
- Hand washing sink for patients
- Installation of sink for hand washing in some critical rooms
- Installation of a reception desk
- Separation of waiting area to isolate patients with contagious diseases
- Cabinets to store patient records
- TV to show educational videos to all patients

(Karimu: \$30,000 & Community: construction of furniture, all bricks, and labor)

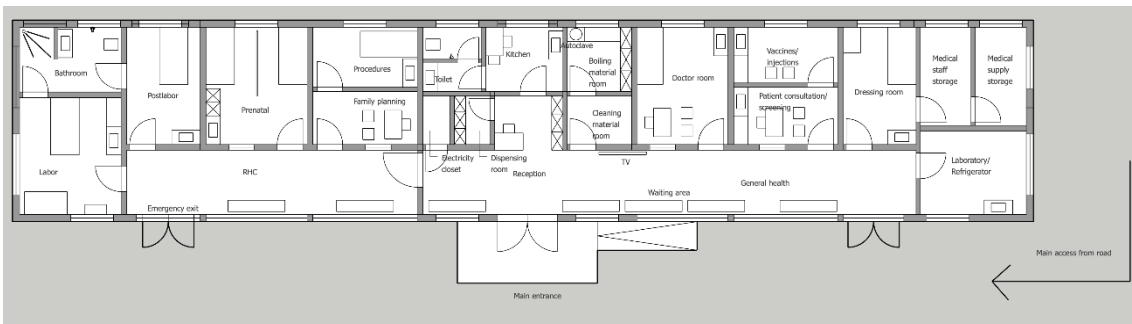
- **Construction of dispensary for Gajal village**

Karimu's health program, developed with the government, plans to improve the overall health in Ayalagaya through the expansion of the Dareda Kati Clinic and the construction of a dispensary in Gajal to serve the remotest areas of Ayalagaya Ward. Gajal's sub-villages lie the farthest (up to 6+ km) from the Dareda Kati Clinic, increasing the danger from medical emergencies. The construction of the dispensary will provide basic medical services within reasonable walking distance to 2700 villagers plus thousands from neighboring areas: consultation with a doctor or nurse, antenatal and postnatal care, treatment of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, family planning and vaccination, among others.

(Karimu: \$40,000 & Community: all bricks, construction of foundation and all external and internal walls)



Location where the Gajal villagers are currently treated – they need a real dispensary!



Income / education

- **Construction of classrooms for Ayalagaya Secondary School**

Villagers have been working hard, and the seven new classrooms and 3 small offices will be concluded at the end of September. The new building will not only solve the current problem of overcrowded classrooms but will also prevent future middle school students from being blocked to continue their studies. The total cost of the project is \$78,937 (Karimu: \$76,755 & Community: \$2,182 plus building desks to all Ayalagaya schools)



- **Construction of bathrooms for students and staff at Gajal Primary School**
The community has been working hard, and construction works are in full swing. Toilets should be concluded towards the end of October.
(Karimu: \$60,770.00 & Community: \$1,770.00 plus labor and building of desks and chairs for teachers for each classroom and offices)



- **Extensions for the girl's bathroom at Haysam Primary School**
As I have mentioned in my previous emails, we have decided to retroactively add extensions to the girl's bathrooms at both primary schools we have already built toilets. These facilities are similar to the ones built at Ayalagaya Secondary School and help girls deal with their menstrual periods. As a result, it decreases the chance they miss classes, thus improving their school performance. The construction of Haysam bathroom expansion is going well and is to be concluded in late October. The facilities include private, outside area to wash and dry clothes, flexible water hose for personal hygiene in some of the stalls, private room with access to menstrual pads and incinerator.
(Karimu: \$8,119.00 & Community: \$273 plus labor and building of desks and chairs for teachers for each classroom and offices)



- **Expansion of girl's bathroom at Bacho Primary School**
The construction of Bacho bathroom expansion is also going well and should be concluded in September. The facilities include private, outside area to wash and dry clothes, flexible water hose for personal hygiene in some of the stalls, private room with access to menstrual pads and incinerator.
(Karimu: \$5,601.00 & Community: \$182 plus labor and building of desks and chairs for teachers for each classroom and offices)



Financial services

- **Training of Ayalagaya Savings Groups**
We have started our training of the savings groups to make them more effective, encourage people to save and educate them on micro-loans.

Projects starting soon

We are delighted with the results of 2018/2019 fundraising campaigns, because after concluding all projects listed above, Karimu still has funds to execute the following projects:

Health and sanitation

- **Patient bathrooms and laundry for Dareda Kati Clinic** (estimated cost \$25,000)
Daily approximately 60 patients visit the clinic built by Karimu in 2016. The construction of flush toilets with faucets for hand washing will increase the hygiene conditions of patients at the clinic and avoid spreading of diseases. Moreover, the construction of a laundry will enhance the overall hygiene.

Income / education

- **Books and school material** (estimated cost \$50,000)
To keep on improving the education, we need to significantly reduce the ratio of students per book in all 6 Ayalagaya schools. Today, close to six students share a single book. We want to reduce to two students per book. Unfortunately, schools receive little help from the government and textbooks are very expensive. Each textbook costs at least five dollars, a huge amount for a household that lives on less than one dollar a day. We plan to donate the set of books needed to reach that ration and the community is committed to buy

additional textbooks as the population of students grow. Additionally, we plan to donate school materials such as maps, globes, sports material, etc. The community will build shelves for books and goals and polls at the sports fields.

- **Bathrooms for students and staff and sink for hand washing at Dareda Kati Primary School (estimated cost \$54,705)**

The construction of children's and teachers' bathrooms with flush toilets with water faucets for cleaning and a large sink with several water faucets for hand washing in the middle of the school yard will improve the hygiene condition of children, teachers and school staff. With the consequent reduction of diseases, we expect an increase in the attendance rate of the 1100 students currently studying at Dareda Kati Primary School.

- **Bathrooms for students and staff and sink for hand washing at Ufani Primary School (estimated cost \$48,507)**

Since 2009, when Karimu built toilets for Ufani, the school more than double its student enrollment. The construction of new bathrooms at Ufani Primary School mitigate health problems related to unhygienic conditions. A clean and healthy environment increases the school attendance and improves the performance on national exams. We are also building adequate facilities for girls to manage their periods and feel comfortable to attend school throughout the school year. Boys and girls should have the same opportunities to obtain a good education.

Financial services

- **Creation of a Federation of Ayalagaya Savings Groups (estimated cost \$5000)**

The federation will offer savings, investment, loans, and loan insurance. Loans can be larger or repaid over longer periods of time. In addition, the federation can apply to Karimu for grants enabling more savings groups access to larger loans.