

ORGANISATION: **KOTIENO COMMUNITY PROJECT**

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISATION

The project site is approximately 10 km Olare trading centre and 1 km from the house of the organisation founder, Paul. The project was identified to be the priority for infrastructure support to socio-economic development and environmental development

One of the top most problems affecting

Kotieno community especially during the occurrence of floods in the Lower Shire is inadequacy of trees.

The Project will promote:

1. Climate balance
2. Wildlife prosperity
3. Beneficial agricultural activities
4. Physical and mental wellness.

The Organisation's profile

The Kotieno Community Project was initiated in early 2020. It operates in the area of the founder and kotieno village. The main aim of its establishment is to give power to people to decide and participate in development activities in our area, and be able to support the vulnerable members of the society. The major activities are to support the elderly, the HIV/AIDS affected, orphans widows and the disabled; manage environment by planting trees and sensitising the community. The projects are managed by the management team of Kotieno Community Project members.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Problem Statement

Households with low per capita income, having elderly, hospitalised or chronically ill members, and whose head was unemployed were more likely to be this community. Both catastrophic and impoverishing health payments increased with increased village deprivation. However, the presence of village lands shade some lights as most households are seen trying to depend on agriculture for their survival.

Most of our agricultural farms are located at hillsides while others are regularly affected by storm water. The frequency of erosion has been increasing over the years, resulting in loss of life to crops, damage to property and destruction of the environment. From these events, the Village Development committee (VDC) and the Kotieno Community

Organisation through participatory vulnerability assessment, identified the following stiff challenges:

1. Lack of sources of clean water for use
2. Lack of reliable sources of electricity
3. Improper methods to encounter drought
4. Lack of efficient farming equipment and inputs
5. Challenges of fees to our children
6. Improper disease control measures
7. Lack of better farm produce storage structures
8. Destruction of crops by wild and domestic animals
9. Lack of enough food for our less fortunate beneficiaries.

Approaches to help solve the challenges by the community

1. Farming of food crops like kales, tomatoes etc
2. Tree planting practices
3. Sourcing funds to pay fees, buy some basics and control diseases
4. Participating in regenerative movements like SEEDS.
5. Fundraising both locally and internationally
6. Best use of donations to help us meet some of our obligations
7. Engaging with different organisations to better manage ours through learning

Some of our achievements since 2020



Fees to the orphans



Food to the poor



Vegetable farming for our beneficiaries' consumption





Tree planting



Water for drinking when there is no rains



Tree nursery works

This is the break down of the items that we need for now.

No.	Item	Cost	Urgency
1	Drinking water	\$140	Very very urgent
2	Delivery pipe	\$350	Very urgent
3	Food for volunteers	\$200	Urgent / next week
4	Student debt	\$2000	
Installments within 6 months, first installment(\$500)			urgent.
5	An additional 10k litres tank and installation.	\$1300	
6	An ox-drawn plough plus 2 bulls	\$750	Required
7	Fencing a 2ha farm	\$500	Required
8	Electricity installation	\$700	Required
9	Construction of 3-door toilet	\$800	Urgent
10	Construction of a store	\$500	Required
11	Drought Fund	\$210	Urgent
Total		\$7450	

See latest estimated budget for 2022 – [here](#).

Rationale

The project is very important as it will build capacity of local people to prepare, mitigate and recover from poor environmental management and poverty. It helps in taking action to build safety and resilience, and reduce future hazard impacts. The project will ensure that there is continuous flow of agricultural activities at Kotieno Community projects as well as eradication of poverty and poor life.

- a. Conserve energy hence save money
- b. Cleaning the air.
- c. Provide shelter and nourish wildlife
- d. Reduce cost of controlling stormwater
- e. Holding soil in place hence no erosion
- f. Create a learning environment for children about nature
- g. Increase property value
- h. Maintain local water cycle
- i. Production of products for our use
- j. Control of noise
- k. Investment for our community and future generations.

Kotieno Community Project

is a best suited organisation to implement this project since the function falls under it has been seen in the past work diligently and within the instruction of the funders.

Project Goal and Objectives

The main goal of the project is to improve the preparedness of people to respond to challenges of environment and investment through learning and practising, give the vulnerable people hope in terms of food and other basics.

Target Beneficiaries

Vulnerable people in this community and beyond. These include but not limited to orphans, widows, and lame.

The project will be implemented in the area of Traditional Authority Kotieno, some distance from Olare centre.

About 650 people.

The project will be a failure if the communities will not fulfil their contributions in terms of strict management and care to the assets and services already put in place.

We assume that the communities know their problem and that development comes from within the community. This will contribute to the success of the project.

Project Sustainability

The project is managed by kotieno Community Based Organisation with support from the initial funders.

Regards,

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