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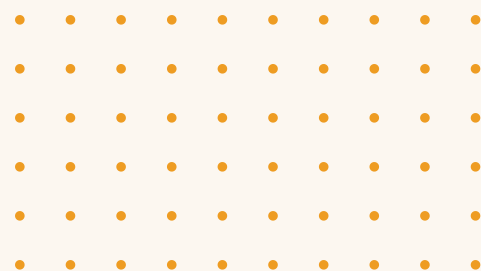
DEVELOPMENT BY PEOPLE

2024



Welcome To **CIVS COMMUNITY**

CIVS community Service (CIVS Kenya) is a community development agency registered in 1997, operating especially in the marginalized and poverty-stricken rural areas of Kenya with an objective of contributing towards the socio-economic empowerment of disadvantaged communities and to foster harmonious relations among people of different backgrounds with innovative and customized high quality services. We achieve these aims through two program areas: Community Development and International Voluntary Service.



Our PILLARS



VISION

CIVS is a leader in innovation in enterprising solutions for the needy



MISSION STATEMENT

CIVS exists to empower communities, organizations and individuals to realize their full potentials.



CORE VALUES

Equity and Equality,
Professionalism, Accountability
and Commitment



OBJECTIVES

Empower communities with tailored high-quality services, fostering individual self-development

Our PARTNERS



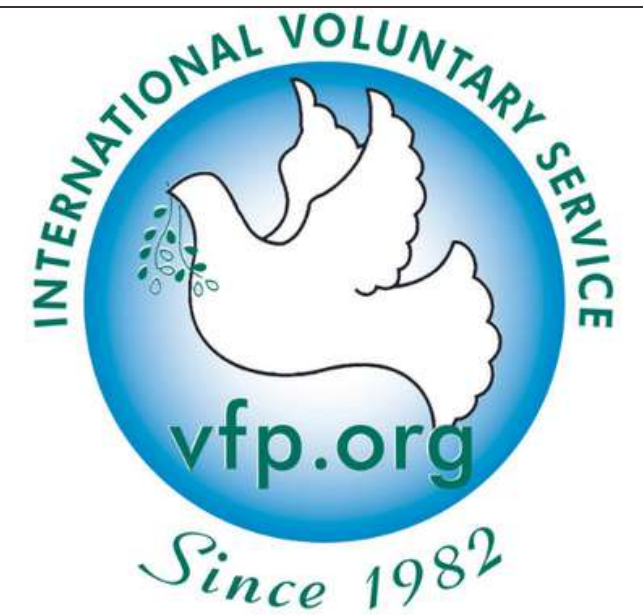
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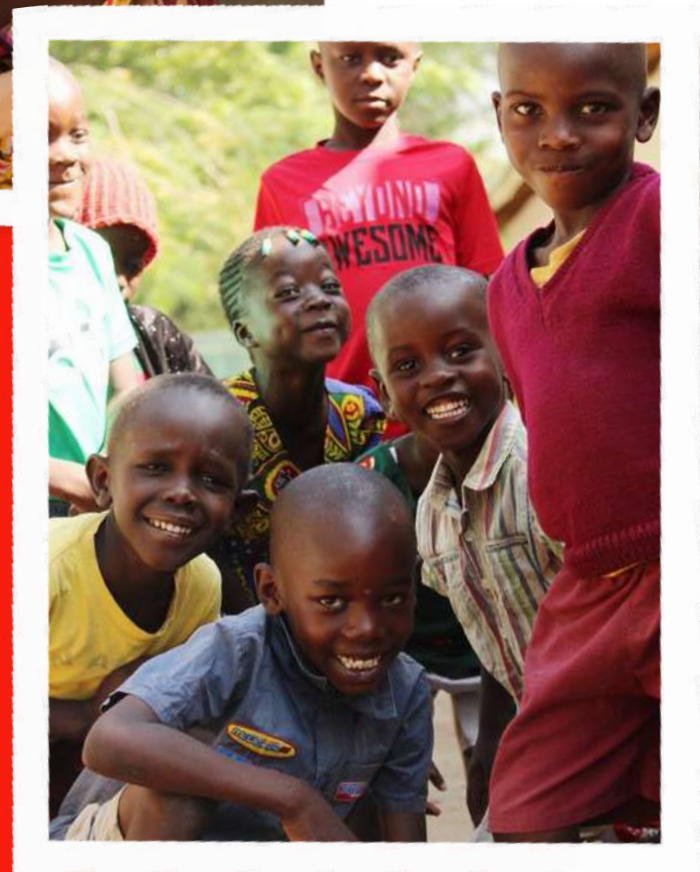
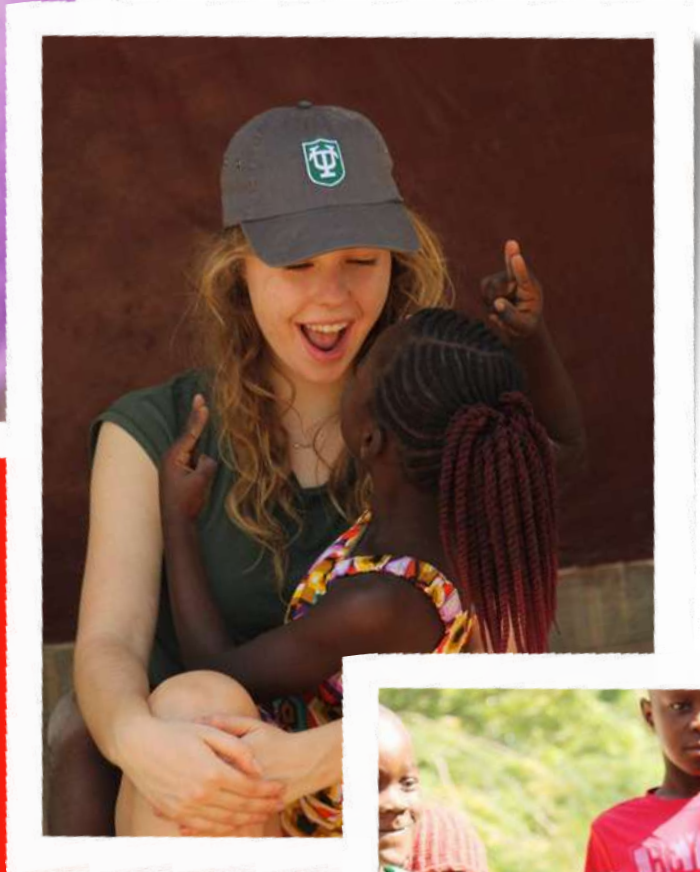
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ROTO TANKS

Our PROGRAMME

- 1 INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE (IVS)**
Volunteers for short term, medium & long term
- 2 FOOD SECURITY**
Implementing agriculture and environment projects
- 3 WATER AND SANITATION**
Facilitating equitable and sustainable access to safe water
- 4 HOLISTIC ORPHAN AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN SUPPORT**
Supports feeding programs for school going orphans and vulnerable children
- 5 GOOD GOVERNANCE**
Empower communities to participate the processes of identification
- 6 EMERGENCY RELIEF**
Working with communities that face tremendous challenges





International Voluntary Service (IVS)

SHORT, MEDIUM & LONG TERM

We recruit International Volunteers for short term, medium & long term and weltwärts project attachments throughout the year. CIVS deploys over 100 technical and non technical volunteers from all over the world to work with local communities on a variety of projects where they assist in capacity enhancement through specialist and non specialist tasks. This enables them to share knowledge and skills, culture, offer service, learn and gain exposure and experience in general or in specific fields of interest.





Food Security

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

We respond to the challenges of food insecurity in Kenya by implementing agriculture and environment projects together with vulnerable, rural communities mainly in Western Kenya. Our immediate goal is to improve household nutrition and income through agro-economic development and environmental stewardship. We strengthen the capacity of rural households, laborers and communities affected by HIV/AIDS through the establishment of Farmer Field Schools thus enabling them to take control of their own development.





Water and Sanitation

FACILITATING ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

We are committed to enhancing the health and economic well-being of low-income and underserved communities by facilitating equitable and sustainable access to safe water, sanitation and appropriate hygiene practices. We focus on providing integrated and sustainable solutions for individuals, households and communities including rainwater harvesting systems, hygienic water storage equipment, manual or solar powered water pumps, waterless toilets as well as trainings on health & hygiene matters and efficient water usage.





Children Support

HOLISTIC ORPHAN AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

HIV/AIDS related deaths continue to rise and the impact on Kenyan communities is becoming increasingly severe. The problem is especially acute among the young. The Nyanza region of Western Kenya alone has an estimated 650,000 HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children, the largest of number of any region of Kenya. It is on this background that CIVS supports feeding programs for school going orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) with the overall goal of improving their well-being and school performance. We strive to create a child friendly environment for children to share their views and experiences, play and interact. Our target for the next couple of years root a holistic approach towards OVC well-being in the communities and development approaches, with a special focus on education.

Good Governance

PARTICIPATE IN MONITORING THE PROCESSES

CIVS aims to educate and empower local communities for active involvement in monitoring project processes and demanding quality service delivery from various government levels. This is achieved through civic education and trainer training on devolution and public finance management. Increased civic awareness leads to community participation in county governance through the establishment of County Watch and Budget Groups. This facilitates the exercise of the right to demand inclusion in decision-making, resulting in improved access to basic services and livelihood opportunities through better utilization of public resources. Genuine development requires an expanded democratic space allowing educated citizen participation in grassroots decision-making.





Emergency Relief

FACE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES

CIVS is working with many communities all over Kenya that face tremendous challenges, such as extreme weathers (droughts, floods, etc.) combined with a degraded natural resource base. In the most extreme of these cases emergency relief sometimes is a necessary intervention type.

Our emergency response is based on the needs of the affected population and our capacity to respond. CIVS approaches its emergency response programming through a framework of activities to save lives and support livelihoods, knowing that these measures are only the first step followed by many others to sustainably support a community to stand on its own feet and build resilience against the cause of the intervention.



Our Approach

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER APPROACH

CIVS Kenya has developed an innovative project approach, following its integrated socio-economic development strategy. We call it Community Resource Center.





The inaugural Community Resource Center was built in Ahero, located approximately 25km east of Kisumu town. This center functions as a comprehensive service hub, providing various services aimed at enhancing nutrition and household incomes within the community.

Let's go
AHERO

The center comprises of a modern training facility to provide capacity building opportunities in Drought Resilient Agriculture, Entrepreneurship and Adult Education. The in-class training is complemented by practical learning on the adjacent Farmer Field School (Model Farm) which encompasses a Greenhouse, Tree Nursery and Poultry Farm that provide practical examples of modern farming practices to training participants as well as a source of nutrition and income for the Orphan Feeding Program.



Ahero ACTIVITIES

100 school going Orphans and Vulnerable Children that have been selected by the community get a free lunch at the center to improve their health and school performance.

The Ahero Resource Centre is also equipped with comprehensive rainwater harvesting infrastructure to fully utilize the short and heavy rains in the region.

Ahéro ACTIVITIES

Furthermore, a solar-powered borehole ensures a dependable and cost-effective supply of clean water for the community. This water is distributed through a kiosk at the center and will soon be linked to additional kiosks in the area, greatly enhancing access to safe water.

Moreover, the center houses a Community Bank that offers tailored financial services such as savings and loans, catering to the needs of the local community. This stimulates economic activity among the 300+ bank members and provides startup funding for training in entrepreneurship and agriculture.

Regular open forums, led by representatives from the Ministry of Health and Education, as well as local authorities, facilitate information sharing and community discussion at the center. These forums serve as platforms for presentations, lectures, and speeches.



Some of **RECENT PROJECTS**



THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM PROJECT

01.04.2015 / 31.03.2016

This food security project was funded by Terra Tech and implemented through CIVS Kenya (CIVS) in Ahero with goal of benefiting 550 poor household with yearlong food security through access of water for drinking and agriculture. Over 1000 people were trained in modern sustainable farming techniques



THE ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY IN KISUMU COUNTY OF KENYA PROJECT

01.11.2020 / 31.12.2022

Funded by BMZ and Aktion Deutschland Hilft, this project in Kisumu County, implemented by CIVS Kenya, aimed to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities through market-oriented agriculture. It directly benefited 1,250 vulnerable individuals, including young people, women, and People with Disabilities (PWDs)



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN KANO PLAINS

12.2017 / 12.2020

Funded by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Aktion Deutschland Hilft through Terratech E.V, this project was implemented by CIVS Kenya to establish three resource centers in Ahero, Awasi, and Awach. It aimed to address capacity building and food security issues in these regions.



THE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

01.2.2020 / 30.04.2023

Supported by BMZ and Aktion Deutschland Hilft, the Ahero project in Kisumu County aimed to empower disabled individuals for long-term self-sufficiency and integration into society. Its objective was to engage 1,200 disabled youth in meaningful employment or entrepreneurship, fostering their complete integration into society and raising awareness of their rights.

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Some of **RECENT PROJECTS**



CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER KOLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

11.2022 / 06..2023

With support from Hope for Children UK, CIVS Kenya constructed two classrooms and Head- Teacher Office at Kolunga Primary School for underprivileged children hailing from the poorest families in Ahero region.



ONE HEALTH PROJECT

01.2022 / 12.2022

The one-year project, under implementation by the CIVS Kenya, strengthened the Community Health Extension Workers, Volunteers and Community Facilitators and Groups' Response Capacities to COVID-19 Pandemic and Other Multi-Drivers of Poor Health Project to support communities



THE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

01.2023 / 12.2023

With support from Hope for Children UK, CIVS Implemented a School Feeding Program for St. Christopher's Kolunga Primary School children. The program aimed to provide one nutritious meal per day to over 230 vulnerable children aged 7 to 14



WATER FOR LIFE" PROJECT IN NYAKACH REGION OF KISUMU COUNTY

03.2023 / 06.2023

With support from Landsaid Germany, CIVS implemented the Water for Life project that involved the sinking and equipping of a borehole and constructing a water kiosk to produce water for both domestic and agricultural use in the region.



Some of **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

CIVS plans to improve the above mention Community Resource Center Approach and scale it up to other Kenyan Communities that CIVS is working with. The improvement of the approach will focus on two areas:



SOLAR DRYER PROJECT

Solar dryer Project- In partnership with Mondo Estonia, CIVS will be implementing a solar dryer project to address the issue of food security and food wastages in western Kenya



PROVIDING TEACHERS

Providing teachers from the Kisumu County with the urgently needed skills to teach their pupils in ICT under the laptops for school children Program of the Kenyan government.



FOOD SECURITY AND ICT

Establishment of community Resource Centre in Nyakach area of Kisumu county with special focus on food security and ICT



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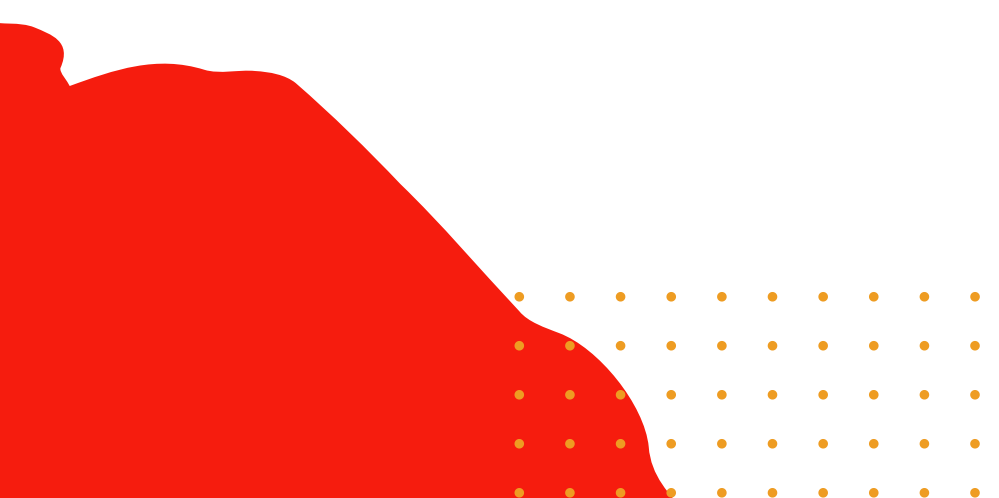
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

CIVS plans to implement in future an environmental project with focus in mitigating the impact of climate change in Kisumu County



MUSHROOM PROJECT

We plan to implement a mushroom project that will improve on food security in addition of improving on the topic of biodiversity





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