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The year 2022 has a good year without any major challenges. We started off the year with all the projects doing and achieving set objectives as planned at the beginning of the year. As Corona pandemic effects continue to be felt everywhere, our area of operation is also not left out. The cost of living has gone up with the government attributing the economic difficulty to the RUSSIA – Ukraine war as well as the corona pandemic. This measure had serious consequences for the children and families. Without income, many of the teachers could no longer support their communities and poverty in Kiptere continued to increase.

Art Workshop

The art workshop project continues to be innovative in its undertakings. The project currently takes part in productions various Kenyan market products, which have since increased their income. The products include clothes and hand bags.



Health Project

This year we embarked on registration of new families to benefit from the medical insurance cover. With this we registered 150 new members to make a total of 200 families benefiting from our health promotion plans. In return, members of the families complete work assignments for our project. We would love to expand this and are looking for more donors. With only KSh 500.00 per month or KSh 6000.00 per year, a whole family can benefit from this insurance and thus get medical insurance. We continue to thank sponsors of this program since many beneficiaries have already benefited through medical payment. Additionally, there are two new schools added to our program this year; Tumoiyot and Simbamo primary schools. With this additions the schools' populations and the surrounding community members will be able to get access to purified water from our project. We thank our esteemed sponsors for this assistance.

Coffee Project

The coffee project continues with the organic farming. A group of 50 farmers benefited from our free training and supply of free coffee seedlings this year. The planting took place and currently all the farmers of the new group have replaced their dried seedlings.

On harvesting, this year our farmers expect to harvest 50% more cherry compared to what was harvested last year. That is why we are very pleased that in January 2022 we will include another 50 farming families in the coffee project and thus support a total of 225 farming families to pay the school fees for their children. So that we will have enough drying tables for the coffee beans in the future, we started building more drying tables a few weeks ago. These will be newly built one on top of the other and covered as the land we have available is limited. Our team is also proud that we have already been able to convert one group to purely organic cultivation despite the difficult training opportunities.



Figure 1: NHIF beneficiaries clearing the bushes at the coffee pulping station

The harvesting season is here with us and farmers have started bringing their cherries to our pulping station though the quantity is still low. Health project NHIF beneficiaries have started their assistance at the pulping station as assigned. As earlier stated the harvest quantity projection will be an extra 50% increase from last year's harvest.

