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# Schools' Green Initiative Challenge

## Wonders of Dryland Forestry



The Schools' Green Initiative Challenge is a unique project implemented by KenGen Foundation in partnership with Better Globe Forestry and Bamburi Cement Ltd.

The main objective is the greening of over 460 acres in the semi-arid counties of Embu, Kitui and Machakos with Mukau (*M. Volkensii*) and Muveshi (*S. Siamea*) tree species as a way of mitigating climate change and providing wood fuel and alternative income opportunities for the local communities.

Through the setting up of woodlots in participating schools, the project acts as a change agent to establish a tree-planting culture for multiple benefits in dry-land areas.

The ten-year project is designed as a competition amongst the participating institutions for the highest seedling survival rates through the application of various innovations at the schools' woodlots.

Currently, there are 219 schools from the three counties taking part in the afforestation contest for the ultimate prize of educational trips, scholarship opportunities, and other prizes. Plans are underway to add more schools in the coming years.

The afforestation competition is in line with the Government of Kenya's Vision 2030 to achieve 10% forest cover across the country.

*Panda Miti, Hifadhi Mazingira*



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The KenGen Foundation was established in the year 2012 to upscale and take charge of the company's Corporate Social Investment programs.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has been involved in various activities. These include afforestation programs; expansion of the education program to include mentorship; and the establishment of partnerships and other fundraising activities.

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# Word from the **Managing Trustee**

**Dear Reader,**

Welcome to this year's first issue of the Giver Newsletter. It has been quite a busy period since the beginning of the year as we continued focusing on our regular programs while at the same time taking on new ones.

We recently launched Phase III of our flagship environment program, the Schools' Green Initiative Challenge at Tulimiyumbu Primary School, Machakos when we welcomed 99 new schools from the semi-arid areas of the counties of Embu, Kitui and Machakos to the afforestation challenge. I'm delighted to note the enthusiasm shown by the 'green' teachers and school heads on this program is enormous. Together with the on-going Phase II and the concluded Phase I, a total of 319 schools are now engaged in the afforestation activity.

A total of 160 secondary school and university students attended the four-day Annual Mentorship and Education Scholarship Awards held in April at Starehe Boys Centre. This year's mentorship had to be held in April due to the general elections, which will be held in August. Twenty-three secondary school students and twenty-five university students were awarded KenGen Education Scholarships this year.

Currently, the Company is supporting 90 university students and 91 secondary students, with 8 beneficiaries being sponsored by contributions from the KenGen Employee Giver Initiative, and two from our project partner, Bamburi Cement Ltd.

The Foundation has expanded its scope in terms of partnerships by recently signing Memorandum of Understanding with the National Museums of Kenya to convert the antique Ndula Power Station into a museum. The historic station will be the first ever electricity production museum in East Africa.

The Foundation is currently facilitating Better Globe Forestry Ltd. set up an in-vitro laboratory for the propagation of the Mukau tree species next to Kamburu, power station. The project is in line with the company's objective of contributing towards climate change mitigation by promoting tree planting through agro-forestry.

I would also like to highlight the refurbishment of Kiambaa Primary School and the construction of the Mirira Footpath under the World Bank Community Development Carbon Fund grant. The two projects are near completion and the students and Upper Tana community are already enjoying the new facilities.

I am glad to report that the Giver Initiative has continued to grow and during a new member recruitment campaign in the last two months, more than 100 new members joined in. The total number of KenGen Givers currently is 860. We hope to hit 1000 members by the time we complete the campaign in the all areas within the next coming weeks.

Lastly I would like to highlight the Megawatt Café, which opened in January at the KenGen Pension Plaza 2. The café is the first social investments undertaken by the Foundation. All profits generated by the Café will be channeled back to our core programs. With a classy and elegant ambience, the café offers a diverse menu and is open from 7 a.m – 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. We can't thank more the Central Office staff who have patronized the café from the first day it opened

Enjoy your read. Your feedback and comments are always welcomed.

Mike Njeru,  
Managing Trustee  
KenGen Foundation





*Director of Strategy & Business Performance Eng. David Muthike waters a tree at Tulimyumbu Primary School, Machakos during the launch of Phase III of the GIC.*

## GIC Expansion Project Enters Phase III with 99 New Schools

**N**inty nine new schools joined the Schools' Green Initiative Challenge Expansion Project during the launch of Phase III of the afforestation competition at a colorful ceremony held at Tulimyumbu Primary School, Machakos County on 5 May. This brings to 219 the number of schools currently involved in the tree-planting project implemented

by the KenGen Foundation in partnership with Better Globe Forestry and Bamburi Cement limited.

The event, hosted by the KenGen Foundation, was graced by the presence of KenGen's Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Joshua Choge, and the Acting KenGen MD Eng. David Muthike. Also

present were KenGen Eastern Hydros Operations Manager Eng. Francis Kawa; KenGen Business Development Director Moses Wekesa; KenGen Foundation's Managing Trustee Mike Njeru; the Managing Director Better Globe Forestry Ltd., Jean-Paul Deprins' and the Director of Corporate Affairs, Communications and Sustainable Development Susan



Maingi of Bamburi Cement Ltd.

Mr. Joshua Choge, the chief guest, noted that through the GIC, the Foundation and partners invest more than 10 million annually since the program started in 2013 for a worthy cause, with the results witnessed at Tulimyumbu attesting to this.

“We’re all witnesses to the effects of wanton environmental destruction through logging, illegal charcoal burning, and other such activities that have laid waste many parts of our beautiful country and now threaten the livelihoods of both current and future generations”, he said.

“Each one of us has a duty to stop this. The task of environmental conservation cannot be left as the sole responsibility of a single or a number of institutions but that of every citizen whether individual or corporate,” he added.

Tulimyumbu is one of the 120 school involved in Phase II of the GIC. Under the project, 500 acres of arid and semi-arid land in the counties of Embu, Machakos, and Kitui are set to go green in the ambitious ten-year schools afforestation project.

The Green Initiative Challenge expansion project involves schools in growing woodlots within their compounds with the drought resistant Muveshi and Mukau tree species. Pawpaw and Passion fruit trees have recently been introduced.



*“Green Teacher” Jackson Muvevi showcases the school’s woodlot during the launch of GIC Phase III.*

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**- Joshua Choge, Chairman KenGen.**



*Students of Tulimyumbu Primary school during the launch of GIC Phase III.*

Welcoming the new schools, the acting MD David Muthike noted that, “as we launch Phase III of the tree-planting competition, it is imperative for us as KenGen to continue working with all stakeholders to achieve the targeted 10% forest cover in Kenya’s Vision 2030”.

The GIC Expansion is a 10-year project funded by the partners at a cost of Ksh 120 million and is an upscale of the successful Phase I pilot project that initially involved 81 schools within the counties of Embu and Machakos.

The project is designed as a challenge to participating schools, mainly due to the dry weather conditions in the areas. Prizes are awarded based on the highest survival rate of seedlings and use of innovation in growing the trees.

“Personal commitment to the project is crucial for the success of the project at any given school”, stressed Mike Njeru, Managing Trustee KenGen Foundation. “Our experience has shown that the inclusion of the schools’ administration in the GIC gives a school a higher chance of success as compared to when they are not involved”, he added.

The MD of Better Globe Forestry Jean-Paul Deprins noted the environmental challenges of the project area and wished the new entrant all the best in the competition. The company supports the Green Initiative Challenge expansion project through the provision of tree seedlings, monitoring and evaluation equipment, and capacity building activities.

Susan Maingi of Bamburi Cement Ltd. pledged that the company will continue in supporting the project, not only in tree-planting, but also in infrastructure development and the awarding of education scholarships. The cement manufacturer will also arrange environmental education trips and sessions for the best performing schools.

The schools Green Initiative Challenge expansion project targets to reach 140,000 school children by 2018, with the schools being used as channels to reach out to the wider community members and encourage tree planting and nurturing. So far, more than 90,000 seedlings have been planted in Phase II of the tree-planting competition.

## New ‘Green’ Teachers Trained for GIC Phase III



**A** hundred and ninety eight teachers, including head teachers and principals from 90 schools in the semi-arid areas of Embu, Machakos and Kitui counties underwent a capacity building exercise from 1-3 March in preparation of their taking part in phase III of the Schools’ Green Initiative Challenge program

The training, facilitated by the KenGen Foundation, Better





*GIC M&E Officers demonstrate proper tree-planting techniques during a capacity building session.*

**“Inclusion of schools’ head teachers during Phase III of the afforestation competition is crucial for the successful implementation of the project”.**

Globe Forestry, Bamburi Cement, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and Kenya Forest Service (KFS) aimed to equip the new ‘Green Teachers’ and school heads

with the necessary skills and information on how to participate and manage the afforestation competition.

KenGen Foundation Senior Programs Officer Anthony Igecha says the inclusion in the training of the schools’ head teachers during Phase III of the afforestation competition is crucial for the successful implementation of the project.

“The schools administration need to own the project right from the beginning. This will ensure that the students get full support, and also guarantee the allocation of necessary resources for the

project,” said Igecha.

The teachers were coached on the various characteristics of the GIC including the benefits and challenges of growing the tree and fruit species in the program.

The Green Teachers also learnt various nursery management practices, including weeding, seed propagation, pest and disease control, and best practices in sustainable water harvesting.

Currently 120 schools from the three counties are engaged in phase II of the GIC, with additional schools scheduled to be added to the competition annually.



# 48 Students Awarded KenGen Education Scholarships 2017

“While it is KenGen that gives out these scholarships, the actual work towards achieving and realising the goals set out lie with the individual who are encouraged to take full advantage of the program”. Eng Albert Mugo, MD & CEO KenGen.

**T**wenty three secondary schools students and 25 university students are the new beneficiaries of the KenGen Education Scholarships program after they were presented with the awards in a colourful ceremony held at Starehe Boys Centre on 25 April. This is the twelfth batch that KenGen has awarded education scholarships.

Hosted by the KenGen Foundation, the scholarships awards ceremony was graced by the presence of KenGen's Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Joshua Choge, and the Company's MD & CEO Eng. Albert Mugo. Also present was KenGen Foundation's Managing Trustee Mike Njeru, the Director Starehe Boys Centre Mr. Charles Masheti and the CEO of Peak Performance James Gitau.

The chief guest, Chairman of the Board of Directors, KenGen, Joshua Choge, congratulated the recipients and said that it was the utmost duty of the company

to ensure the safeguarding of gains made from universal primary education through the enhancement of access to both secondary and university levels.

“As KenGen, we have, and will continue to undertake the expansion of access to education by availing the resources that we possibly can”, he said. “We shall continue raising the bar of Kenyan education by assisting in improving structures that enhance the learning institutions as well as seek to increase the number of scholarships slots in all areas that we offer”, he added.

Addressing the beneficiaries of the scholarships, the MD & CEO reiterated that “While it is KenGen that gives out these scholarships, the actual work towards achieving and realising the goals set out lie with the individual who are encouraged to take full advantage of the program. We strive to ensure that the scholarships are offered to only those who deserve”. The KenGen Education

Scholarships Awards takes place during the KenGen Foundation Annual Mentorship, a 4-day program for current scholarships beneficiaries aimed at guiding them into becoming academic giants, while at the same time encouraging the discovery of talents and nurturing of life skills to provide for a balanced approach in achieving transformational leadership.

Opinion leaders, motivational speakers, and distinguished achievers of the various industries engage the students in group lectures, interactive meetings, and team building exercises. This year Wilson Kamau, Wangeci Mwangi, James Obondo and Bethwel Ogunwole, KenGen staff were included in the mentoring program through the KenGen Employee Giver Initiative.

Guest performing artist Collo gave a thrilling performance culminating with the gospel hit song ‘Bazokizo’, which had the





*Recipients of the KenGen Education Scholarships 2017.*

crowd dancing and swaying to the beat.

The KenGen Education Scholarship program offers learning opportunities for bright needy secondary and university students selected from the communities living near the Company's power installations. The scholarships offer the beneficiaries opportunities to achieve academic excellence while at the same time opening doors to great careers and better futures. Currently the program has 91 secondary school students and 90 university students.

We wish all the scholarships beneficiaries success in their education.



*KenGen Chairman Joshua Choge awards Cynthia Mung'ala of South Eastern University with her KenGen Education Scholarship certificate. With them are (L) Eng. Albert Mugo, MD & CEO, Kengen and (R) Mike Njeru, Managing Trustee - KenGen Foundation.*

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# The Annual Me



*Top from left: Secondary school students during a confidence training session at the Annual Mentorship; University students during a question and answer session with their mentors; Bancy Gitonga from Peak Performance takes students through one of the training sessions; Mike Njeru, KenGen Foundation Managing Trustee addresses the students*





# mentorship 2017



*during the first day of the Annual Mentorship; Students perform a play during an evening session of mentorship; KenGen's Wangeci Mwangi and Wilson Kamau join students in an interactive session; Collo entertains the scholarships beneficiaries during the 2017 Education Scholarships awards; Assistant HR Manager Bethwel Ogwayo addresses the students during the mentorship.*





# Antique Ndula to Convert to a Museum

The 92-year-old antique Ndula hydro-power station is set to become the first electric power museum in East Africa following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between KenGen, KenGen Foundation, and the National Museums of Kenya. The gazetement of the station as a national heritage site is almost complete.

The 2-Megawatt station commissioned in 1903 and situated in Gatunyaga division in Kiambu County 20 kilometres from Thika town was decommissioned by the Company in December 2010 due to operational challenges.

Speaking during the MoU signing held at the KenGen offices on 8 March, KenGen MD and CEO Eng. Albert Mugo said the decision to convert Ndula into a museum was made after the company ascertained the hydro-power plant had become economically unviable to redevelop for purposes of power generation.

“Last year, KenGen’s Board of Directors approved a proposal from KenGen Foundation to have the station gazetted and converted into a national museum to keep in perpetuity the country’s evolution



*Some of the antique machines at Ndula Power Station*

**KenGen Foundation will spearhead the conversion process as well as take charge of the running of the museum and other support facilities once the process is complete.**

of electric power production and industrial development,” he said

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According to the MoU, the conversion process will entail conservation and management of the country’s heritage of electricity

generation and conversion of Ndula Power station into a museum. This will involve research, documentation, construction of necessary facilities, fabrication and curation of exhibition materials and preservation of the site and existing equipment.

“It will also involve the establishment of opportunities for education and training in heritage conservation and management as well as staff exchange and





*Dr. Mzalendo Kibunjia, the Director General of the National Museums of Kenya and Eng. Albert Mugo, the MD & CEO of KenGen display the MoU during the signing ceremony held at KenGen offices.*

collaboration through training programs and workshops with special interest in evolution of power generation,” said Eng. Mugo.

The Director General, National Museums of Kenya, Dr. Mzalendo Kibunjia, said the museum will play a huge role in developing the country’s rich heritage by increasing the number of museums offering diverse information for research, information and education.

“The hydro-power plant and its associate external components like

the dam, Thika River and the water falls, which will form the basic display areas will be preserved with minimal changes so as to present them in the most authentic manner,” said Dr. Kibunjia.

“For the Foundation, this is like preserving a family jewel” said Managing Trustee, Mike Njeru adding that the creation of the museum will drastically cut on the influx of students and members of the public who seek to visit the Company’s power stations on a daily basis.

“The museum will offer a better learning environment for those seeking to know more about electric power generation, complete with a historic touch”, he said.



# Specialized ‘Mukau Tree’ Facility Set to Change Kenya’s Dry-land Landscape



*Better Globe Forestry MD Jean-Paul Deprins shakes hands with KenGen MD & CEO Eng. Albert Mugo during the signing of the MoU. With them are Jan Vandenabeele, Executive Director Better Globe Forestry and Mike Njeru, Managing Trustee KenGen Foundation.*

**“ Known as the ‘mahogany’ of the dry land, the Mukau tree, botanically known as *Melia volkensii* takes between 15 to 20 years to mature and produces first class hard wood timber.**

**K**enya’s arid and semi-arid areas are set to benefit in agro-forestry resources once an In-Vitro multiplication laboratory for *Mukau* tree is set up at Kamburu area in Machakos County.

The project is set to kick off following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between KenGen, KenGen Foundation, and Better Globe Forestry who are the executors of the facility.

The in-vitro laboratory will be set-up on KenGen’s 40 hectares of land near Kamburu power station which will be leased to Better Globe Forestry through the company’s corporate social responsibility wing, KenGen Foundation. The facility will enable scientific propagation of thousands of *Mukau* seedlings which will be distributed to farmers in ASAL areas for agro-forestry and forestry plantations.

Speaking during the signing the MoU on March 8, 2016, KenGen MD and CEO Eng. Albert Mugo said through the project, the company aims at contributing towards climate change mitigation by promoting tree planting through agro-forestry. He said the facility will enhance capacity building and exchange of academic knowledge between project partners to enable the establishment highly valuable commercial trees in dry lands. The project will be developed in two phases, starting with a laboratory, a trial farm for framers, offices, a green-house and nursery, and an educational exchange program.





A 5-year old Mukau woodlot at Kiambere, Machakos County. The tree produces first class hard wood timber.

The second phase will involve the development of a log yard, a saw mill, workshops and fuel stations, a timber processing industry and warehouses. This will be geared towards processing timber bought from households engaged in *Melia Volkensii* plantations.

Known as the ‘mahogany’ of the dry land, the *Mukau* tree, botanically known as *Melia volkensii* takes between 15 to 20 years to mature and produces first class hard wood timber. Its propagation among rural households in ASAL areas will bring development of profitable

and sustainable agro-forestry and commercial forestry enterprises in these areas.

The Managing Director of Better Globe Forestry Limited Mr. Jean-Paul Deprins said the multiplication facility and planned timber processing industry will enhance participation of rural households in commercial forestry, as a complementary income generation activity.

“We are excited to see the start of this project which has a high commercial value for thousands of households in dry rural areas

who never dreamed of growing a commercially viable tree in their land”, said Mr. Deprins.

The *Melia Volkensii* in-vitro multiplication facility is a project run by Better Globe Forestry in collaboration with the University of Ghent in Belgium, the University of Nairobi, and the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI). The project is funded by the Belgian Flemish Government and the Foundation will hold the Company’s interests in its operations.



# 2017 'Givers' Recruitment Numbers **Hit 100!**

**“Through the multiplier effect of the Giver Initiative, we are grateful for the opportunities given through the Foundation to serve a bigger purpose”.**

**F**rom Western Hydros to Kipevu and Central Office, the KenGen Foundation team was well received by the Givers at the power stations during this year's Employee Giver Initiative recruitment and appreciation exercise aimed at boosting the numbers of KenGen staff involved in the Company's Corporate Social Investment activities.

Eng. Frank Konuche, Western Hydros Operations Manager, signed up with 21 new Givers from Sondu Miriu, Gogo, and Muhoroni, while 10 more signed up from Kipevu Power Station, Mombasa.

During a cocktail held in appreciation of all Western Hydros Givers, Eng. Konuche commended the Foundation for the rigorous recruitment exercise.

“Through the Giver Initiative, Foundation has embarked on a noble cause of helping the less fortunate in the society, and this is something we are proud to be a part of”, said Eng. Konuche.

Currently, Western Hydros has more than 70% of its staff signed up to the program, making it the KenGen operation area with the highest numbers of subscriptions.

At a luncheon held in honour of the Coast region Givers, the station's Operations Manager Eng. Julius Odumbe praised the area Givers team in their commitment and dedication towards active contributions in the company's Corporate Social Investment activities.

“Our Givers have been very active since their registration and induction as seen by their



*Nairobi Giver Champions: Patrick Olum (T*

contribution to the less fortunate in the society, especially during the annual GivingTuesday celebrated in December”, said Eng. Odumbe.

He noted that last year, the Kipevu staff led by Givers managed to raise over Ksh. 750,000 for the drought victims at Ganze Constituency, Kilifi Sub-county, which the Company was proud to match shilling for shilling.

In Nairobi, the Foundation team welcomed 60 new subscribers after two days of recruitment, bringing the number of Givers at the Central Office to 260, the highest company-wide in proportion to the number of staff per area.

Speaking on behalf of the Givers during the cocktail, KenGen's Technical Assurance & Quality, Manager Henry Ithiami, a passionate Giver in his own





*Transport) and Elaine Kirui (Supply Chain).*

right, thanked the Foundation for finding time to appreciate the Givers. “Through the multiplier effect of the Giver Initiative, we are grateful for the opportunities given through the Foundation to serve a bigger purpose. We appreciate the chance of being able to change livelihoods through voluntary giving”, he said.

In a message read by the Foundation’s Managing Trustee Mike Njeru, the MD and CEO Eng. Albert Mugo thanked all the givers as he wrote; “The Foundation appreciates the willing giving and thats why I am a Giver myself”, he said.

The Supply Chain Department received special accolades for registering the highest numbers within the two days of the recruitment exercise, with the Transport Department being

recognised as having the most dedicated Givers with more than 80% subscribers.

The Chief Guest at the event, the Human Resource and Administration Director Mr. Abraham Serem gave a moving speech on the power of giving which can help alleviate the world’s suffering. “We give not because we have but because we are willing to do so. It is not what someone has but the willingness of his heart that leads to his giving”, he said adding that the Company encourages all employees to engage in philanthropic activities.

The Managing Trustee noted that the contributions from Givers had managed to raise over Ksh. 4 million which will go a long way in expanding projects under the Foundation’s three main pillars namely Education, Environment,

Water & Sanitation. “Currently, we have 8 students benefitting through scholarships funded by the initiative”, he added.

Mr. Njeru encouraged the Givers to recruit their friends and colleagues who are not yet subscribed. Central Office Givers have been actively involved in the company’s Corporate Social Investment activities through the Foundation and its partners. Last year, the Nairobi Givers managed to plant over 1,000 trees at Nairobi National Park’s buffer zone as part of KenGen’s corporate mandate in environmental conservation. A section of the subscribers have committed themselves to the Education Program as mentors.

Peter Ngachuro, Sondu Miriu’s Community Liaison Officer and an alumni of the KenGen Education Scholarships, was nominated as Western Hydros Giver Champion, while Kipevu’s Community Liaison Assistant Isaac Asienwa was unanimously nominated as the area’s champion. Elaine Kirui, Purchasing Officer, and Patrick Olum from Transport were nominated as Nairobi champions charged with mobilizing and coordinating the Givers and their activities.

The recruitment and appreciation exercises continue in other areas over the next month.

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# Givers **Central**





# Office Cocktail





# Western Hydros Givers 'Green' Katuk-Odeyo with 1,000 Trees



*Western Hydros Operations Manager Eng. Frank Konuche plants a tree at Katuk-Odeyo during the afforestation activity.*

**“It is imperative that the community adopts a tree-planting culture to curb the negative effects of climate change and soil erosion”.**

**T**he scorching sun did not deter KenGen Western Hydros staff, Givers, and community members from planting over 1,000 trees at Katuk-Odeyo as part of the KenGen's Corporate Social Investment activities on March 30.

Led by Sondu Miriu's Operations Manager Frank Konuche, and the Foundation's Managing Trustee Mike Njeru, the team joined Professor Jack Kamiruka, staff, and students of Lake Basin College

in the afforestation exercise.

“It is imperative that the community adopts a tree-planting culture to curb the negative effects of climate change and soil erosion”, said Eng. Konuche.

“KenGen as a company is able and ready to provide the tree seedlings towards afforestation in the area and we will increase the number to 6,000. Hopefully one day we will also set up a tree nursery for the benefit of the community”, he added.

Echoing the station chief's sentiment, Mike Njeru called upon the community and area leaders to “take it upon themselves to address environmental destruction before the situation gets worse for help”.

The tree planting exercise follows an MoU signed earlier between the KenGen Foundation and the Lake Basin College that provides the framework of the cooperation between the parties in regard to the afforestation project.

An initial 3,000 seedlings was committed to 'green' the Katuk Odeyo project area, which is heavily degraded with huge gullies across the land caused by soil erosion.



# KenGen's New Givers

## Central Office

Annie Muraya  
Beatrice A. Osamba  
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Betrica Chelangat  
Catherine Njoroge  
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Dianah Mwangi  
Edison Ochieng  
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Esther Kamau  
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Florah Gloria Oyando  
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Francisca Kurgat  
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Georgina Achola  
Gertrude Cherono  
Gladys Chepkirui  
Gloria Kikete  
Halima Mohamed  
Ibrahim Kitoo  
Irene Muiruri  
Isaac Bundi  
Isaac Osiemo  
Jackline Korir  
Jackline O. Owuor  
James Mettto  
Jane Ngugi  
Jane W. Waweru  
Jennifer Oduor  
John Ndambiri  
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Joshia Ogutu K.  
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Judith Mbogo  
Julia Wanjiku  
Leonida Serem  
Lincoln M. Mweu  
Lois N. Gitau  
Margaret W. Kariuki

Mary Kagwiria  
Mary Mbiti  
Mathew Chebogel  
Michelle Odundo  
Monicah Karanja  
Mwende Munyasia  
Nancy W. Gitau  
Naomi W. Mburu  
Ndorobo Ng'ania  
Onesmus Mutua  
Pamela Wekesa  
Peris Muthiaru  
Priscah Mwaro  
Purity K. Njagi  
Purity Muthoni Kinoti  
Rashid Kanyua  
Resian Pertet  
Rose Wamwaki  
Sheillah Jenny W.  
Simon Theuri  
Solomon Kariuki  
Stella Wachira  
Stephen N. Muia  
Thomas Njau  
Viola J. Rotich  
Washington Kariuki  
Wilkister Nywangweso  
William Omusi  
Wilson Kamau

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Camlus Ogolla  
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Duncan Gicobi  
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Leonard Odhiambo  
Lilian Awuor  
Linnet Barasa

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Samuel Balaka  
Samuel Mukala  
Shadrack Odongo  
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Wilfred Opiyo Achieng  
Juma Chengo  
Luka M. Warui  
Charles J. Okumu  
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John Oginga  
John Ongwae  
Samuel Ogallo  
Willis B. Nangira  
Zachary Bosire

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Athman Mwaghogho  
Charles Tuwei  
Esther Amani  
John Mwanzia  
Joseph Mwambui  
Julius Maganga  
Linda Mariwa  
Mercy Nyambura  
Morris K. Warui  
Morris M. Maina  
Regina Wairimu  
Reuben M. Wekesa  
Susan Wauna



# Upper Tana's World Bank CDCF Projects On Course

**T**he newly brushed walls and smooth verandahs at Kiambaa Primary School, Upper Tana, greeted the KenGen Foundation team while on their latest monitoring visit to assess the progress of the school's renovation works in May .

Led by the Foundation's Senior Programs Officer Anthony Igecha and KenGen's Civil Engineer Eric Williams, the team toured the institution, and later held a brief meeting with the contractor and the Project Implementation Committee to iron out the finer details of the project which is funded by the World Bank Community Development Carbon Fund.

"It is imperative that the contractor works with KenGen's civil engineer and the Project Implementation Committee to ensure the timely implementation of the project.

"Of equal importance, the contractor must ensure that the bulk of the construction work is outsourced to the local youth and women so as to comply with the CDCF project guidelines", Mr. Igecha said adding "It also the contractor's duty to vet the casual workers for discipline, and also provide the necessary safety measures as required by law".



*Mr. Joshua Choge, Chairman KenGen, and Eng. Albert Mugo MD & CEO KenGen on a visit to Kiambaa Primary School*

The school's renovation, and the construction of the nearby footpath at Mirira are being implemented by KenGen Foundation in conjunction with KenGen's CDM and Environment Department and KenGen Upper Tana area. It is part of the company's Corporate Social Investment activity through a \$50,000 grant from the World Bank CDCF.

Speaking in the newly refurbished Head master's office, the contractor assured the team that the renovations will be completed within the given period and that the necessary requirements will be observed during the construction period.

At the Mirira footpath construction site, the team was impressed by the latest developments, which not only included guard rails at the newly constructed bridge, but also a

cleared path inclusive of a calvat drain for rain water management.

Surprisingly, the chairlady of the Project Implementation Committee Ms. Agnes Kabata was also hands on deck as she worked on clearing stones on one side of the construction site!

The construction of the footpath "is a triple blessing for the women and youth of this area since they will have easier access to both sides of the river. The area youth have benefited immensely from the casual work and the opportunity to gain new skills in construction", said Eng. Williams.

The new footpath is also expected to boost the area's income generation through the ease of movement between the six villages of Kairo, Gakindu, Matithi, Kayuyu and Kaingojo and the three local markets at Makutano Town.



## Mirira Footpath



*December 2016*



*January 2017*



*May 2017*

## Kiambaa Primary School



*December 2016*



*January 2017*



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# Megawatt Café Opens at KenGen Pension Plaza 2

**T**he new Megawatt Café situated at 11th floor of KenGen Pension Plaza 2 opened its doors on 5th January bringing a new culinary experience to Central Office staff.

With a classy and elegant ambience, the café offers dine-in options with seating for 52, a panoramic view of Nairobi City comfortable booths and free style seating areas against a back drop of warm recessed LED lights.

“The opening of the café is definitely a new and exciting chapter for KenGen’s staff and visitor’s as it will not only cater to individuals’ tastes, but also serve meetings and outside guests”, said Mike Njeru, KenGen Foundation Managing Trustee while welcoming the first diners at the Café.

The café’s menu, created by the Restaurant Manager Jovita Ateya and Chef Anthony Kiarie, is diverse. For breakfast, there is a variety of popular snacks including American and lemon pancakes and other continental bites as well as the local nduma (arrow root) and ngwaci (sweet potatoes) The main course list excites the taste buds with a variety of meals including roast chicken, grilled lamb chops, steaks, fish, and burgers. The menu

also offers a variety of vegetarian options.

The café drew more than 70 diners during its opening day, with positive reviews indicating that KenGen Central Office staff had long waited for fresh tasty and quality meals.

“I want people to feel relaxed and enjoy their meals at Megawatt café”, said Jovita Ateya. “Apart from the relaxing and calm atmosphere, we are offering diners a unique culinary journey for the ultimate gourmet experience”.

The Café patrons will take take breathtaking views the city as they

dine and take work breaks at the Café where they enjoy free Wi Fi.

Megawatt Café is project of the KenGen Foundation as part of its social investment activities.

“We welcome you enjoy our dishes and at the same time give us feedback in terms of our services”, said Chef Kiarie, who joined the catering team from NAS. “We will strive to offer the best in the industry and we will soon unveil a new and exciting menu to cater for all guests”.

The café opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.



*Megawatt Cafe staff*



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