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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,

If you ever doubted the power of unity, then you should read our main story!

KenGen, through its tree planting efforts – the Schools’ Green Initiative Challenge – was recognized by H.E. the First Lady Margaret Kenyatta during the inaugural Kenya Forest Service Tree Planting and Forest Conservation awards to emerge the overall winner in the Best Corporate Category (State Agency).

The award is a major morale boost to all stakeholders in the project even as this year’s drought poses a major challenge in the nurturing of tree seedlings within the woodlots of the current 219 schools participating in the tree planting competition.

Still, the Schools’ Green Initiative Challenge model was recognized during a dry-land forestry workshop hosted by project partner Better Globe Forestry at the University of Nairobi’s Kabete campus.

Good news for our Education Scholarships alumni who graduated with Upper Class degrees. As per policy, the Company has offered them direct employment as a reward for their hard work, and judging by the phone calls the Foundation receives from the lucky candidates, they can’t wait to start their engagements!

The Employee Giver Initiative is the highlight of this issue as more staff members have subscribed to be part of KenGen’s Corporate Social Investment activities. In all areas we’ve visited in the past months, the reception has been overwhelming and we cannot thank those who’ve helped us in logistics, and also the new Givers, enough.

Scroll through the pages to find out where our numbers stand currently!

The Giver Champions, elected by area Givers, will be the bridge between the Foundation and the area Givers. They’ll play a major role in prioritizing emerging community issues for effective mitigation measures from the Company and other stakeholders through the Foundation.

Please share this issue with your friends and colleagues to spread the word and enjoy your read.

Your feedback and comments are always welcomed.

Mike Njeru,

Managing Trustee, KenGen Foundation



The First Lady H.E. Margaret Kenyatta presents the Best Corporate (State Agency) Tree Growing and Forest Conservation Award to Amos Mbutu, KenGen's Eastern Hydros Environment Officer.

KenGen Scoops Best Corporate Tree Growing And Forest Conservation Award

KenGen scooped First Position in the Best Corporate Category (State Agency) to emerge the overall winner in recognition of its exceptional performance during the Kenya Forest Service inaugural Tree Growing and Forest Conservation

award ceremony last Friday. H.E. First Lady Margaret Kenyatta graced this premier event, geared towards creating awareness among Kenyans on the significance of continually participating in tree growing and forest conservation.

KenGen's Environmental Officer, Amos Mbutu received the award which recognizes KenGen's dedication and commitment in reforestation.

Also present at the event were Cabinet Secretary for Environment

and Natural Resources, Prof. Judy Wakhungu, Principal Secretary, State Department of Natural Resources Dr. Margaret Mwakima, Hon. Amina Abdalla, Chair, Environmental Committee in Parliament, Kenya Forest Service Board led by the Chairman, Peter Kinyua, Chief Conservator of Forests, Emilio Mugo and CEO's of State Corporations including our Managing Director and CEO, Eng. Albert Mugo.

“ Positive solutions [can] only happen if vulnerable people have access to natural resources. ” - H.E. First Lady Margaret Kenyatta.

On arrival, the First Lady planted a ceremonial tree, signed the Visitors' Book and viewed exhibitions before proceeding to the VIP Dais. Entertainment by KFS Choir hyped the event. A 'shairi' by Karura Primary School pupils had all applauding when they made the statement, "Asante sana Shangazi Maggie".

In her speech, the First Lady said that positive solutions would only happen if vulnerable people have access to natural resources. CS, Prof. Judi Wakhungu noted that the forest cover had risen from 6.9% in 2010 to 7.4% and is expected to cover an additional 10% before 2030.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
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KenGen's immediate former MD and CEO Eng. Albert Mugo shows his appreciation for the Company's recognition during the event.

GIC Phase III 2nd Capacity Building Addresses Project Challenges

The prevailing drought, coupled with poor seedlings management and destruction by livestock, is a major obstacle facing participating schools in phase III of the Schools Green Initiative Challenge (GIC), the KenGen Foundation found out during a 3-day capacity building workshop held at the semi-arid counties of Kitui, Machakos, and Embu from 11 – 13 September.

The schools' 'Green' teachers and head teachers from 99 schools also had a chance to compare notes, and share experiences, 6 months after Mukau, Muveshi and Terminalia brownii seedlings were distributed to their schools at the beginning of

the tree planting competition.

The workshop, facilitated by the KenGen Foundation, KenGen, Better Globe Forestry, Bamburi Cement, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and Kenya Forest Service (KFS) aimed to review the progress and assess the challenges facing the participating schools while also looking for simple innovative solution to tackle the challenges.

Mike Njeru, the Managing Trustee of the KenGen Foundation, was present to welcome the participants to the workshop together with the sub county directors of education

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Emilio Mugo said there was need to increase sensitization to public for active participation to inculcate a culture of tree growing by all. He felt there was need for assistance in establishing partners keen on supporting the awards programme to raise the bar for KFS so this can be an annual event in their calendar.

KenGen's recognition in tree growing and forest conservation comes as a result of a call sent out to 47 counties for participation where 514 members responded. After evaluation, 59 were shortlisted as awardees.

As a company, KenGen has been involved in tree planting through its flagship environment program,

the Schools' Green Initiative Challenge (GIC) since 2013. The pilot project saw an initial 81 schools in the semi-arid counties of Embu, Machakos plant the fast growing and drought resistant mukau and muveshi tree species in 0.5 acre woodlots.

An additional 218 schools are currently involved in the GIC after the KenGen Foundation partnered with Better Globe Forestry and Bamburi Cement Ltd. in 2015 an M.O.U. to green more than 460 acres in the semi-arid counties of Embu, Machakos, and Kitui with a total of 324,300 tree seedlings as well as 113,956 fruit trees within a span of 10 years. A total of 919 schools have been earmarked to join the GIC.

The GIC is designed as a challenge to participating schools, mainly due to the dry weather conditions in the areas, with prizes awarded based on the highest survival rate of seedlings and use of innovation.

Additionally, KenGen and Better Globe Forestry are setting up an in-vitro laboratory for mukau and muveshi tree species near Kamburu Power Station. 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.

The Schools' Green Initiative Challenge is set to expand to Nakuru, Mombasa and Kisumu counties.



KenGen's immediate former MD and CEO Eng. Albert Mugo with Eastern Hydros environment team.

Schools' Greening Project Lauded During *Melia volkensii* Workshop



The Schools Green Initiative Challenge impressed participants attending a two-day workshop on dry-land agroforestry organized by the Foundation's project partner Better Globe Forestry at the University of Nairobi Kabete campus on 24 – 25 August.

Representatives from the University of Ghent (Belgium), University of Nairobi, Kenya Forestry Research Institute, International Center for Research in Agroforestry/World Agroforestry Centre, Nature Conservancy, Better Globe Forestry, and Kenya Forest Service among others, had convened to discuss the challenges and benefits of cultivating *Melia volkensii*, the tree species used in the Schools Green Initiative Challenge (GIC), for farmers living in semi-arid regions.

In their presentation, the Foundation's Senior Programs Officer Anthony Igecha and KenGen Environment Officer Amos Mbutu exhibited the schools tree growing model of the GIC project, highlighting the project's

contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gases through carbon sequestration, the control soil erosion by increasing topsoil infiltration and reducing runoff, and ultimately grooming the next generation of environmental ambassadors.

"It was honour to get recognition from our efforts for four years after starting the pilot project at the semi-arid counties of Embu and Machakos with 81 schools", said Mr. Igecha. "Currently, we have 219 schools involved in phase II and III of the afforestation competition. We will be adding 100 more in 2018 so as to be able to achieve our ultimate objective of greening more than 460 acres with *Melia volkensii*, locally known as Mukau, and other dry-land tree species at schools within the two counties, including Kitui".

Mukau, including *Muveshi* (*S. Siamea*) and *Terminalia brownii*, are the choice trees for the Schools Green Initiative Challenge, a unique project implemented by KenGen Foundation in partnership with Better Globe Forestry and Bamburi

Cement Ltd. The project's main objective is the greening of over 460 acres in the semi-arid counties of Embu, Kitui and Machakos as a way of mitigating climate change and providing wood fuel and alternative income opportunities for the local communities.

Melia Volkensii (Mukau) is a tree species that is indigenous to East Africa. In Kenya, the species grows naturally in Mbeere, Tharaka, Kitui, Mutomo, Mwingi, Makueni and Taita Taveta counties. The tree can grow to heights of up to 15m high and a diameter of 50cm over a period of 20 years. Mukau is drought resistant and can grow with an annual average rainfall of 400-1000mm. As a hardwood, it produces good quality timber, which makes it quite marketable and is also useful as fodder, bee keeping, and bio-pesticide manufacturing.

So far over 90,000 tree seedlings have been planted through the GIC, with 40,000 more to be distributed to the new schools next year.

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from Machakos County Ms. Peninah Mbaluka, her counterpart from Embu Ms. Grace Karimi, and Ms. Miriam Kamau from the Kenya Forest Service.

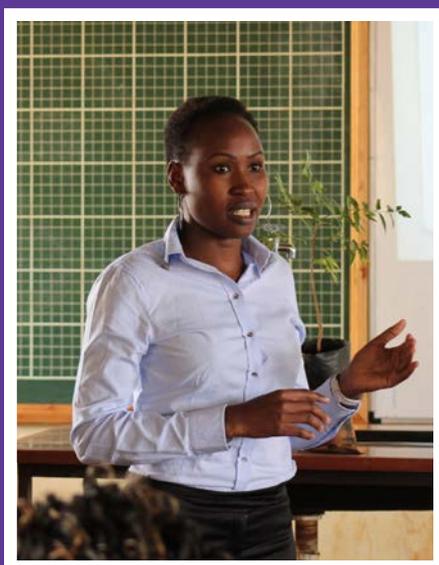
The teachers had a chance to interact with the GIC officials, while learning more about the value of the dry-land tree species; how to better manage their woodlots; and also how to record and communicate the project's growth within the schools' woodlots.

The replacement of seedlings was agreed upon; even as the competition enters the intensive stretch to determine who will be the overall winner based on the seedlings' survival rates.

Joseph Loibach, David Egialang and Candy Loyanae from Tullow Oil joined the workshop on the second day to learn more about the GIC capacity building and were



Students from Mbondoni Primary School carrying water to the workshop's demonstration site. Drought has been a major challenge for participating schools in the GIC.



Dorcas Arama, the Foundation's Accounts Officer explains the economic value of the Mukau tree during the workshop.

impressed at the commitment and zest showed by the teachers.

Currently, 84% of *Muveshi* and *Terminalia brownii* seedlings are faring well overall across the three counties, while *Mukau* stands at 54%.

The GIC project 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.

The GIC 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 scheduled to end in 2018.



Hardwork Pays off for KenGen Education Scholarship Alumni

Four alumni of the KenGen Education Scholarship program are set to join the company's work force after graduating last year with first class degrees in relevant subjects in accordance with KenGen's CSI policy.

Bernard Musyoki Wambua from Maseno University, Timothy Kimanthi Mwalali from Technical University of Kenya, Rolex Awuor Rang'ang'ah from University of Eldoret, and Titus Song'ok from Jomo Kenyatta University of Technology and Agriculture all qualified for the university scholarships after attaining straight As in their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examinations.

Anthony Igecha, KenGen Foundation's Senior Programs Officer, said that that the Foundation is proud of the achievements of its alumni, and is fully committed to all current students under the program.

"The successes of our alumni are a direct reflection of the values the Foundation stands for and instils in our students through the Annual Mentorship program and our Giver mentors", he said. "The four will automatically join the KenGen Alumni Club and engage

with the rest in promoting and supporting the Education Pillar of the organization".



Bernard Wambua, a beneficiary of KenGen Education Scholarships.

Bernard Wambua, a native of Machakos County and the second born in a family of four, graduated with a degree in Mathematics (IT) and is interested solving real life problems using mathematics as a tool. He has the following words for the current students under the KenGen Scholarships program:

"Education is the key to success. It is the dream of every single child to study to his/her level best and get a good job or start a successful business. Unfortunately in Kenya, up to date you still need to come from a rich or able family to attain basic education. Many of you just like me

once wondered, even if I score good grades in my KCPE/KCSE, what hope do I have when what I need to go to the next level is not necessarily good grades but rather money. Fortunately, KenGen Scholarships programme has come up strongly and heeded to our cry. You and me now have the opportunity to realize our dreams".

“The successes of our alumni are a direct reflection of the values the Foundation stands for, and instils in our students through the Annual Mentorship program”. Anthony Igecha, Snr. Programs Officer - KenGen Foundation.

Timothy Kimanthi, a former student at Makima Secondary School class of 2009, was awarded a full University scholarship after qualifying to join The Technical University of Kenya where he pursued a degree in Bachelor of Technology (Building and construction). Timothy has the following message for the currently enrolled students:



Timothy KImanthy, an alumnus of The Technical University of Kenya.

“It wasn’t an easy journey but courage, determination and hard work kept me moving. I salute the KenGen Education Scholarships Programme for making me to be who I am today. My life has taken a brighter turn and I can now afford a smile courtesy of KenGen Foundation.

To all the enrolled students, it’s really a big privilege to have such an opportunity. Use it wisely and you will never regret. God bless you, God bless KenGen Foundation.”

Titus Song’ok from Sosiani is now a Mechanical Engineer having graduated from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. An ardent footballer and second born in a family of nine, he was awarded



Titus Song’ok, mechanical engineering graduate - JKUAT.

the university scholarship after his good performance in KCSE while at Kamagut Secondary School. His message to the current scholarship beneficiaries is:

“The KenGen Education Scholarship is an amazing program that has brought a huge difference in my life. Without this great cause I would not have acquired an education to better my family’s life.

Those fortunate to be under the steadfast wings of this sterling program should maximize and build on their strong career future”.

A former student at Ageng’a Secondary School class of 2008, Rang’ang’ah Rolex from Nyatike-Migori County graduated from

“I would wish to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the KenGen fraternity for giving me a chance. I want to say thank you to all who are in connection with the KenGen Education Scholarship, because without them, who could have predicted my fate as far as education is concerned. Thank you KenGen”.



“Thank you KenGen!”, Rolex Rang’ang’a, University of Eldoret alumnus.

The KenGen Education Scholarship program has, since 2005, helped more than 600 bright but needy students from marginalized areas achieve their dream in education. Many have gone on to prominence. They have made – and continue to make – their marks and achieve excellence in a variety of fields such as engineering, business, arts, and the government.

Our prominent alumni are a diverse group of individuals who cover the whole country, innovating, changing lives, and making history.

Congratulations to the new alumni!

University of Eldoret with a degree in Science Environmental Studies and has the following words for the Foundation:



Giver Numbers Hit 1,200 As 28 Eastern Hydros Staff Sign Up

Nathan Ngumi was elected as one of Gitaru power station's Giver champions.

The KenGen Employee Giver Initiative subscriptions now stand at 1,200 members after the Foundation team concluded a 2-day recruitment and appreciation exercise at Eastern Hydros from 13 – 14 September.

The Foundation team was well received at the 7-Forks stations of Masinga, Kamburu, Gitaru, Kindaruma, and Kiambere with staff eager to learn more about how they could be part of KenGen's Corporate Social Investment activities.

Gitau power station had the highest number of new subscribers with 28 staff signing up, followed by Kamburu with 13, Kindaruma – 10, Kiambere – 8, and Masinga – 3.

Eastern Hydros Operations Manager Eng. Francis Kawa, himself an ardent Giver in his own right, was humbled by the

dedication shown by the area Givers and encouraged them to sign up their colleagues who are yet to subscribe to the initiative.

During an evening cocktail held in appreciation of all Eastern Hydros

“Collectively, we are now in a better position to support extra students under the education pillar, and also scale up the company's environmental conservation projects

Givers, the Foundation's Managing Trustee Mike Njeru congratulated all subscribers for their efforts and commitment to the initiative.

“It is through your contributions that we as a company can continue touching lives as we expand our

social programs”, said Mike Njeru.

“Collectively, we are now in a better position to support extra students under the education pillar, and also scale up the company's environmental conservation projects”, he added.

During the appreciation ceremony, where the famous acapela group Ninga Melodies gave an electrifying performance, Omar Abdi and Nathan Ngumi were elected as Gitaru champions, while Keneth Otieno and Henry Muithya will represent Kamburu and Kindaruma power stations respectively.

Nancy Chepkosgei was nominated as Kiambere power station champion, and Patrick Ndirangu will represent Masinga.

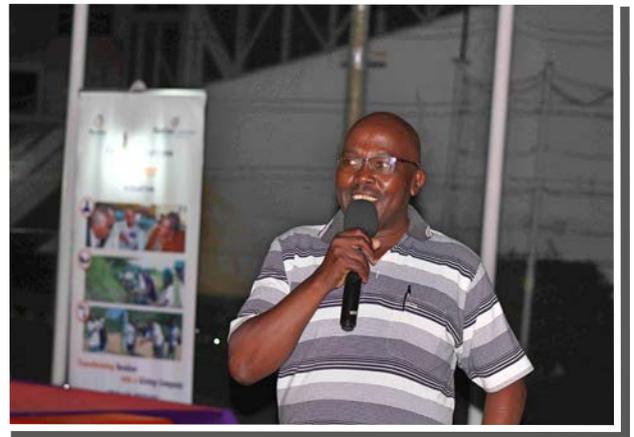
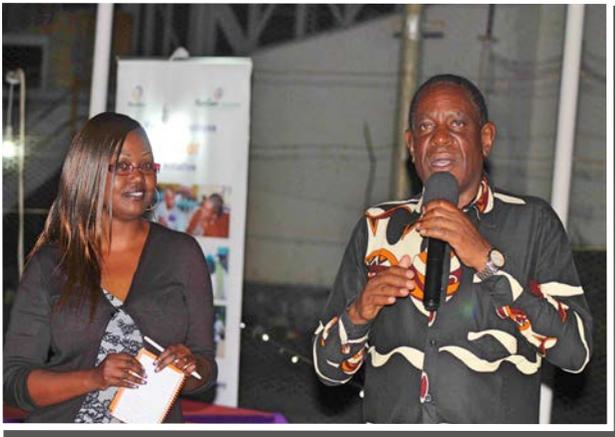
Congratulation champions, and welcome!

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The **Giver Initiative** Eastern Hydros



The **Giver Initiative** Eastern Hydros





Giver Initiative Welcomes Upper Tana Champions

Upper Tana Givers unanimously elected Charity Ndwiga and Yusuf Issa as the area Champions during an elaborate luncheon held at the Upper Tana Community Hall to appreciate the station's staff contributions to KenGen's Corporate Social Investment efforts on 7 September.

The event also saw 16 more staff members subscribe to the initiative, raising the total number of Upper Tana Givers to 46, an indication that 45% of the power station workers are committed to the company's CSI activities.

Charity, Upper Tana's Administrative Assistant, has been an active Giver since signing up on April 2015, while Yusuf Issa, who works as Wanji Station's Superintendent joined the initiative 2 years ago.

Speaking during the event, Upper Tana's Station Manager Elijah Kibathi lauded the new Givers for joining the initiative and urged them to mobilise each other in order to raise the percentage of subscribers

Mike Njeru, the KenGen Foundation's Managing Trustee welcomed the new Givers and congratulated the newly elected

champions who will serve as the area's activities coordinators.

The Employee Giver Initiative is a unique program for KenGen staff to be directly involved in the company's CSI activities. Subscribers contribute through monetary donations, their time, and skills towards the Foundation's

three pillars of sustainability namely Education, Environment, Water and Sanitation.

The Givers recruitment and appreciation ceremonies continue at other KenGen areas over the next month.

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New Givers Sign Up at the 5th G2G Innovation Seminar

The KenGen Foundation's desk during this year's seminar was a beehive of activities as fifteen new 'Givers' subscribed to the KenGen Employee Giver Initiative during this year's G2G Innovation seminar held at Enashipai Resort and Spa from 3-7 July.

Participants and delegates stopped by to inquire, and find out more about how they could get involved in the Company's Corporate Investment activities through the Employee Giver Initiative which centres its activities on the Foundation's three key pillars of sustainability namely Environment, Education, and Water & Sanitation.

Under the seminar's theme of "Partnerships for Innovation", the Foundation was delighted

to welcome the new Givers who will join the more than 800 subscribers in supporting the Company's Education Scholarships and Mentorship program, reforestation projects, and improving access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for communities living around KenGen's power stations.

“ I believe that this is a very good initiative for a worthy cause. Helping the needy is a basic instinct to humanity and should be encouraged” - Michael Ogonji, Senior Engineer Capital Planning.

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“I believe that this is a very good initiative for a worthy cause. Helping the needy is a basic instinct to humanity and should be encouraged. The environment gives us resources free, but all it also requires us to manage it sustainably. Let us all join hands and embrace the true spirit of humanity”, said Michael Ogonji, Senior Engineer Capital Planning.

The KenGen Employee Giver Initiative is part of KenGen’s commitment to being a responsible corporate citizen while at the same time adding value to the livelihoods of neighbouring communities.

The initiative is in line with this

year’s G2G main objective, which is to encourage employees to embrace and embed innovation in the Company’s operations by coming up with new ideas relating to new business models, revenue generation and cost cutting measures.

KenGen Givers voluntarily contribute and participate in the company’s CSI activities. They also use their time and skills in brainstorming and providing solutions to day-to-day challenges facing the marginalized communities.

The Initiative is also an important channel for diversifying funding

for the Company’s CSI projects. It also aims at increasing KenGen employees’ attitudes and feelings of ownership and affiliation to the company’s projects, specifically community ones.

Givers also have a great opportunity to develop their leadership and project management skills, meet and mingle with community members, as well as staff from other stations during the CSI activities.

“It just feels good to give back to the community”, said Faith Katua, Senior IT Auditor and the latest addition to the Giver family.

Karibuni sana new Givers!



Givers Upper Tana 2017



Givers **Upper Tana** 2017



An Adrenalin-filled Adventure during Foundation's Team Building



“ Interestingly, KenGen is a major donor towards the 450 km Aberdare electric fence that was put up around the park in alliance with other corporate organizations to manage human-wildlife conflict in the area.

The Foundation's Team spirit grew ten-fold even as the members' muscles were stretched to the limit during a 4-day team building session held in Mount Kenya region from 12 to 16 June. Apart from evaluating the organization's goals and objectives and their alignment with the Company's overall long-term strategy, the session gave the team a great time to bond outside the office atmosphere.

A puncture on the first day on their way to Wanji Power Station for a courtesy call and a ride on the 'good old winch' only added to the excitement as the team later rode up and down the antique carriage before speeding to their first night destination, the Outspan Hotel.

After a morning meeting of deliberations on the Foundation's strategy on the second day, the team headed out to explore the magnificent Tafari Castle & Country Lodge, whose elegant architecture seems to be the only sign of civilization in the otherwise remote area.

As the story goes, the castle owner, George Tafari Waititu quit his lucrative job at an international research company to develop the tourism facility and reverse the negative trend of rural-urban migration facing the area. Indeed, his efforts have paid off as the 29-room castle, with over 10,200 trees, stands out as a successful model of sustainable development.

A chilly morning on the third day found the team driving through

fresh and broken bamboo towards the moorlands at Aberdare National Park while on a full-day game drive in search of game and adventure. After minutes of unbridled expectation, the team chanced upon a lone male buffalo that was just as startled as it disappeared into the nearby bush, a good sign of more sightings later in the day.

The 766-km² Aberdare National Park forms part of the Aberdare Mountain Ranges and is famous as a safari, bird watching, and fishing paradise. The team hiked to the famous Karuru Waterfalls, the highest waterfall in the world above sea level, before proceeding to have their packed lunch at Queen's (Elizabeth) Cave, rumored to be one of the many Mau Mau hideouts next to Malula falls.

The afternoon was well spent exploring the jungle and looking out for game and the Foundation team was not disappointed! Herds of buffaloes, elephants, waterbuck, and a plethora of birdlife wowed and impressed at every turning, with a visit to The Ark rounding off the day's activities.

Interestingly, KenGen is a major donor towards the 450 km Aberdare electric fence that was put up around the park in alliance with other corporate organizations to manage human-wildlife conflict in the area.

The team adorned their sportswear for a series of grueling adrenalin-filled team building activities at the famous Chaka Ranch on the fifth day where their physical strength was put to the ultimate test.

Starting with a full cardio stretch, the team then headed to the obstacle challenge to test their endurance before going through the basketball and football shootout ranges.



The giant slide proved the most exhilarating part of the day's events as each individual seemingly conquered his fear to slide down 50 meters at speeds close to 50 km per hour with only an air mattress at the bottom to cushion the landing. It must be noted that this activity is not for the faint hearted; however the entire Foundation team, including the Managing Trustee (who ended with an injury) were able to slide more than once!

The team spent the night at Treetops, Kenya's oldest safari lodge built in 1932 and where Princess Elizabeth learnt of the death of her father while she was staying in a treetop cabin there on an official visit in 1952. A true journey into the country's colonial past.

The Foundation team is back in Nairobi, revitalized, but with minor bruises, great memories of the retreat, and a better understanding of each other.

For those visiting Nyeri for their teambuilding, the Foundation's advice is that you must do a full day game drive and engage in activities at Chaka Ranch. It's worth every dime!





KenGen's New Givers

Upper Tana

Stephen N. Mayaka
Jonah M. Njue
Michael Kimani
Albert Murage
Benard M. Kangethe
Bonface Kasuva
Catherine Ongilli
Charity Ndwiga
Christine Kenyatta
Eva Kimemia
Francis M. Kiarie
Geofrey Kanyago
Grace W. Mwangi
Janeffer W. Maina
Kenneth K. Ng'eno
Lawrence Gatogo
Mohamed Duboy
Peter Mugo
Philip N. Kisule
Ruth Waiganjo
Margaret W. Iregi
Beatrice N. Kamau
James Wambugu
Rita Jerotich Bett

7-Forks

Aeleen C. Rutto
Arthur M. Ndung'u
Benadatte Waithera
Jane Njoki
John G. Kamunde

Mary N. David
Patrick Ndirangu
Benedict Kagwathi
Edith Karimi Gichoni
Eliud Mathu Kariuki
Evelyn M. Rogoncho
Fredrick K. Kamau
Jane Wangeci Maina
Kenneth Tumbo
Modesta K. Njagi
Nicholas Wanyiri
Ann Mucuga Karuri
Boaz Adegü
Francis K. Njuguna
James K. Amunga
John Bundi
Juanita Njue
Justine Njue
Kibet Kiptoo
Mary Mbula Ndeto
Mary Mutava
Purity Gachoki
Romanus K. Mwaura
Timothy W. Kitutu
Tobias O. Randa
John Mbogo
Joseph M. James
Alice M. Maringa
Christopher N. Kimau
Clive Kariuki
Henry Muithya
Ibrahim Laibuni
Kevin N. Muriithi

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Michael O. Ogola
Omale E. Otete
Omale Otete
Rodgers Novala
Elijah O. Oduor
Agnes W. Wambugu
Alice Ingati
Anthony Kamau
Elizabeth Muthoni
James Munyao
Josephine W. Waititu
Julius W. Gathuku
Leah N. Kung'u
Lydia Wawira
Meshack Onchenge
Miriam Ngina
Mutua Ndivo
Noel E. Awuor
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Rachel M. Ngari
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Energy Regulatory Commission

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