

# Community Activities

Total CSR Project Beneficiaries ~ 20,000

2019 Report

#### From the Chairman

I am pleased to introduce this current edition of our regular Community Activities Newsletter, the largest ever! Community Activities have always been an important priority at Davis & Shirtliff and over the years many hundreds of



projects have been completed helping many thousands of people. Of course our commercial activities lend themselves to supporting the underprivileged as water is everyone's most vital need and there are so many institutions throughout the region with inadequate supplies. Our general policy is therefore to concentrate on providing water schemes for institutions that are supporting underprivileged children where the impact is most felt, though we also consider supporting other worthy causes. Our projects literally transform lives and seeing the results gives us all a huge feeling of satisfaction. All staff are most enthusiastic about supporting our activities and giving back something to society and they freely contribute their leisure time in the project implementation.

This Newsletter gives an excellent snapshot of a selection of the projects we have recently completed and we must also thank the support that our main suppliers give us thorough donations of their equipment. It is a real 'Harambee' effort and we are very proud of the initiatives that we have made. We regularly receive requests for support as there is a huge need throughout the region for our expertise and given the programme's success we will be increasing our activities this year. There is no better way that we can contribute to the society we live in.

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Ereteti Primary School is a public primary school established in 1979 and located in Kajiado County with an enrolment of 350 students. The school has over the years depended primarily on well-wishers for development and sustenance until a borehole was drilled by Athi Water Services Board in 2011 to serve both students and the surrounding community. In early 2018 the pump failed and the school board, through head teacher Mr. Wanjie, approached D&S at a time when water reserves were dangerously low and they were facing the threat of having to shut down the school. A new Dayliff borehole pump complete with motor and cable was fitted in order to provide the school, a neighbouring secondary school with 120 students and the local community estimated at 1,000 people with water once again. The project was implemented by D&S Headoffice who are pictured above during the jubilant commissioning ceremony.

## Happy Life Children's Home



Happy Life Children's Home was established by Pastor Peter Ndungu in 2003 in Githurai, Nairobi County, to care for orphaned and abandoned children, from newborns to teenagers. The home has over the years depended on water carted in by bowsers, a system that has proven to be both costly and a potential health threat due to inconsistent water quality from various sources. Through well-wishers the home was able to generate funds to drill a borehole but lacked sufficient funds to equip it and so Pastor Ndungu then approached D&S for assistance in this regard. New equipment was then installed with Davis & Shirtliff CSR catering for a significant proportion of the cost. The team from Head Office are pictured handing over foodstuffs and toiletries as they pay a visit to the children.

# **Huruma Primary School**



Huruma Primary School is a public primary school with 1,500 students and is located in Huruma, a large informal settlement in Nairobi. The school had suffered from severe water problems for many years before a borehole was drilled in 2012. The pump worked for just over 6 months before breaking down, leading to a 4 year wait for it to be revived. The school then approached D&S to assist in reviving the system. This was done by fitting a new control panel and motor and for the first time in 4 years water supply to the school resumed much to the delight of the students and close to 5,000 residents from the surrounding community. Pictured are some students enjoying the resumed supply.

Joy Divine Children's Home

Joy Divine Children's Home is a Christian care centre set up in 2008 in Kajiado County to provide refuge for orphaned, abandoned and street children. The home, which currently cares for 72 children aged between 3 and 18 strives to offer quality care to those who would otherwise have a difficult future. The home, with the support of various donors, drilled a borehole and approached D&S to assist in equipment supply and so a new solar powered borehole pump installation was implemented by a team drawn from D&S Head office, D&S Kitengela and D&S Rongai . Besides serving the home, the water also serves the local community and on the day the pump was commissioned, over 4,000 cows belonging to local pastoralists were watered.



## Karika Home for the Elderly



Karika Home for the elderly was setup by Elijah Mwega with the aim of caring for the elderly and infirm in Riruta, Nairobi. The home caters for senior citizens over the age of 65 and provides shelter, medicine and care that they would otherwise not receive. The home previously relied on a shallow well from which water would be manually drawn until Mr Mwega made a request to D&S to install an automatic pump and so a submersible shallow well pump was fitted with piping to deliver water to an overhead tank thereby allowing showers and more convenient access to water. Pictured are some residents at the home expressing their gratitude at the handing over ceremony.

### **Mabira Forest**



Mabira Forest is a protected rainforest area covering about 300km<sup>2</sup> in Buikwe district between Lugazi and Jinja, Uganda. The forest is home to many endangered species but has suffered from human encroachment. As part of their 20th anniversary celebrations, D&S Uganda organised a successful tree planting exercise as a contribution towards restoration of the forest with 1000 trees planted. Pictured are the team after the event.

# Mekupe Primery School

Makupa Primary School is a mixed public primary school located in Majengo, Mombasa County with over 1,000 students. The school approached D&S Mombasa for help equipping an existing borehole which had become defunct. After the well was rehabilitated and now equipment fitted. D&S staff from the various branches in the coast joined students in a successful tree planting exercise to mark the occasion.



## **Matu Primary School**



Matu Primary School is a public primary school located in Kigumo, Muranga County. With a barely functional rudimentary water supply system, the school approached D&S Thika for advice and consideration for a donation of the required equipment. A submersible pump, controller, pipes and fittings were supplied and installed ensuring water supply to all the key areas of the school which has largely enhanced the environment for students and teachers. Pictured is D&S staffer Wilson Mbuthia with stakeholders during the commissioning ceremony.

#### **Matuu Vision Center**



Matuu Vision Centre is a charitable children's institution located in Yatta, Machakos County, along the Thika – Garissa highway, a semi-arid area. In the centre's care are 347 orphans and vulnerable children including 191 boys and 156 girls. In addition, 49 students have been placed in the home's vocational unit making a total of 396 needy children and young adults under its care. The Centre had been using a solar-powered borehole pump which broke down in mid-2018 and so a request was made to D&S Machakos branch for assistance in the supply and installation of a replacement pump to restore water supply to the institution. Pictured are D&S staffers Mohamed Abdi, Eunice Mwende and Brian Mmbuka at the commissioning ceremony.

# Nakuru Hills Special School

Nakuru Hills Special School is a school for the mentally and physically disabled with a student population of 202 including 111 boys and 91 girls aged between 6 and 25 years. The school's mission is to provide a caring and purposeful environment conducive to learning and to offer equal opportunities for all regardless of their disability. Through the head teacher Lucy Kahito the school made a request to D&S Nakuru for support in lighting up the common areas as it was a challenge for most students to find their way around the institution at night. 5 maintenance-free solar street lights were installed and now the institution is well lit and more secure.



Shariani Primary School



Shariani Primary School is a public primary school located in Kikambala, Kilifi County. D&S Nyali rehabilitated an existing shallow well and also supplied and installed an electric submersible pump. This alleviated serious water problems the children had faced for years. Pictured are D&S staff and students during the commissioning ceremony.

# Namorputh Community



For years a solar powered borehole pump located at Namoroputh Primary School in Lodwar, Turkana County served as the sole source of clean water for the school and neighbouring community within a radius of 5km. The school, with a student population of over 500 is the biggest in Loima Constituency and an estimated 2,000 households relied on the borehole. When the pump broke down at the beginning of 2018, the school and local community suffered immensely with students forced to fetch water of very poor quality from a well located a kilometre from the school. In response D&S Lodwar decided to install a replacement pump in order to restore the water supply to the area. The handover ceremony was graced by the area MCA Hon. Jackson Lowoi and a representative from the Ministry of Water in the County Government of Turkana. Pictured are D&S staff and community members during commissioning of the new equipment.

Rotary Cancer Run,
Uganda

Worldwide, the cancer incidence rate has increased to make it the second leading cause of death after cardiovascular disease. Environmental factors such as urbanization and its associated pollution, changing diet



patterns together with extended post-reproductive life span, have been considered responsible for this phenomenon. Due to this increase, the need for affordable cancer management has gained importance and in line with this D&S Uganda team participated in a cancer run organised by the Rotary Club. D&S also made a cash contribution of UGX10 million which is pictured below.



Shelter Children's Home

Shelter Children's Home located in Ngong, Kajiado County was started by Mrs Muiruri in 1997 and cares for 100 orphaned and abandoned children between the ages of 3 and 17 years. Through past fundraising a borehole was drilled and following a request for support from D&S a solar powered borehole pump has been installed. The home seeks to be self-sustaining through agriculture and the pump has helped kick-start this process. Pictured are residents at home with D&S staffer at the site of the solar pumping array.



### St Stephen's School Lodwar



St Stephen's School is a public secondary school located in Lodwar, Turkana County and the D&S Lodwar team recently participated in a tree planting exercise at the school as part of their Founders Day celebrations. Later on the same team made a donation of a water tank for rainwater storage for residents from the surrounding community. Pictured are D&S staffers and students during the handing over ceremony.

Well Awere, Lefkipfe

In partnership with Well Aware, a non-profit organisation with headquarters in Austin Texas, D&S supplied and installed a complete solar powered borehole pumping system in Laikipia to serve a community that had gone without access to clean water for years after an old windmill system failed. Well Aware drilled the borehole and D&S supplied and installed the equipment. In a colourful handover ceremony the local chief narrated how dire the situation was before the intervention, with many forced to abandon their homes and relocate to areas with access to water. The pump serves a primary school, a dispensary as well as the local community. Pictured is General Manager, Service David Bolo with Well Aware staff and community members.



## **Wells of Hope**



Wells of Hope is a vocational institution that seeks to address the interrelated problems of youth unemployment and its resultant problems. Located in Ndeiya, Kiambu County, the institution seeks to complement government efforts in ensuring every child attains the highest level of education regardless of social or economic circumstances and transitions to gainful employment and a responsible livelihood. Through the principal Joyce Mugambi a request was made to D&S to supply and install a booster pump and associated piping to deliver water from a neighbouring institution. This was successfully implemented, allowing the learners to focus on their key responsibilities without the concern of water scarcity. A team from the institution also visited D&S Head Office, toured the premises and had an opportunity for mentorship talks with staff.

### **Made in the Streets**



Made In The Streets is an organization in Nairobi, Embakasi area that seeks to rehabilitate former street children by equipping them to earn a living and sending them out to a new life. The centre hosts on average 70 children at one time. but only has five computers with only three in good working condition, severely hampering the capacity to provide digital literacy development to the children. This challenge at Made In The Streets presented an opportunity for D&S, led by the ICT team, to improve the lives of the children by donating 20 used but functional computers.

Water Donation - St Paul's & Karura
Community Chapel

In keeping with long standing partnerships built over the years D&S in 2018 participated in two medical camps organized by St Paul's Catholic Church and Karura Community Church by donating water to the patients. Over 5,000 people received free medical checkups and treatment during the two events.





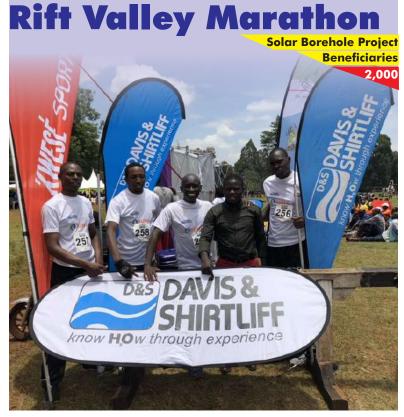


D&S HO was recently invited to a Partners Day at New Life Trust Home in Nairobi. various partners, including D&S, were thanked for supporting the home in various ways and the administrators, led by Mr Guy Bustable, explained in detail the home's journey towards self-sufficiency in the coming years. Guests had an opportunity to spend time with the team and children and were also treated to a breakfast.

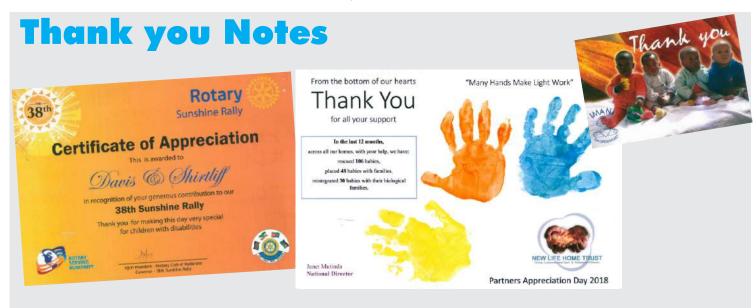
# Outburst Boot Cancer Challenge

The Outburst Boot Cancer Challenge is an event held to promote healthy eating habits, advocate for a physically active nation, advocate for regular medical screening and give hope in the fight against cancer. Led by the ICT team, D&S participated in this year's event held at Karura Forest in Nairobi. 60 members of staff participated in the event, raising KShs 60,000/- towards Thigio Hospice, a cancer care centre in Kikuyu, Kiambu County. A water donation was also made for the benefit of all participants in the event.





2 hours, 1 minute and 40 seconds. That's how long it took Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge to etch his name into the record books by smashing the marathon world record. In Eliud's backyard in Nandi County The Rift Valley marathon was held and D&S participated by sending runners including CEO David Gatende. Thereafter a donation was made of a solar powered pump and two hand pumps to be installed in wells and boreholes to be drilled from the proceeds of the race. Pictured is the CEO with team mates after the run.



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