



# SIKUNJEMAKESHO



## Dear Friends,

After a long ten months we have finally made it back to East Africa with lots of plans for the coming two months!

We appreciate your support and patience throughout the last year and cannot wait to share news from Kenya and Uganda with you.

All projects have been successfully continued during our absence thanks to our wonderful local staff.

**Siku Njema Kesho** has now been a community-based organization in Kenya for one year with Nakuru as its head office for all operations within East Africa. The organization has managed to sponsor eleven children into boarding school through assisting House of Hope Uganda and with our two children in Kenya.

Check out what else has been going on and how your support is contributing to community development on a grassroots level.

Asante sana!



## Sponsorships in Kenya

Quinter and Grace are now in Class 4 at Roots Academy. Both have improved their grades and are now well-adapted to boarding school. This is their third term at the school, and they will go on holiday for the month of August during which we have lots of activities planned. We took them to the Agricultural Show in Nakuru last weekend featuring not only farming equipment but entertainment for children, including a ferris wheel, face paint, camelback riding or boat rides. Lots of fun with the girls!

We are still looking for sponsors to send our other five girls to schools providing quality education, food and safe shelter.



### #Shujaas 2020

We are assisting a media campaign to save the last remaining elephants that are estimated to be gone by 2020. The program encourages people to **#BeAWildlifeShujaa**.

Shujaa is the Swahili term for hero and is used to remind the general public that it is on everyone to stop poaching.



Sign the petition and like their page on:

[www.facebook.com/2020shujaas](http://www.facebook.com/2020shujaas)

## Participatory Research for Community Development

Besides the sponsorships, we are now focusing on projects to contribute to community development in Mzee Wanyama, the community SNK is registered in.

Since we believe in actively involving the community in the decision-making process over implementing new projects, we are now conducting participatory research. This includes visiting the household of each member of our organization. So far, we have interviewed about half of our women. Throughout the research, even more community members have joined the project and the organization is growing on a daily basis.

We have realized the fact that all of our members are women, most of them single mothers or widows. With 25 committed ladies that are not only raising multiple children by themselves but are often small scale farmers or entrepreneurs, we have decided to mainly focus on women empowerment as this will empower their entire family and therefore the community.





**We renewed our registration!**

With the help of our lovely secretary we were able to renew our registration as a community-based organization for another year which makes us an official organization in Kenya. Our women’s group was very excited about the news!

**News from Uganda**

The children in Uganda are all doing well. We will be visiting them later this month and focus on medical care for Sarah who was featured in a previous newsletter.

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**MEET OUR LOCAL TEAM**

**Hellen Mwangi**

Hellen is our social worker who contacted us to start a project at the beginning of 2013. She is always up to date on how our children are doing in boarding school and makes sure they get home over break while also working at a local orphanage.



**Caroline Mungai**

Carol is actively involved in the organization’s financials making sure that school fees are paid on time. She is further our medical advisor with her experience from several hospitals next to her job with another NGO in Nanyuki.



**Miriam Mwaka**

Our secretary Miriam has conducted most of our surveys and is currently back at school for further training as a teacher. Her commitment as well as her patience has made participatory research possible and her laugh always makes our day.

