

# The progress we've made and the path ahead



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This year, Kenya Good Neighbors celebrates 30 years of service since our establishment in 1995. This anniversary offers us a moment of reflection on where we have come from, the progress we have made, and the path that lies ahead.

Over the past three decades, our commitment has remained steadfast: To improve the lives of children, families, and communities through education, health, child protection, water and sanitation, social protection, income generation, environment, and humanitarian assistance.

In 2024 alone, our programmes reached over 44,000 school-age children with access to quality education, 13,889 people with essential health services, and 19,907 individuals with food support. We also ensured over 6,000 people gained access to clean and reliable water, while 5,819 individuals benefited from improved sanitation and hygiene practices. Furthermore, 7,587 children were protected from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and 4,240 community members received training and loans to strengthen their livelihoods. These achievements

demonstrate the transformative power of collective action and compassion.

As we celebrate 30 years of service, we also acknowledge the changing needs of our communities amidst new and emerging challenges such as climate change, economic uncertainty, and social inequalities. These realities call us to renew our commitment to sustainability, innovation, and partnership as we continue to align our work with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Our vision of a world where people live together in harmony free from hunger, inequality, and injustice, remains as vital today as it was three decades ago.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our donors, government partners, community leaders, staff, and volunteers who have walked this journey with us. Their unwavering support has enabled Kenya Good Neighbors to grow from a single office into a trusted development partner, impacting lives across Kenya.

As we look ahead, we remain inspired by the resilience and hope within every child, family, and community we serve. We will continue building a better tomorrow, one where dignity, opportunity, and harmony define the lives of our neighbours.

**2024 AT A GLANCE**

**44,026**  
school-age children gained access to quality education.

**13,889**  
people received basic health services.

**19,907**  
people received food support.

**6,072**  
people using improved water sources.

**5,819**  
people with improved sanitation services and hygiene practices.

**4,108**  
people contributed to climate change mitigation activities.

**7,587**  
children protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

**4,240**  
people benefited from income generation trainings and loans.

## About Kenya Good Neighbors, the Mission and the Values

Kenya Good Neighbors (KGN) is a Humanitarian and Development Non-Governmental Organisation. It was established on December 14, 1995 to improve the lives of others, especially those of children, through education, health, child protection, environmental, social protection water, sanitation and disaster relief projects.

**Our Mission Statement**

Kenya Good Neighbors exists to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.

We respect the human rights of our neighbors suffering from poverty, disasters and oppression, and help them to achieve self-reliance and enable them to rebuild their hope.

**Our Values**

- We serve people in need regardless of their ethnicity, religion, belief, or nationality.
- We promote self-reliance through sustainable development for individuals, families, and communities.
- We implement the rights of the child as the top priority.
- We prosper in global citizenship with mutual respect.
- We organize local volunteers to develop their own communities.
- We cooperate with all people who share our mission and values.
- We work with professionalism and pursue financial and operational transparency.
- We strive to induce more people to join our work through the Good Neighbors Movement.

## Extensive Scope: The Kenya Good Neighbors Key Project Areas

**EDUCATION**

At Kenya Good Neighbors, we believe that education is not just a right but a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and unlocking the potential of every child. Our unwavering commitment to access and equity in education has changed the lives of thousands across the country through school fees and material support.



ventions; supporting school feeding programmes; promoting maternal and new-born health; and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

At Kenya Good Neighbors, we believe that every child deserves to be seen, heard, and supported, and that starts by celebrating their potential and advocating for systems that protect and nurture them.



**ENVIRONMENT**

As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability and climate action, Kenya Good Neighbors undertakes tree planting initiatives across partner schools in Kisii, Nairobi, and Siaya counties.

Last year, the initiative led to the planting of a total of 6,037 trees in three schools in Ogembo, Kisii County, two schools in Korogocho, Nairobi County, and six schools in Rarieda, Siaya County.



These activities support climate change mitigation through reforestation, environmental education for students, community involvement in ecosystem restoration, and ultimately championing greener, healthier learning environments.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF**

Kenya Good Neighbors also provides humanitarian interventions. For instance, in 2024, when parts of

Kenya faced multiple climate-related emergencies – from prolonged droughts in the north to devastating floods in urban settlements – Kenya Good Neighbors swiftly mobilised to support vulnerable families with emergency relief across Marsabit, Turkana, and Mukuru Kwa Njenga informal settlement (Nairobi).



**INCOME GENERATION**

Kenya Good Neighbors is implementing a four-year (2022–2025) coffee project in Embu County, funded by KOICA. The project aims to increase coffee farmers' income by enhancing their capacity and strengthening co-operative operations.



# The Story of Hamafuki Riders Sacco and Good Neighbors

**H**amafuki Riders Sacco Society Limited, based in Mukuru Nyayo, Nairobi, is a beacon of hope and empowerment for *boda boda* riders.

Established with the mission to foster financial independence and mutual support among its members, the Sacco has grown into a vital community resource. This case story explores the journey, impact, and future aspirations of Hamafuki Riders Sacco, and its relationship with Kenya Good Neighbors.

## Formation and Growth

Hamafuki Riders Sacco was founded in response to the financial challenges *boda boda* riders in Mukuru Nyayo faced. Recognising the need for a structured savings and credit system, a group of visionary riders came together to form the Sacco. Through collective effort and a shared vision, the Sacco has grown steadily, attracting more members and expanding its services.

## Empowering Members

The core strength of Hamafuki Riders Sacco lies in its ability to empower its members. By providing access to affordable loans, the Sacco has enabled many riders to purchase motorbikes, thereby achieving self-employment. The lower interest rates and the return of interest as dividends at the end of the year make borrowing from



the Sacco more attractive than traditional banks.

## Innovative Financial Solutions

Hamafuki Riders Sacco is committed to innovation in financial solutions. The introduction of asset financing, with the support of Kenya Good Neighbors, has been a game-changer, allowing members to acquire motorbikes and other assets essential for their livelihood.

Most of the Sacco members are parents of the children Kenya Good Neighbors

sponsorship through school. Additionally, the Sacco has embraced digital platforms for loan repayment and account management, making financial transactions more convenient and transparent.

## Spare Shop and Employment

In addition to financial services, Hamafuki Riders Sacco operates a spare shop that provides essential services to both members and the general community. The shop employs five staff members: Three mechanics, one

administrator, and one shop attendant. This initiative not only supports the Sacco members but also contributes to local employment.

## Future Expansion and Training

The Sacco is working on opening another spare shop and plans to employ an additional shop attendant. In partnership with Auto Industries Kenya, Hamafuki Riders Sacco is looking forward to opening a workshop and mechanical training centre. This centre will offer affordable training for youths from the local community and its environment on motorbike mechanics. Upon completion, trainees will be accredited by Auto Industries Kenya, and will have the opportunity to sit for NITA exams.

## Community Impact

The impact of Hamafuki Riders Sacco extends beyond individual members to the broader community. By promoting a culture of saving and financial literacy, the Sacco has contributed to the economic stability of Mukuru Nyayo. Members are not only able to support their families, but also invest in community development projects, creating a ripple effect of positive change.

## Success Stories

The success stories of Hamafuki Riders

Sacco are numerous and inspiring. Members like Haron, who transitioned from a commission-based job to owning a motorbike and registering with Jumia delivery services, exemplify the transformative power of the Sacco. These stories highlight the resilience, innovation, and determination of the members.

## Future Aspirations

Looking ahead, Hamafuki Riders Sacco aims to expand its membership and diversify its services. Plans are underway to introduce new financial products tailored to the evolving needs of the members. The Sacco also envisions playing a more significant role in community development, leveraging its collective strength to drive social and economic progress.

## Conclusion

Hamafuki Riders Sacco Society Limited stands as a testament to the power of collective effort and mutual support. By providing financial solutions and fostering a culture of saving, the Sacco, with loan support from Kenya Good Neighbors, has transformed the lives of its members and contributed to the development of the community. The journey of Hamafuki Riders Sacco is a story of empowerment, innovation, and hope for a brighter future.

## Transformative Impact of the Turkana WASH-CLTS Project



**Teresa Monti with a 20-litre bucket distributed by Kenya Good Neighbors for safe storage of clean drinking water.**

Many communities in Kenya continue to face critical challenges relating to sanitation. These include limited access to clean drinking water, poor sanitation facilities, and low awareness of hygiene practices, which contribute to high incidences of waterborne diseases and hinder overall community development.

Kenya Good Neighbors (KGN) works to improve the well-being and dignity of communities facing such challenges by implementing sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions. The organisation provides holistic and community-driven solutions that enhance access to safe and reliable water sources, promote improved sanitation facilities, and strengthen hygiene education.

The programme prioritises the most vulnerable groups, including children, women, and marginalised communities towards ensuring that interventions contribute to healthier schools, resilient households, and empowered communities.

The Turkana WASH Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) Project is a case in point. The project has made a life-changing impact across 517 households in Turkana County, marking a powerful step forward in improving public health, dignity, and environmental safety in one of Kenya's most water-scarce regions.

This success wouldn't have been possible without the commitment of Turkana's local communities working together with a dedicated KGN field team.

Teresa Monti, a 38-year-old Community Health Promoter (CHP) from Nadung'a Dispensary, plays a crucial role in promoting health in her village. Her responsibilities include referring both children and adults to the local health facility and treating minor ailments within the community.

Before the launch of the WASH-CLTS project, Teresa would regularly refer 20-50 patients suffering from diarrheal diseases to the health facility. In severe cases, patients had to be taken to Kakuma Town, located hundreds of kilometres away from Nadung'a. These health challenges were primarily caused by open defecation, especially in bushes and along riverbanks.

With the introduction of the WASH-CLTS project, KGN trained Teresa and eleven other CHPs on how to mobilise and guide the community in improving sanitation. They were equipped with skills and knowledge to lead household follow-ups,

support latrine construction, and promote proper use and maintenance of sanitation facilities.

"I am happy now that diarrheal diseases have reduced," said Teresa.

In an interview, she reflected on the significant transformation brought about by the project, noting that every household in her village had built latrines, each equipped with a handwashing station. The use of these facilities marked a major shift in hygiene behaviour and community health.

One particularly impactful intervention was the distribution of (517) 20-litre buckets for storing clean drinking water. Alongside the buckets, community members received training on how to properly treat contaminated water.

"Before the training, people in my village defecated in the open. Our domestic animals would consume faecal matter from the fields, and when those animals were later slaughtered, the meat would cause many cases of diarrhoea. During rainy seasons, floods would wash contaminated waste back into our wells and water sources, leading to serious health problems," Teresa explained.

Thanks to the WASH CLTS project, Teresa's village has seen a dramatic decline in diarrheal and waterborne diseases. Moreover, the community has embraced a new way of life marked by improved sanitation, hygiene, and sustainable behaviour change.

Teresa's story is just one among many, demonstrating the transformative impact of the WASH-CLTS initiative. The collaboration between CHPs and Kenya Good Neighbors has not only improved health outcomes but also empowered communities to take charge of their own well-being.

## Nasieku Sails: Rising Beyond Limits



My name is Nasieku Sails. I come from Narok County, Kenya. I am a proud Maasai girl.

My journey has not always been easy, but it has been filled with hope; hope that began the day Kenya Good Neighbors came into my life.

I first met Kenya Good Neighbors when I was in Class Four. I was blessed to be among the children selected to benefit from their support. They provided us with so much: School lunch, uniforms, and even games kits that brought joy to our school days. But for me, their support meant much more than material things.

Kenya Good Neighbors came to me at a time when I felt the weakest. They were God-sent, showing up right when I needed strength and encouragement the most.

When their programme reached our community in Maasai land, it transformed our lives. It opened my eyes to the possibility of a brighter future and gave me the push I needed to keep moving forward, step by step, until today.

Being chosen from among many children is not something I take for granted. I am deeply grateful to Kenya Good Neighbors for believing in me, for seeing my potential, and for giving me an opportunity to grow. You chose the right person, and I will continue to honour that trust.

Today, I am proud to say that I am a high school teacher in Narok County, giving back to the same community that raised me.

As a role model now, I want to go back home to Maasailand and tell both the girl and the boy child that hope is real; that education can change their lives, just as it changed mine; that with support, effort, and belief, they can go far, further than they ever imagined.

Education is all we need. And Kenya Good Neighbors helped me see that my dreams were valid.