



Winds of Change Foundation – Update 2017

Winds of Change update

During the festive period, we took time to reflect on the projects that we completed in 2016 and how these have helped improve livelihoods in communities in Laisamis Constituency, Marsabit County. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update of our activities and how you too can make a difference.

Winds of Change, i.e. Lake Turkana Wind Power’s (LTWP) CSR foundation, became active in June 2015 and has since invested in a variety of community projects together with its partners, at a cost of approximately Euro 1M to date. The projects can be categorized into four groups: *Enhancing employability (education)*, *enhancing access to health and water*, and *miscellaneous*.

Examples of our completed and ongoing initiatives include:

Education

- Installation of a solar system at Mt. Kulal Girls Sec. School, and provision of desks and shelving to staff;
- Donation of 100 mattresses to Kurungu Pri. School (*image above*);
- Distribution of 500 desks, 3,000 books and 2,000 pens to 24 schools;
- Funding of educational school trips to destinations like Nakuru and Nairobi, whereby these trips provide the first travel experiences out of Marsabit County for the overwhelming majority of students;



- Technical training to 18 people on solar systems, and certified by the Energy Regulatory Commission;
- Construction of a laboratory at Nyiro Girls Sec. School, South Horr (ongoing); and,
- Construction of an 80-bed dormitory at Nyiro Boys Sec. School, South Horr (*image below*).



Water

- Installation of a water filtration system in Sarima;
- Construction, equipping and rehabilitation of several boreholes, e.g. in Manyatta Langima, Gatab, Olturot and Sarima;
- Installation of water tanks at Mt. Kulal Girls Sec. School (60,000l) and at Laga El Fereji (40,000l);
- Construction of water pipelines in Larachi (12.5km) and Arge (14km) along with two water kiosks (*image above*), thereby providing direct access to water to residents; and,
- Currently providing water for drought relief.



Health

- Installation of solar systems at Illaut dispensary and Laisamis hospital (*image below*);
- Upgrading of Burri-Aramia dispensary by installing a solar system, shelving units, incinerator, toilets, direct access to water, storage facilities and equipment, e.g. a fridge freezer needed to keep vaccinations cool, as well as maternity and ward beds;
- Donation of a building to be used as a ward in Kurungu, which we plan to rehabilitate and equip it in 2017; and,
- Provision of a 12-month HIV/AIDS and road safety awareness campaign together.



Miscellaneous

- Environmental clean-up exercise in Gatab;
- Construction of a community store and a chief's office in Illaut (*image below*);
- Construction of accommodation units, toilets, washrooms and an office in Loiyangalani for the Administration Police; and,
- Inaugural Sarima 10km run, which brought together people of different tribes, e.g. Turkana, Samburu, Rendille and El Molo (*image below*).



Though strictly speaking not a WoC activity, LTWP constructed a 208km road from Laisamis to Sarima, which has transformed the transportation network in the area. This has significantly increased access to markets as well as to health care and educational facilities for the local population.

Winds of Change needs your support!

Winds of Change has committed to work closely with communities in Laisamis Constituency for the next 15 years to help improve their livelihoods. These communities overwhelmingly lack basic infrastructure facilities, e.g. in relation to access to health and water, and there is a great need for vocational training and skills development. As such, we have made it an objective of ours to support the communities where possible. In 2017 alone, we intend to drill a borehole in Lonjorin, rehabilitate a water pipeline in El Molo Bay, construct a ward in Kurungu, construct two classrooms in Loiyangalani and erect a safety fence around a water rock catchment area in Illaut.

The plan is (*and has always been*) for LTWP to donate at least €500,000 of its annual revenues to the foundation once the wind farm is operational in 2017.

As such, **your support is critical** to helping the people of Laisamis Constituency gain access to basic amenities and opportunities.

All forms of support are welcome, be it monetary, technical know-how or partnership ideas. Those who are interested in undertaking or contributing to our activities should contact us for further information (see contact details below).

We trust that you will find a way to help us support the people of Laisamis Constituency and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully,

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P.S.: A map with an overview of where Winds of Change has been active is provided overleaf.

WINDS OF CHANGE CSR ACTIVITIES IN LAISAMIS CONSTITUENCY

