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ARPWASH (Integrated Alternative Rites of Passage (ARP) and Water, Sanitation Hygiene- WASH) Project, Kajiado County

Budget: €1.9 million

Donor: ZWS / Amref Flying Doctors in the Netherlands

Duration: 3 years (1 July 2017- 30 June 2020)

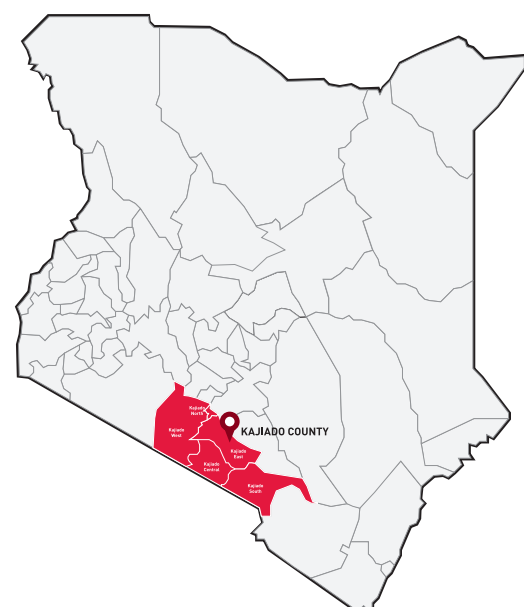
Implementing Partners: County Government of Kajiado, Respect for change, local churches and community

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND GOAL

Alternative Rites of Passage and Water, Sanitation Hygiene (ARPWASH) is a 3-year project designed to improve Sexual Reproductive Health Services and Rights (SRHR) among adolescent girls and women of reproductive age in Kajiado County through integrated ARP and WASH interventions.

The project is integrating ARP and WASH by addressing WASH as a priority and entry point for Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C), Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), school dropouts, Early Child and Forced Marriage (ECFM) and teenage pregnancy.

The project is expected to increase access to sustainable safe drinking water and increase improved sanitation through generating evidence-based practices and sharing lessons learnt. This will directly influence policies on water and sanitation.



AREAS OF IMPLEMENTATION

The project locations are:

- Kajiado West (**Magadi Ward**¹- Kilonito, Shompole, Olkeri);
- Kajiado East (**Imaroro Ward**² - Mashuru, Kiloh, Arroi, Erankau, Emarti);
- Kajiado South (**Kuku**³, **Entonet/ Lenkism**⁴, **Mbirikani**⁵ Wards);
- Kajiado Central (**Dalalekutuk**⁶, **Matapato North**⁷ and **Matapato South**⁸ Wards).

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To increase access to sustainable safe drinking water to **40,700 people by 2020.**
2. To increase access to improved sanitation and hygiene practices for **11, 366 people by 2020.**
3. Generate evidence based practices and share lessons learnt to influence and inform policies.
4. To graduate **3,000 girls** into womanhood through ARP model instead of FGM/C by 2020.

RESULTS

- **Trained 78** teachers and **50** ToTs on the dangers of FGM/C, ECFM, Open Defecation (ODF) and on MHM
- **Trained 24** traditional female circumcisers on alternative sources of livelihoods instead of the “cut”
- **Trained 1,225** girls as ARP Champions to advocate against FGM/C and promote education for girls. The project target to save **3,000** adolescent girls from FGM/C, CEFM and teenage pregnancy
- **Triggered 30 villages** using Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach to reach **11,366 people** with basic sanitation
- The project is at an advanced stage of developing/ rehabilitating water sources using the 3Rs (**Recharge, Retention and Re-use**) approach to reach **40,700 people** with safe and sustainable water supply.

TARGETS FOR NEXT YEAR/ PHASE

- Construction of 50 boreholes with pre-paid meters
- Construction of 30 Sand Dams with infiltration wells
- 1,000km water pipeline extension to community centres schools and health facilities
- CLTSplus and Sanitation marketing
- Training 80 Water Users Association (WUAs) on sustainable management of water sources
- Training 160 community members as water service operators
- Training of 500 Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and 15 Public Health Officers (PHOs) on CLTSplus
- Triggering and follow-up of 100 villages to Open Defecation Free (ODF) communities
- Training 10,000 girls on SRHR and ARP and transition them through education to become women of their dream.