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Progress Report on Drip Irrigation Project.

UBUNTU for life children's home that caters for vulnerable and destitute children who are under residential care. All the children needs are meant by the home and we have also enhanced their performance and confidence level in the schools they attend and at the institution level.

Community participation and responsibility has been enhanced and behaviour is well improved as seen in their class participation, interpersonal relationship, club participation and involvement in games .

UBUNTU for life sits on about 2 hectare of land. One of our partners Rotary Club of Karen under the leadership of President FT Nyammo installed the drip irrigation that covers one acre. This was to supplement our vegetables at the home and also provide income that would assist some of the expenses at the home in addition to other agricultural activities like poultry layering which provide eggs for the home as source of protein and we are having sheep keeping which we want to enhance and increase production.

## Drip irrigation

Agriculture is the mainstay of Kenya economy with great potential for growth and so UBUNTU for life is stepping towards vision 2030 on the food security. It has been an year since the project was started and we are happy to report that we have enjoyed a lot of benefits. The contractor has given us good support by visiting the project and being available on phone to answer queries. He advises on different crops used for rotation.

Education. The children are able to learn from the project. As a source of education on an irrigation system which will provide alternative employment apart from white-collar jobs. This has been a major activity for the children during the weekend because they enjoy working at the garden.

Health. It is a constant source of vitamins and roughage for the children's diet.

Savings. One of the benefit is that the UBUNTU for life was buying vegetables often, which was costly for the home, but now the children are benefiting by getting fresh produce from the drip project .

Income generation. The surplus during harvest has been a source of vegetables for the community which translates to income generated from the sales. They have been getting the produce from the project during the dry spell.

Water Conservation. Drip irrigation helps us save on a lot of water which can be used for health and sanitation in the home.

## Phase II

With success of phase II we would like to appeal to the Rotary fraternity to provide us with a second drip kit which will see us double the benefits. Adding more coverage under drip irrigation will help by increasing income generated which will go towards educating the children by buying school supplies, uniform and pay school fees for the children.

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