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Acronyms

KGN - Kenya Good Neighbors

CDP - Community Development Project

KOICA - Korea International Cooperation Agency

WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

CLTS - Community-Led Total Sanitation

ODF - Open Defecation Free

SHA - Social Health Insurance Authority

SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals

MNH - Maternal & Newborn Health

Foreword



It is with great honor and gratitude that I present the Kenya Good Neighbors 2024 Annual Report, a year that reflects our collective achievements and continued dedication to transforming lives. This report offers us a moment of reflection on where we have come from, the progress we have made and the path that lies ahead.

Our commitment has remained steadfast: to improve the lives of children, families, and communities through education, health, child protection, water and sanitation, income generation, environment, and humanitarian assistance. In 2024, our programs 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 that 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, 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 continue to serve communities across Kenya, we remain mindful of the changing needs brought about by climate change, economic uncertainty, and social inequalities. These realities call us to renew our commitment to sustainability, innovation, and partnership as we 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 ever.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our donors, government partners, community leaders, staff, and volunteers whose unwavering support has enabled Kenya Good Neighbors to grow into a trusted development partner impacting lives across the country.

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 neighbors.

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Namun Heo,
Country Director
Kenya Good Neighbors





About Us

Kenya Good Neighbors is a Humanitarian and Development Non-Governmental Organization. It was established on 14th December 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.



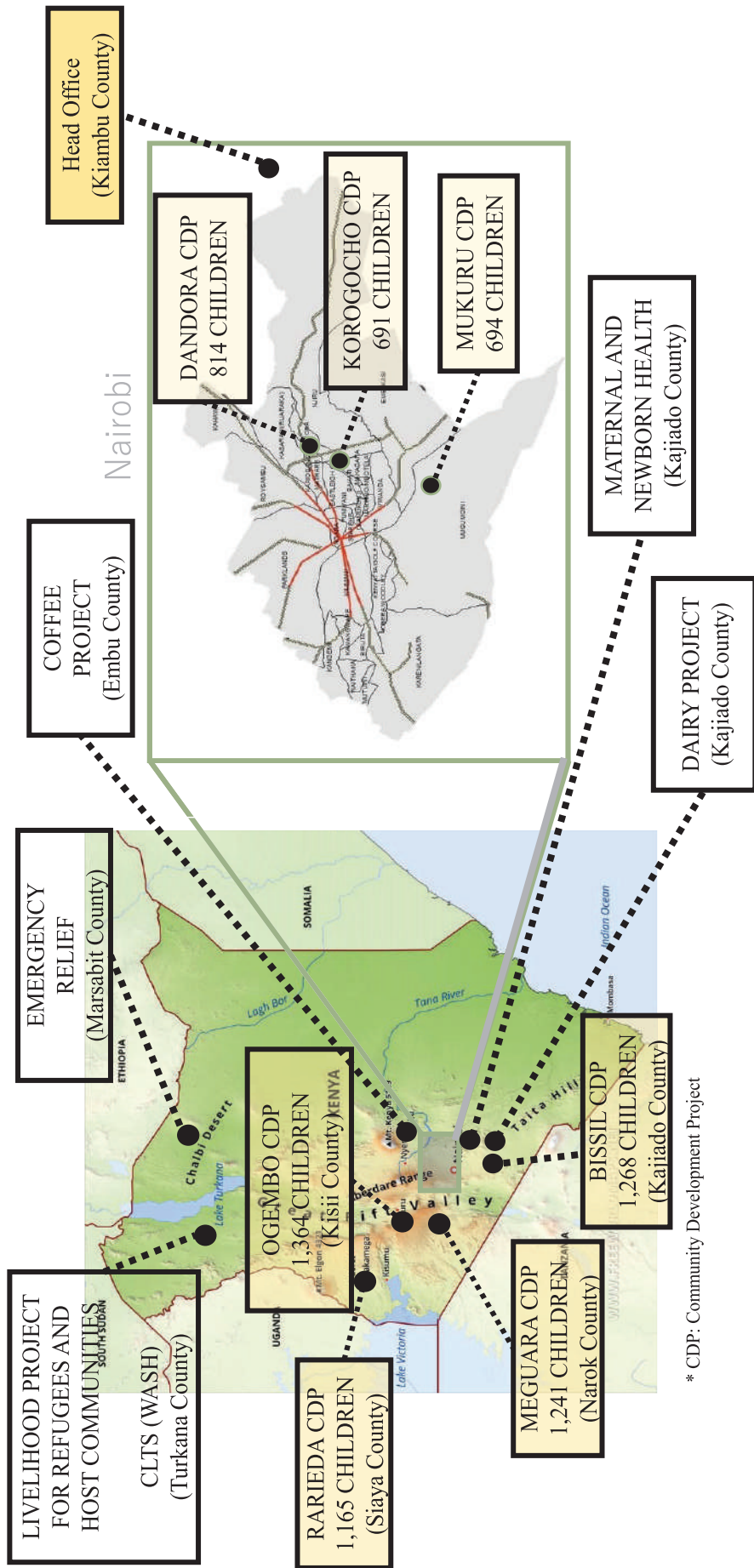
Our Mission

Good Neighbors exist to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony. Good Neighbors respect the human rights of our neighbors suffering from poverty, disasters and oppression and helps them to achieve self-reliance and enable them to rebuild their hope.

CORE VALUES

- We serve people in need beyond ethnicity, religion, belief and nationality.
- We promote self-reliance in sustainable development for individuals, families, and communities.
- We advocate for the rights of the child as top priority.
- We prosper global citizenship in mutual respect.
- We organize local volunteers to contribute in developing their own communities.
- We cooperate with all people who understand our mission and program.
- We work with professionalism, and pursue financial and operational transparency.
- We strive to induce more people to join our work as Good Neighbors members

Where We Work-Nine (9) Counties



Vision 2030

Good Neighbors has established itself as a global leading NGO through expertise in innovative management, diversified resource mobilization and international development projects. Hereby Good Neighbors has launched Good Neighbors Vision 2030 which will serve as a guide for GN Global Network to address global goals in integrity and unity.

Good Neighbors Vision 2030 is the roadmap of how Good Neighbors will address global changes and ensure sustainable growth; defining key impacts based on organizational driving principles and strengths. Good Neighbors Vision 2030 encapsulates these impacts into 5 Strategic Goals and 17 Strategic Tasks in alignment with strategic direction 'Broadening GN Movement' and 'Achieving the SDGs'. United by Spirit of Good Neighbors, GN Global Network will be "Empowering People, Transforming Communities".

Vision

Good Neighbors : Empowering People, Transforming Communities

Spirit of Good Neighbors



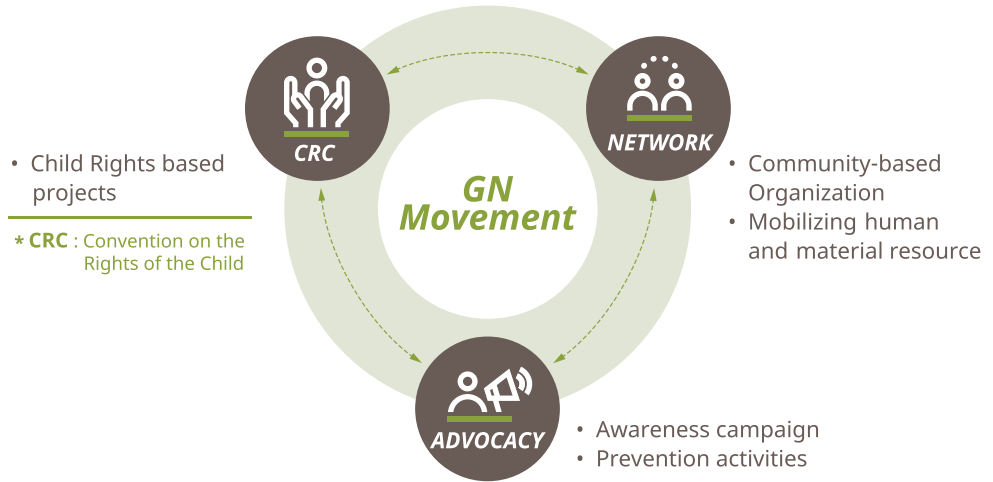
Strategic Direction



5 Strategic Goals & 17 Strategic Tasks



Our Focus



CRC – Child Rights Protection

We plan and implement projects that respect the human rights of children based on our unchanged belief in human dignity under the principle of faithfully fulfilling the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child(CRC).

Network

We stimulate our projects and maintain our network by mobilizing the human and material resources of communities in field countries, encouraging them to actively engage in our projects as an organized group of volunteers, partners and community committees.

Advocacy

We conduct advocacy projects, such as campaigns, government policies, and seminars to promote our projects and raise awareness of governments or the general public as part of citizenship education.

Principles

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Professionalism

As a organization that leads the future change, we constantly research and train ourselves with passion, humility, and devotion in order to have professionalism, and utilize external experts to strengthen organizational capacity and maximize business performance.
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Transparency

In order to secure transparency, which is the number one priority of NGOs, we follow fund execution procedures for the public interest through a rational management system, clearly disclose the purpose, direction and contents of institutions as well as accounting and auditing, and implement projects in accordance with ethical awareness.
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Sustainability

Based on the recognition that community people are owner of our projects, we secure sustainability through organizing community people and establishing network and promote sustainable development for independent life of community people beyond simple charitable and relief material support.

SDGs



End poverty in all its forms everywhere.



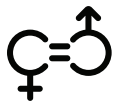
End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

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.

EDUCATION



KEY Results:

- **44,026** children gained access to quality education.
- **7,816** benefited from school financial and/or material support
- **46** teachers participated in capacity building training.

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.

Empowering 2,197 Students Through School Fees and material Support.

We are proud to have supported **1,434** high school students and **763** junior secondary school students through our comprehensive School Fees Support Program. These young learners, many from vulnerable and underserved communities, were able to stay in school, pursue their dreams, and take bold steps toward a brighter future.

For many families, the cost of secondary education is a heavy burden. Through strategic partnerships and the generosity of our sponsors, we covered tuition, uniforms, and other essential educational needs for **2,197** students. This support not only kept them in school but also uplifted entire households, offering hope where it was once scarce.

Our school fees support program has far-reaching effects beyond the classroom. It reduces child labor, delays early marriages, improves mental health, and empowers girls and boys alike to imagine a better future. Parents and guardians, freed from the constant stress of finding school fees, can now focus on economic stability and family well-being.

29 Schools, Countless Smiles, One Mission

Our primary school support program reached **24,740** learners this year, equipping schools with the resources they need to foster curiosity, improve performance, and create a safe, engaging environment for all students.

Here's what we delivered to schools in 2024:

- **Laboratory Equipment**- Enabling practical science learning, sparking innovation and curiosity from a young age.
- **TV Screens, Computers and Printers**-Bringing digital learning to life and introducing students to modern technology while supporting teachers with tools to prepare quality instructional materials and assessments.
- **Solar Lamps**-Allowing children to study safely at home, even in areas without reliable electricity.
- **Desks** -Replacing broken or inadequate classroom desks, promoting comfort and concentration.
- **Textbooks & Learning Materials**-Ensuring students and teachers have the resources they need to succeed.



Case Story

Desk Distribution in 13 Primary Schools in Kenya's Underserved Regions

In the heart of Kenya's underserved regions where Kenya Good Neighbors has Community Development Projects (CDPs), education has always been a battle against adversity. Overcrowded classrooms, inadequate learning materials, and the lack of proper facilities have long hindered the progress of children in these areas. However, thanks to a recent desk distribution initiative by Kenya Good Neighbors, 13 primary schools in Rarieda, Bissil, Mukuru, Dandora and Korogocho CDPs are witnessing a profound transformation in both learning and teaching experiences.

Due to high numbers of enrollment, students sat on the ground or huddled together on broken benches, which not only created discomfort but also limited their ability to engage with lessons effectively. The lack of proper furniture was a daily reminder of the educational inequalities these children faced. But the arrival of new desks in these schools has sparked a wave of change.



The distribution of over 546 new desks and 207 lockers and chairs across 13 schools has had an immediate impact on both students and teachers. In these CDPs, where resources are scarce, the importance of such support cannot be overstated. The new desks provide not just physical comfort, but also a sense of dignity and respect for the students' education.

Before the desks arrived, classes were often held in cramped, overcrowded spaces. Students had to sit on the floor or share outdated furniture that was often uncomfortable and unstable. With the introduction of the new desks, each student now has their own space to learn, promoting a more conducive environment for education.

Students are reporting a renewed enthusiasm for learning. With enough space to spread out their books and materials, they are able to participate more actively in lessons. The desks also allow for more interactive teaching methods, as teachers can now walk around the classroom without worrying about obstructing students' views or tripping over old furniture.

Boost in Academic Performance:

As a result of the improved learning environment, schools are noticing better academic performance. In areas where students previously struggled due to lack of resources, there is a newfound determination to excel. Teachers are able to cover the curriculum more efficiently, and students feel more motivated to engage with their studies.

Looking Toward the Future:

The desk distribution initiative has proven that small investments in education infrastructure can yield significant results. The 13 primary schools that received new desks are just the beginning. The ripple effect of this project is already being felt beyond the classrooms, inspiring other schools and communities to seek improvements in their own educational systems.

With more comfortable learning environments and a stronger commitment to education, the future for these students looks brighter than ever.



HEALTH

The right to health is a fundamental human right and is one of the essential conditions for exercising other human rights. However, not everyone can fully enjoy the right to health. Many people including the pregnant and children still cannot access crucial health services, so leads to high maternal mortality, child death and various infectious diseases.

Key Results:

- **473** households benefitted from SHA.
- **50** households supplied with anemia supplements.
- **10724+** students benefitted from school feeding program.
- **18** outreaches reaching **5407** community members
- **254** pregnant women served
- **196** under-5 children immunized against preventable communicable diseases
- **303** healthcare and **184** community health promoters participated in capacity building events.

SOCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (SHA) SUPPORT PROGRAM

Access to healthcare should never be a luxury. In 2024, Kenya Good Neighbors reaffirmed its commitment to community well-being by providing SHA support to 473 vulnerable households across Kenya. This initiative has not only opened hospital doors but has restored peace of mind, dignity, and health to hundreds of families

For families living in poverty, a single medical emergency can mean financial ruin. By enrolling 473 households in the Social Health Insurance Fund SHA, we have provided a safety net protecting the families from catastrophic healthcare costs and ensuring access to essential medical services.

Health is the foundation of development. When parents are healthy, they can work and provide for their families. When children are covered, they attend school consistently and grow up strong. SHA coverage is more than a health intervention; it is a tool for social and economic transformation.

FIGHTING ANAEMIA, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Anemia, often caused by iron deficiency, remains a silent threat in many rural communities particularly affecting children, pregnant women, and breastfeeding mothers. Left untreated, it leads to fatigue, poor school performance, complications in pregnancy, and long-term developmental issues.

Through targeted nutritional intervention, we supplied iron-rich supplements and micronutrients to 50 vulnerable households in Rarieda, Siaya County, helping to combat anemia and promote recovery.



Healing Hands, Healthy Futures

School Feeding Program

"The power of a meal."



Kenya Good Neighbors continued its mission to end classroom hunger by supporting a transformative School Feeding Program across 19 primary schools. This initiative ensured that over 7300 children received a nutritious daily meal, laying the foundation for better learning, health, and hope.

In many parts of Kenya, a warm meal at school is often the only reliable source of nutrition for children. For learners in the 19 primary schools we supported, the daily school meal meant more than just food; it meant a reason to attend, energy to concentrate, and strength to dream.

Our school feeding program has led to measurable improvements in:

- School attendance and retention
- Classroom concentration and performance
- Nutritional health and energy levels
- Relief for families facing food insecurity



Maternal & Newborn Health (MNH) Project

“Every Mother Deserves a Safe Birth and Every Child Deserves a Healthy Start”

In 2024, the project supported the capacity building for health workers in Kajiado County. The project provided basic emergency obstetric and neonatal Care (BEmONC) training, antenatal care and post-natal care (ANC and PNC) training, sub-county health records and information officer (SCHRIO) training, and maternal and peri-natal death surveillance and response (MPDSR) sensitization training. A total of 303 healthcare providers were trained through the project.

To increase access to health care in the community, the project established 3 new Community Health Units in Kajiado East, West and Central. Through these new units, Community Health Committees (CHCs) and Community Health Promoters (CHPs) received Basic Training. The role of the CHC includes the provision of leadership and oversight in the implementation of health. The CHPs are the primary caregivers and among their roles include: Deliver key health messages to households as outlined in the Kenya Essential Package of Health (KEPH), registration of households at frequencies stipulated in current guidelines and refer cases to respective link facilities.

The CHPs contribute to reducing morbidity and mortality rates and improve MCH. They also advocate for sustainable social changes, policy reforms, and community-driven solutions for MNH related issues, prevention of FGM and Prevention of Teen pregnancy and early marriage. In 2024, the project provided capacity building training for 184 community health promoters.



Case Story

LESOIT OUTREACH (LINKED TO NGATATAEK HEALTH CENTER)

Lesoit village is approximately 30kms from Ngatataek Health Center. The area has poor infrastructural network that are significantly impassable during rainy season. This is attributable to vastness and rough terrains from mountainous nature of Kajiado county which subsequently lead to poor road network. As a result, this has significantly hampered transportation systems. The residents of Lesoit can only access the facility on motorbikes or on foot (a 3 hour-walk).

Kajiado Central has experienced a measles outbreak, alongside increased bouts of malnutrition. The outreach was highly impactful in the management and control of the measles outbreak through the administration of Measles - Rubella (MR-2) booster vaccines.

A total of 60 under-fives in Kajiado Central received the measles booster vaccines. These kids would have missed out on the booster vaccinations given the nature and terrains of the roads leading to their homes. The distance between households would have also made it impossible to serve 60 or more households in a day. This outreach has significantly improved accessibility to healthcare for the under-five children



Mass vaccination of measles during measles outbreak campaign in Kajiado at Lesoit Medical Camp

WASH

Kenya Good Neighbors is committed to improving the well-being and dignity of communities through sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions. Access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and proper hygiene practices is fundamental to health, education, and economic development. However, many communities in Kenya continue to face critical challenges such as 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.

Through its WASH program, KGN seeks to provide holistic and community-driven solutions that enhance access to safe and reliable water sources, promote improved sanitation facilities, and strengthen hygiene education. The program prioritizes the most vulnerable groups including children, women, and marginalized communities ensuring that interventions contribute to healthier schools, resilient households, and empowered communities.



Turkana WASH Project



We are proud to share a major milestone from **2024**. The successful implementation of the Turkana WASH **(Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) CLTS (Community-Led Total Sanitation)** project, which has made a life-changing impact across 517 households in Turkana County.

This marks 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, our dedicated field team, and support from both local government and international partners.

Case Story

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 health facility and treating minor ailments within the community.



(Community Health Assistant (CHA), Public Health Officer (PHO), and Community Health Promoter

Before the launch of the WASH (Community-Led Total Sanitation - CLTS) project by (KGN), Teresa regularly referred 20-50 suffering from diarrhea diseases to the health facility patients had to be taken to Kakuma Town, located hundreds of kilometers away from Nadung'a, due to the high incidence of preventable illnesses. These health challenges were primarily caused by open defecation, especially in bushes and along riverbanks.

"Earlier on, we did not know the importance of using toilets or latrines." Teresa Monti, CHP, Nadung'a. With the introduction of the WASH CLTS project, KGN trained Teresa and eleven other CHPs on how to mobilize 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 diarrhea diseases have reduced." - Teresa Monti, CHP Nadung'a. In an interview, Teresa reflected on the significant transformation brought about by the project. She noted that every household in her village had built and was now using latrines, each equipped with a handwashing station. This marked a major shift in hygiene behavior 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 treat contaminated water properly.

"Before the training, people in my village defecated in the open. Our domestic animals often consumed fecal matter from the fields, and when those animals were later slaughtered, the meat caused many cases of diarrhea. 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 behavior change.



Teresa Monti holding a 20-liter bucket distributed by Kenya Good Neighbors for safe storage of clean drinking, standing outside Manyatta (traditional hut)

Water Facilities

Kenya Good Neighbors made significant strides in improving access to safe and reliable water in underserved communities. Through the support of partners and collaboration with local stakeholders, we are proud to report the successful implementation of key water infrastructure projects in Rarieda and Ilbisil.

1. Elevated Water Towers

- **Rarieda Lakeside Project:** Providing consistent water pressure for irrigation purposes.
- **Ilbisil Boarding Comprehensive School:** Enhancing water distribution across the school.

2. Borehole Drilled at Ngatataek

A new, clean groundwater source that is providing consistent water for irrigation purposes

3. Water Piping System Installed at Ilbisil Boarding Comprehensive School

Fully connected to the borehole and water tower, the system ensures continuous water access for students, teachers, and staff hence improving hygiene, health and learning conditions.

These water projects represent more than infrastructure, they are lifelines that empower communities, improve public health, and create opportunities for growth and dignity.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the community members, partners, and field teams who made this possible.

Together, we're turning on the taps to a healthier future.

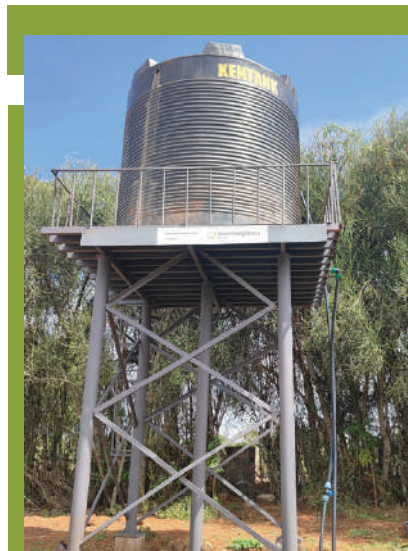
4. Household Tanks

Kenya Good Neighbors took a major step forward in promoting household-level water security in Narok County. We proudly distributed 1,332 household water tanks to families in the Meguarra community, significantly improving water storage and resilience during dry seasons.

In remote and arid areas like Meguarra, access to safe and reliable water is a daily challenge. By equipping households with individual water tanks, we are helping families:

- Store rainwater and reduce reliance on distant water sources.
- Improve household hygiene and sanitation.
- Strengthen resilience against drought and water scarcity.

This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to community-driven development and practical solutions that empower families to live healthier and more dignified lives.



Key Results:

1. 517 households declared open defecation free.
2. 5 new water supply facilities constructed.
3. Over 6072 people using newly constructed water facilities.

CHILD PROTECTION

International Day of The African Child

Kenya Good Neighbors proudly commemorated the Day of the African Child under the theme of “Education for All: The Time is Now”, with vibrant celebrations held across Siaya, Kajiado, Nairobi, Narok, and Kisii counties.

The events brought together 1,160 children from diverse backgrounds to raise their voices, showcase their talents, and advocate for the rights and protection of every African child.

Key Highlights:

- **Child-led forums and performances** including music, drama, and poetry promoting education and child rights.
- **Dialogue sessions** between children, parents, teachers, and local leaders on challenges facing children in their communities.
- **Empowerment activities** focused on child participation, protection, and inclusive education.



These commemorations created safe spaces for children to be heard and to take the lead in conversations that affect their future.

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

Greening Schools, Growing Futures

As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability and climate action, Kenya Good Neighbors led a successful tree planting initiative in 2024 across partner schools in Kisii, Nairobi, and Siaya counties.

In total, 6,037 trees were planted in:

- 3 schools in Ogembo, Kisii County
- 2 schools in Korogocho, Nairobi County
- 6 schools in Rarieda, Siaya County

This initiative supports:

- Climate change mitigation through reforestation
- Environmental education for students
- Greener, healthier learning environments

By engaging learners, teachers, and local communities, these tree planting activities are helping to instill a culture of environmental stewardship among the next generation.



One Man Who Planted Trees Project in Ngatataek, Kajiado County

Kajiado County, a predominantly semi-arid region, relies heavily on livestock rearing as the main source of livelihood. However, water scarcity has long posed a serious challenge. With low and unpredictable rainfall, most rivers, dams, and springs in the area are seasonal, leaving communities highly vulnerable during prolonged dry spells. In recent years, severe droughts have led to significant cattle losses and food shortages. Climate change has further complicated the situation, with shifting weather patterns making it increasingly difficult to predict rainfall and dry seasons.

In response, Kenya Good Neighbors launched a climate resilience project in Ngatataek, utilizing a 5-acre community farm as a demonstration and learning site. The initiative focuses on raising awareness of climate change and equipping local communities with sustainable solutions. Activities include the cultivation of drought-tolerant fruit trees, vegetables, and Juncao grass, alongside the establishment of kitchen gardens and a tree nursery.

To address water scarcity, a borehole has been drilled and equipped to ensure reliable, year-round water access for both irrigation and domestic use. The project also integrates a simple drip irrigation system, promoting efficient and effective water management.

This initiative not only strengthens food security but also empowers the community to adapt to climate change, safeguard their livelihoods, and build a more resilient future.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

Emergency Relief for Drought and Flood-Affected Families

In 2024, Kenya faced multiple climate-related emergencies from prolonged droughts in the north to devastating floods in urban settlements. In response, Kenya Good Neighbors swiftly mobilized to support vulnerable families with emergency relief across Marsabit, Turkana, and Mukuru Kwa Njenga informal settlement (Nairobi).

Drought Relief in Marsabit and Turkana

To support families affected by severe drought and food insecurity, Good Neighbors Kenya donated essential food supplies to 4,000 households in Marsabit (6kg beans, 3lts cooking oil and 15kg maize flour) and 4,600 households in Turkana (3lts cooking oil & 30kg Maize flour).



Flood Relief in Mukuru Kwa Njenga, Nairobi

After the heavy floods in Nairobi, vulnerable families in Mukuru Kwa Njenga informal settlement were hit hardest, losing homes, belongings, and basic necessities. Good Neighbors Kenya provided targeted support to 230 households, including:

- **Food items** (maize flour, cooking oil, beans)
- **Non-food essentials** such as Mattresses, Blankets and School supplies for affected children

These interventions ensured families could meet their basic needs with dignity and recover with hope after these life-disrupting emergencies



Case Story

Kenya Good Neighbors Feeds 4,000 Households in North Horr Constituency, Marsabit County



Background

In the heart of Kenya's Marsabit County, lies a region often plagued by drought, food insecurity, and limited resources, the lives of many households hang in the balance. The North Horr constituency, home to over 4000 households, has faced numerous challenges, especially in recent years, due to inconsistent rainfall and diminishing agricultural outputs. With families struggling to provide basic food necessities, Kenya Good Neighbors embarked on a crucial mission to bring hope and relief.



Carcasses of animals during the 2024 drought season.

The Initiative

Kenya Good Neighbors in partnership with Good Neighbors Taiwan launched a food distribution program to reach 4,000 households across North Horr, providing each with vital food supplies. The villages targeted were Malabot, Qorqa, Elbeso, Gas, Bubisa, Horoderi, Mudhe and North Horr town. The initiative aimed to alleviate hunger and provide families with a source of nutrition during these difficult times. The distribution included 3 liters of cooking oil, 6 kgs of beans, and 15 kgs of maize meal for each household.



Distribution

The distribution effort was conducted in collaboration with local leaders and volunteers. With careful planning and coordination, the food reached the targeted households in various villages, with teams working tirelessly to ensure each family received the appropriate amount of aid.



(Kenya Good Neighbors Country Director flagging off the relief food in North Horr town.)



(Good Neighbors Taiwan staff presenting food items to a community member in North Horr Town)



(Good Neighbors Taiwan staff presenting food items to a family in North Horr Town)

In a region where many families rely on the unpredictable rains and the nomadic lifestyle of pastoralism for their sustenance, these food items became a lifeline for the community. The 3-litres of cooking oil provided families with a critical source of fat for their meals, improving the nutritional value of the food. Beans, rich in protein, ensured that the community could meet their basic dietary needs, while the 15 kgs of maize meal served as a staple ingredient for daily meals.



(A family rejoices after receiving relief food in Malabot Village.)



(A family in Bubisa village after receiving relief food.)

Impact on Households:

For the families who received the food aid, the relief was immediate and profound. Many of the beneficiaries Without access to affordable food, households were forced to rely on what little they could gather or trade, often going without nutritious meals for days.

The distribution significantly eased the burden of these families, ensuring that they would have some food feed their children and loved ones. Parents expressed immense gratitude, with some stating that this food would help them get through the difficult months ahead.



(A happy family after receiving relief food in Elbeso Village.)



("I have never been this relieved in a long time," said Talaso, a mother from Gas village. "This food will help me feed my children and ensure they are strong and healthy. I was worried we wouldn't make it, but now I feel like we have a chance.")

Community Strengthened

Beyond the direct impact on the families, the food distribution helped strengthen the sense of community in North Horr. Local leaders and volunteers came together to distribute the items, thus fostering a spirit of solidarity and shared responsibility.

The program also brought attention to the challenges facing the region, encouraging further collaboration between organizations, local governments, and communities to build long-term solutions to food security.



(The North Horr Constituency Member of Parliament addressing the community members during the launch of the distribution exercise.)

Sustainability and Looking Forward

While the food aid provided immediate relief, Kenya Good Neighbors is committed to long-term development in Marsabit County. In the coming months, the organization plans to implement water access projects to help the community become more self-sufficient and resilient to future challenges. The goal is not just to provide aid but to empower communities to thrive despite the harsh conditions they face.



(Women using donkeys to carry food items from the distribution point)

Conclusion

The food distribution in North Horr, Marsabit County, was a beacon of hope for 4000 households struggling with food insecurity. Kenya Good Neighbors swift and impactful response made a tangible difference, alleviating hunger and providing families with essential sustenance. As the community continues to recover, Kenya Good Neighbors remains dedicated to improving the lives of the people in Marsabit, ensuring that no one is left behind. Through partnership, compassion, and unwavering commitment, the journey toward a more resilient and food-secure future has just begun.



(Children heading home with food items from the distribution center)

INCOME GENERATION

EMBU COFFEE PROJECT

Kenya Good Neighbors is implementing a three-year (2023–2025) coffee project in Embu County, funded by KOICA. The project aims to increase coffee farmers' income by enhancing their capacity and strengthening cooperative operations.

Capacity Building for Farmers

The project made significant strides in equipping farmers with essential skills. Nearly 600 farmers participated in specialized training on coffee management, quality grading, and financial literacy. These initiatives have strengthened their expertise, increased productivity, improved coffee quality, and enhanced financial resilience. By investing in farmers' skills, the project ensures the long-term sustainability of the coffee industry in Embu County.

Project achievements in 2024

- Established one coffee seedling nursery with a capacity of **40,000 seedlings** annually.
- Constructed **two solar dryers**, each with a capacity of 10 tonnes of parchment.
- Set up **one fully equipped coffee quality grading laboratory**.
- Trained **400 farmers** in eco-friendly farming practices.
- Trained **120 farmers** in advanced coffee management techniques.
- Trained **25 farmers** in coffee quality grading.
- Provided financial management training to **20 farmers** and cooperative managers.

Empowering Farmers for a Sustainable Future

Through these initiatives, Kirurumwe Farmers' Cooperative Society is equipping its members with the knowledge and tools necessary for long-term success. By improving farming practices and enhancing coffee quality, the project is building a brighter future for coffee producers in Embu County.



Case Story

Salesio Njiru Mugo – A Journey of Transformation in Coffee Farming

Background

Salesio Njiru Mugo, a 58-year-old farmer, lives in Karue Village in Embu County with his family of seven. For years, Salesio has sold his coffee at Ngaindethia Factory, part of Kirurumwe Farmers' Cooperative Society (KFCS). Despite his dedication to coffee farming, Salesio struggled with low yields and inefficient farming practices, leading to a challenging livelihood.

Challenges Before Kenya Good Neighbors Training: Before his involvement with Kenya Good Neighbors, Salesio faced numerous challenges in his coffee farming journey:

- **Lack of Knowledge on Coffee Farming:** Salesio didn't know the best practices for coffee farming. He was unfamiliar with proper spraying schedules, which resulted in poor pest and disease control.
- **Inadequate Grafting Skills:** Salesio had little knowledge of grafting, a critical technique for improving coffee tree productivity. He relied on someone from the village to perform grafting, often with inconsistent results.
- **Use of Non-Certified Seedlings:** Without awareness of the importance of certified seedlings, Salesio used any available seedlings, leading to poor-quality trees that were prone to diseases and low yields.
- **Unawareness of Eco-Friendly Farming:** Salesio was unaware of the benefits of eco-friendly farming practices, which could have improved his farm's sustainability and reduced costs.

These challenges resulted in consistently low coffee yields, with Salesio averaging around 300 kg of coffee annually over the past decade. His income from coffee farming was barely enough to support his family, leading to financial strain and frustration.

Transformation Through Kenya Good Neighbors Training and KOICA: Salesio's fortunes began to change when he participated in training programs offered by Kenya Good Neighbors, in collaboration with KFCS. The training provided him with essential knowledge and skills that revolutionized his approach to coffee farming:

- **Improved Farming Techniques:** Salesio learned the proper timeline for spraying his coffee trees, which significantly improved pest and disease control. He now understands the importance of regular and timely spraying.
- **Mastering Grafting:** The training equipped Salesio with the skills to graft his coffee trees effectively. This has resulted in healthier trees with higher productivity.
- **Adoption of Certified Seedlings:** Salesio now uses only certified seedlings, which are more resilient and produce higher-quality coffee beans. This change has been instrumental in boosting his yields.
- **Eco-Friendly Farming Practices:** Salesio adopted eco-friendly farming methods, reducing his environmental impact while cutting down on costs. He now farms in a more sustainable manner, benefiting both his farm and the ecosystem.
- **Increased Yields and Income:** As a result of these changes, Salesio's coffee production doubled, reaching 700kg in the most recent harvest. Moreover, the price of coffee has increased, with Salesio receiving Ksh 96 per kg—the highest price he has ever been paid in the last ten years. This significant boost in both yield and price has greatly improved his financial situation, providing better support for his family.
- **Cash Advancement:** A timely cash advancement helped Salesio pay school fees and support upkeep for his son, who is a university student as well as his family upkeep.

Ongoing Challenges and Future Aspirations: Despite his progress, Salesio still faces challenges in accessing farm inputs. While he now knows when and what to spray, he struggles with affording the necessary inputs and tools like secateurs, knapsacks, pruning saws and PPEs. Salesio is hopeful that support from the cooperative and other partners will help him acquire the inputs he needs to maintain and further improve his yields.

There is also a challenge of accessing pure disease-free seedlings and scions to facilitate grafting to the modern disease resistant coffee varieties. Good Neighbors Kenya is planning to build a coffee nursery in Kianjuki factory in 2024 which will provide pure coffee seedlings from Coffee Research Institute (CRI) to KFCS farmers.

Salesio is looking forward to having easy and cheap access to the modern coffee varieties which will undoubtedly increase his coffee production. Salesio is also passionate about involving younger farmers in coffee farming. He believes that by engaging the next generation, the community can secure a prosperous future for coffee farming in Karue Village and beyond.

Conclusion: Salesio Njiru's journey is a testament to the transformative power of education and training in agriculture. With the support of Kenya Good Neighbors and KOICA, Salesio has turned his struggling coffee farm into a thriving enterprise. His story underscores the importance of continued support for farmers, especially in accessing farm inputs and involving youth in farming, to ensure sustainable agricultural development.



(Salesio mulching his coffee)



(Salesio pruning his coffee.)



(Salesio checking his grafted coffee plant)

Wezesha Majirani SACCO

Twajenga Kesho, Leo



The year 2024 marked a turning point for project SACCOS in the Community Development Projects (CDPs). With the support of the umbrella SACCO, Wezesha Majirani, members gained access to vital training and affordable credit. By channeling loans directly to project SACCOS, Wezesha Majirani strengthened financial linkages at the grassroots, empowering communities to grow stronger and more self-reliant. All SACCO leaders successfully completed training sessions on governance, bookkeeping and loan management. These programs enhanced accountability, improved financial record-keeping and built confidence among members. Leaders are now better equipped to guide their respective SACCOS toward sustainability and growth.

Loans Disbursed

Through Wezesha Majirani, loans amounting to Kshs. 28.6 million were disbursed to five project SACCOS. Repayment performance has been outstanding with members adopting bank standing orders as a mandatory repayment mechanism which is a requirement from Wezesha Majirani SACCO. This system has improved financial discipline and reinforced trust between Wezesha Majirani and its member SACCOS.



IMPACT ON INCOME

Case Story



From Savings to Business Expansion

The Journey of Phiona Serere, MeguarraG5 SACCO Member



When Phiona Serere joined MeguarraG5 SACCO in 2023, she had a simple goal to grow her small retail shop and provide a better life for her children. Starting with savings of just Kshs.300 per week, she gradually increased to Kshs.500, determined to qualify for her first loan.

Her persistence paid off. With a Kshs.20,000 loan, Phiona boosted her shop's stock, attracting more customers and steadily increasing her income. Encouraged by this progress, she raised her savings to Kshs.1,000 weekly while repaying her loan and soon qualified for a second larger loan of Kshs.100,000.

This marked a turning point for Phiona, she expanded her business by sourcing goods in bulk from Nairobi's Eastleigh market, moving from a small iron-sheet kiosk to a larger premises at Shartuka Shopping Centre in Meguarra location. With better visibility and a wider variety of products, her shop grew into a thriving wholesale business, drawing customers from surrounding villages.

Today Phiona proudly provides for her family, pays school fees with ease and contributes to household needs without strain. Looking to the future she plans to open a second shop in Kilgoris town, creating employment for others and inspiring her community with her journey.

Phiona's success reflects the power of savings, determination and financial support. With the backing of MeguarraG5 SACCO, she has turned her vision into a thriving business and a brighter future.

PARTNERSHIP

2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference summit

Kenya Good Neighbors, in collaboration with Kenyatta University, particularly the Department of Environmental Studies and Community Development in the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, hosted the 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference summit titled **“Speak up! Youth Voices for the Future”**, which took place on 9th -10th May, at Kenyatta University grounds. The event aimed at gathering youth representatives from around the world who are co-creating the future agenda with Good Neighbors, alongside the UN Civil Society Conference.

The purpose of the summit was as follows

- Empower Kenyan youth: Share the significance of the upcoming UN Future Summit and its agendas with Kenya's next generation of leaders
- Foster collaboration: Facilitate discussions on how Kenyan youth can contribute to the Implementation and mainstreaming of the UN Summit of the Future agendas
- Amplify youth voices: Collect and incorporate youth perspectives into Good Neighbors' sustainable development and humanitarian work
- Drive global impact: Implement the ideas and solutions generated at the event in Good Neighbors' 51 countries of operation worldwide

The event convened 150 participants, including secondary school students from Kenya Good Neighbors' project areas and Kenyan university students pursuing Environmental Studies and Community Development. Keynote addresses were delivered by distinguished speakers from Malawi, Ukraine, Indonesia, and Kenya.

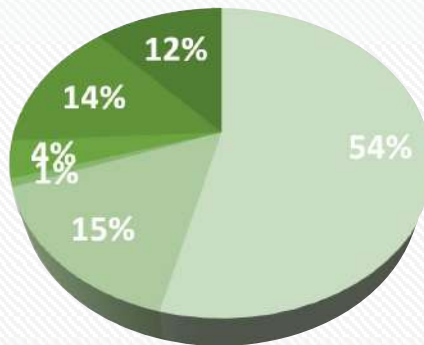


Financial SUMMARY

Income

Income Source 2024	2024 {KES}
General Sponsorship	165,849,906
General Sponsorship Project	47,839,773
Gift Money	2,582,889
Designated Fund	11,917,603
Government Fund	43,311,458
Other Income	36,316,471
Total Income	307,818,100

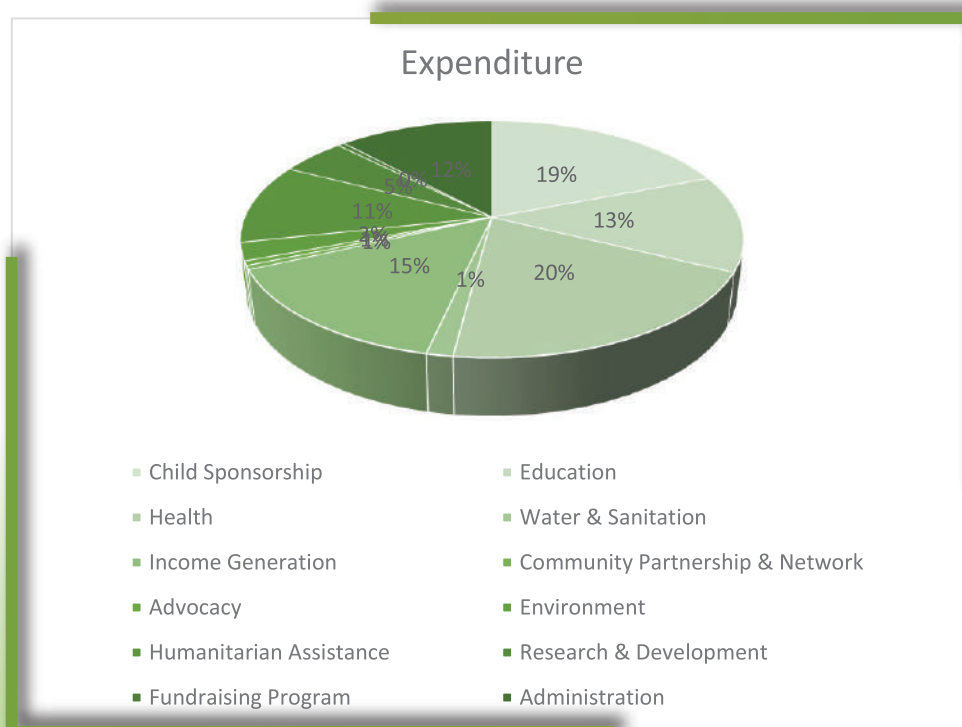
Operating Revenue



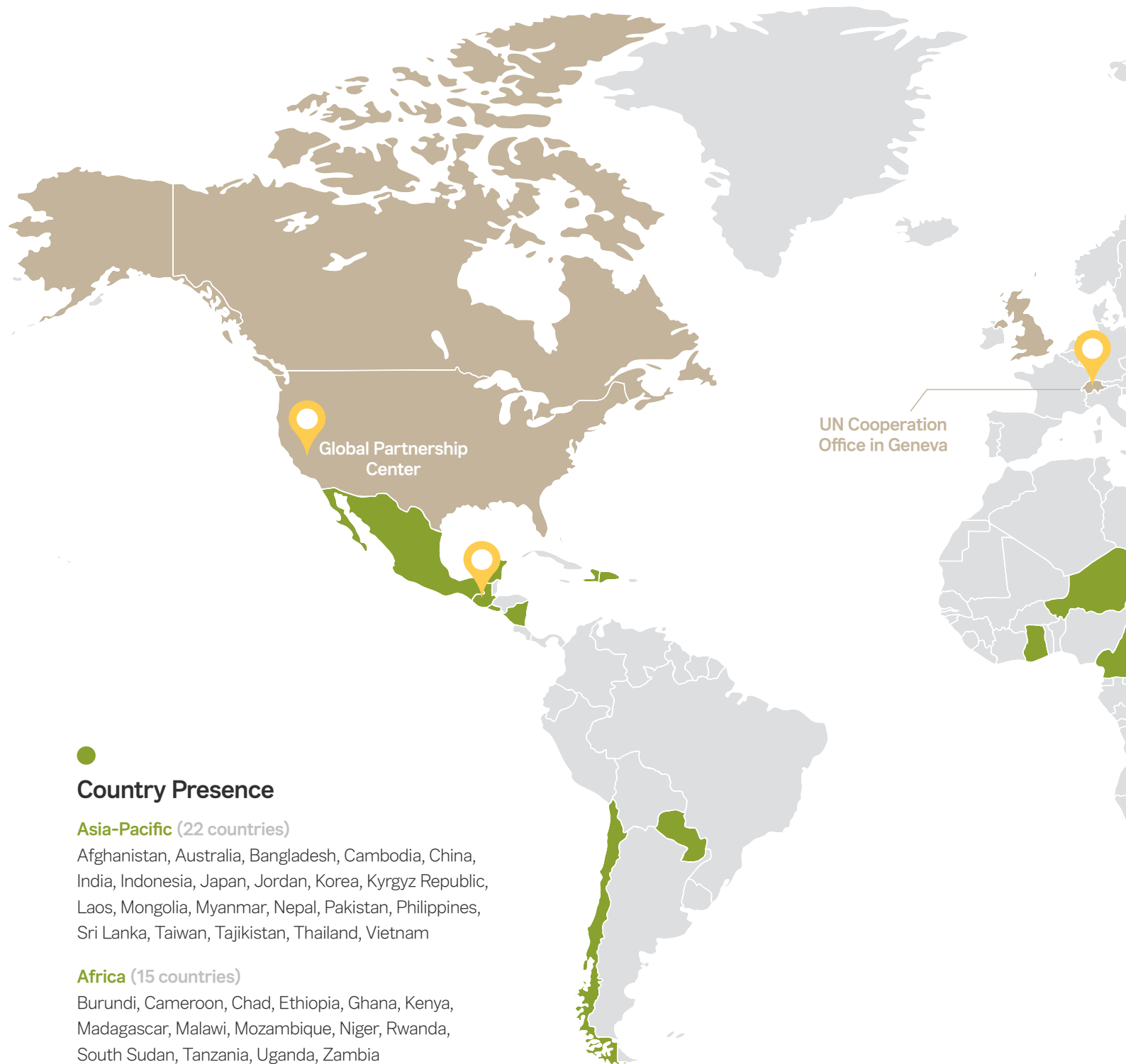
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- General Sponsorship Project
- Gift Money
- Designated Fund
- Government Fund
- Other Income

Expenditure

Sector Amount	Amount {KES}
Child Sponsorship	58,835,750
Education	40,673,195
Health	60,706,113
Water & Sanitation	4,412,756
Income Generation	44,796,637
Community Partnership & Network	1,709,247
Advocacy	1,803,329
Environment	7,506,543
Humanitarian Assistance	33,637,094
Research & Development	15,534,117
Fundraising Programme	1,625,908
Office Management	36,577,412
Total	307,818,100



Where We Work



Country Presence

Asia-Pacific (22 countries)

Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Vietnam

Africa (15 countries)

Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

Americas (10 countries)

Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, USA

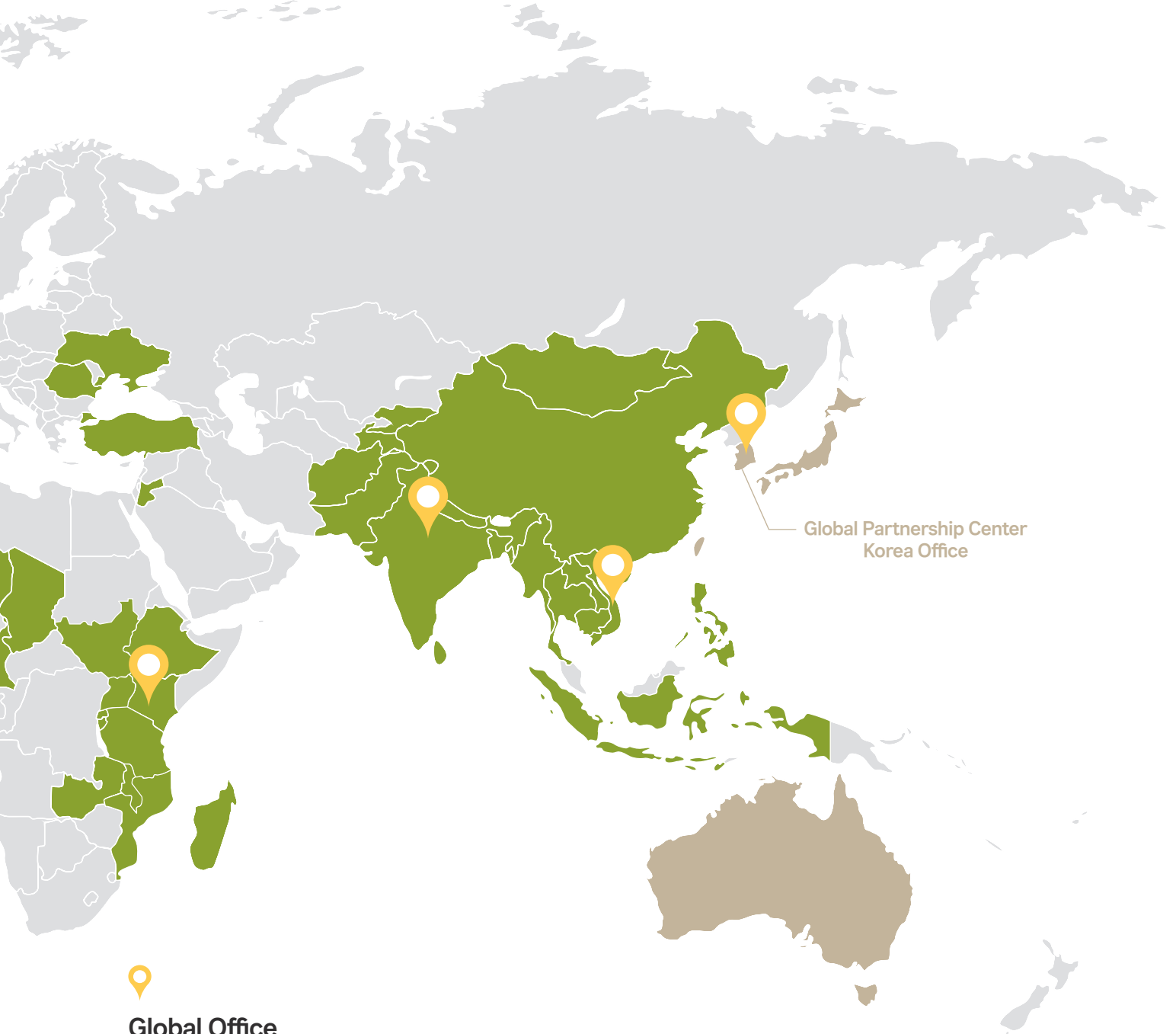
Europe (4 countries)

Romania, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Core Alliance Country

Korea, Japan, USA, Canada, Australia, UK, Taiwan

Good Neighbors has collaborated with partners in **51 countries** on community development and humanitarian assistance initiatives.



Global Partnership Center
Korea Office



Global Office

- Global Partnership Center (California)
- Global Partnership Center Korea Office (Seoul)
- UN Cooperation Office (Geneva)
- East Asia Regional Coordination Office (Hanoi)
- West Asia Regional Coordination Office (New Delhi)
- Africa Regional Coordination Office (Nairobi)
- Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Coordination Office (Guatemala)



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