

2. Kanam Water Project, Kenya (On-going)

- Local partner: Armstrong Women Empowerment Centre (AWEC) (#251)
Founded in 2016 in Kisumu County, committed to finding sustainable ways of empowering marginalized and vulnerable adolescents, young people, teenage mothers, and adult women in Nyando sub-County
- Project budget: \$1,986 (JWF Fund: \$1,500, implementing organization \$300, beneficiaries: \$186)
- Number of Beneficiaries: 2,800 (600 men, 1,000 women, 1,200 children)
- Background:
Because the only reliable source of water was 10km away, the villagers typically used makeshift wells dug with hoes. The unreliability and frequent shortages of these water sources often forced villagers to make multiple trips or wait for water levels to replenish. This was time-consuming for schoolchildren and adults who needed to engage in economic activities. Additionally, the quality of water obtained from these makeshift wells was often poor, causing water-related diseases. Addressing the water access issue was crucial to the development of the village.

【Before Implementation】



Fetching water from a drying water pan



People must travel to fetch water from the community's water pan.



Local women washing clothes by the community water pan

- Details of the project:
 - Constructing a water stall, a 10,000-litre water storage tank, and a solar pump set on the existing borehole well
 - Providing training for community members on maintenance and management of the water infrastructure
 - Educating villagers on safe water practices and hygiene