

Welcome to our e-Newsletter!

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to our summer newsletter.

Thanks to the hard work of our partner Community-Based Organization (CBO) in Africa, our volunteers in UK and your continued support, our work and social mission continues to grow.

Small innovative initiatives that create cottage businesses can make such a difference to the well-being of families, providing that all-essential food, clothing, housing and education that we in the developed countries take for granted.

In Kenya, the biogas is finally being trapped and the communities are beginning to get additional income. Do help us make these efforts wide-spreading by continuing to support us, either become a friend and donate as little as £5 per month, or by introducing more people to our family and work.

If you would like to know more about the best way of spreading the word, please do get in touch.

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Thank you.

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Lunga Lunga Bio-latrine, Nairobi Kenya



The Lunga Lunga bio-sanitation center was finally commissioned on 3/2/09.

The beneficiary group- Lunga Lunga Youth Group composed of 23 members - 18 boys and 5 girls, who work voluntarily round the clock to ensure smooth running of the facility. The

group has organized a management team with an overall supervisor, whose sole role is to ensure the facility is opened and closed in/on time and that overall cleanliness is to par. The hours of operation are 5.30 am- 11.30pm.

Initially the facility had several challenges after completion that ranged from water connection delays despite having cleared all fees to the Nairobi Water Sewerage Co. So the group had to continue buying water from profiteering water sellers. This took a bit of budget.

The group relies solely on the return they make from toilet services. For the first 54 days, Kshs. 25,000 (£200) was collected. Thereafter, usage has increased gradually and collection has also grown steadily with over 1000 people using the facilities instead of the rivers, bushes etc.

Full details of returns will be included in our 2008/2009 annual returns.

At the beginning of March 09, the group got their own water meter and in June 09, the first methane gas was being collected and used in a communal kitchen.

Benefits of bio-sanitation centers

Water supply outlet

- Provision of toilet and bathroom facilities
- Gas generated for lighting and cooking (cafeteria/bakery)
- Community facilities for hire: community hall, offices and restaurant space with cooking gas installed
- Fertilizer production for sale
- Members are paid dividends and income is generated to raise living standards.
- Children (5-10 years) can access the toilets free of charge
- Creation of employment opportunities
- Increased community awareness on hygiene especially regarding water collection, hand-washing and waste disposal

Achievement of this project:

1. Income generation

- Two renting spaces at the center
- Toilet service revenues
- Water selling revenues
- Communal kitchen produce-the kitchen will be used to produce food for sale
- Creating other smaller cottage businesses like fertilizer manufacture, toilet components hire/ products, bakeries/eateries

2. Bringing community together

- Thus project has brought hope to the community
- The youth now know 1st hand that they can change their lives. With or without government help.
- Communities are composed of diverse Kenyan tribes that realize discord is a disadvantage to progress.

Its In your Hands Litter free Campaign , Peterborough UK

Environclean has initiated an anti-litter campaign in Peterborough, UK dubbed 'Its in your Hands' Campaign. Peterborough is the designated 3rd Environmental city in UK and she is staking her claim to be 1st environmental Capital of UK.

Environclean hopes to raise awareness about the littering problem by encouraging the communities in Peterborough to work together for a litter- free environment, and in partnership with the local authority.

The project is about **Partnering, Picking & prevention.**

We hope that other community group and organisations throughout Peterborough & UK will join in the anti-littering movement by playing a role.

The aims of this project are:

- To raise awareness of the problems caused by litter
- Campaigning to change behaviour
- Working with and supporting community efforts to reduce & prevent litter
- Promote sense of local pride and celebrate Peterborough as an environmental conscious city.

Upcoming Projects

Women –led Bio-Sanitation project in Kibera

Owing to the financial climate our second bio-sanitation project for a women–led community group is slow in taking off. We require your help. We do not have sufficient funds to begin project but with your support,

we can give a lease of life to another community and enable them become self-sufficient and sustainable.

Please do not hesitate to visit our new website and learn more about our work

www.environclean.co.uk

Entrepreneurship Training skills camp

We hope that our funding applications may prove successful so that we can initiate the Entrepreneurship training camp as small communities that were doing nothing more than existing..and declining ...are finding hope in the new ways we are introducing to them, that satisfy needs and earn income.

Basic business know-how and financial discipline are key training that have to be impacted to communities for survival of micro-ventures.

And finally

We have changed our logo and website. Check it out www.environclean.co.uk

Thank you again for all your support.

And do please send this email onto your friends, families And colleagues, and help to spread the word about our unique work!

Kind regards

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