

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

TheSamburuProject





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Our Mission

TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT WELL COMMUNITIES WITH INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE HEALTH, EDUCATION, WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND GENERAL WELL-BEING.

Our Vision

The Samburu Project was founded on the promise of delivering access to clean water. Along the way, we discovered that water does so much more than we imagined. With clean water, families grow their own food, girls go to school, and women empower themselves through small businesses. Water helps communities grow, learn and thrive.

Our Values & Guiding Principles

We are an organization based on the idea that dignity is a universal birthright and through dignity we can restore hope for a better future. We acknowledge the one world we all share, and TSP strives to build a global community through donors, volunteers and supporters and the Samburu people. We believe community engagement and strength in numbers is a catalyst for positive change.

From the Director

WATER IS...

This was a milestone year for The Samburu Project. We completed the drilling of our 109th well, expanded our educational programming by funding a new classroom for Ntepes Primary School, conducted four Samburu Sisters workshops, enhanced the garden at Sere Olipi Primary School, and sponsored four students' education fees. With access to clean water, more children are finding themselves in a classroom for the first time. With access to clean water, schools are clean and provide healthy environments for learning. With access to clean water, mothers have time to start gardens providing food security and food diversity. The impact of water is having a huge impact on education in Samburu.

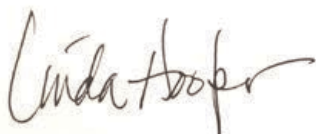
In June, the 100th Well Celebration in Wamba, brought 14 guests, donors and board members from around the world to Kenya. For most of these supporters, it was their first time to Africa and I can assure you, they will never forget their time in Samburu. Donors visited the wells they sponsored and met the communities that drink the water they provided. We visited schools that are benefitting from TSP wells and even had a bush birthday party. For board members, it was the first time some of them met our Kenya team and visited The Samburu Project office in Wamba. The Samburu people treated everyone to an amazing experience with singing, dancing and gifts from several clans and schools. The celebration resulted in a feast for all that cemented our global community in lasting friendship and mutual admiration.

We celebrated again with our US supporters at Splash Bash in October. The generosity of our donors raised enough funds for our Kenya team to purchase a new vehicle. Our 2015 Landcruiser was delivered to Nairobi shortly before our donor trip this summer.

We are now mid-way through 2019, and are excited about several internal projects that are helping to grow our brand awareness, and track the impact of our work in a meaningful way. We have collaborated with the Kenyan government on a school water project, and are receiving support from Kenyan companies - all firsts for our organization. We have welcomed a graduate student from New York in Samburu to work with our Kenya team for the next nine months. (Stay tuned for his blog posts on the life of a young American in Wamba.)

We share the growth of our small but mighty organization with you - every donor, volunteer, intern, and supporter that is part of our global community. Together we are changing people's lives in a profound way. Healthier children, more girls attending school, food security for families, and empowered women with more time for income generating businesses are all due to access to clean water. That's why we say - Water Is Life.

With gratitude for your continued support,



Linda Hooper
Executive Director





WATER IS LIFE

WELL DRILL 2018

The Samburu Project embarked on its 12th well drill in Samburu, Kenya. This year, four of the ten wells drilled are serving local schools. With an easily-accessible source of clean water, children have time to attend school. Students are healthier, their uniforms and classrooms are cleaner, and schools are able to grow food for student lunches. Because students have access to clean water, they are healthier, schools are cleaner, and test scores are higher. Water provides hope for a bright future.

For the 8th year in a row, The Samburu engaged the services of Kariuki Waruinge, of Ground Water Max, Nairobi to conduct hydrogeology studies to determine site selections. AquaMax Nairobi was contracted to conduct the actual drilling. The Samburu Project staff collaborated with these stakeholders to ensure the success of Well Drill 2018.

**EACH WELL PROVIDES
ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER
TO 600 – 1,000 PEOPLE**

1. Ntepes Primary School Well

Donated by Mamen Saura & Manish Kothari
in honor of Josefa Perez and Indu Kothari

2. Wamba Boys Secondary School Well

Donated by Harbourton Foundation

3. Lemajani Well

Donated by the Jerry R. Licari Family Foundation

4. Lempaute Well

Donated by Kimberly & Sean Klimczak,
Serkan & Merve Ceylan, Liz & Richard Utting,
Terri Wade, and Guests of Sasaab Lodge

5. Lpus Leluai Primary School Well

Donated by Magnes Foundation &
Guests of Splash Bash 2017,
In collaboration with Sasaab

6. Sere Olip Mixed Secondary School Well

Donated by the Swanson Family & Friends

7. Kinya Well

Donated by Woodside Wishing Well

8. Nalepo Well

Donated by Sandy & Andy Edmondson and
Priyanka Ghosh Choudhuri & Friends

9. Ngurunit Well

In collaboration with Rotary Club

10. Lbaa Oribar (currently under construction)

In collaboration with Rotary Club





WATER IS EMPOWERMENT

Samburu Sisters Women's Empowerment Workshops

The Samburu Sisters program in collaboration with the Pastoralist Child Foundation made great strides in 2018 with four workshops in TSP well communities. Over 300 women enjoyed full day workshops where they learned about; conflict resolution, personal rights and freedoms, the importance of educating their children, HIV/AIDS education, and cultural practices and taboos as it relates to female circumcision. The workshops are delivering life-changing information to women who have previously had no exposure to this information, and are proving to be enriching to the Samburu women themselves and impactful to the community at large.

NO LONGER WALKING GREAT DISTANCES, WOMEN NOW HAVE TIME TO ATTEND EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND LAUNCH SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES



WATER IS EDUCATION



**EDUCATION
FOR GIRLS
DOUBLES
IN TSP WELL
COMMUNITIES.**

Ntepes Primary School Classroom Expansion

With a focus on education, The Samburu Project constructed a new classroom to alleviate overcrowding at Ntepes Primary School in Wamba. With access to clean water, school attendance in Wamba is rapidly growing. Ntepes Primary has an attendance of over 1,000 students and is known as a sanctuary school. Girls seeking an education and refuge from early marriage are welcomed.





WATER IS GROWTH

Sere Olipi Primary School Garden Improvement Project

This year we continued our work with the Sere Olipi Primary School by providing fencing around their school garden, a water tank and slab. Water is now readily available and adjacent to the garden, and pesky animals are kept outside so crops can thrive. The garden provides two meals a day to 500 students and faculty.

A SCHOOL GARDEN ENSURES THAT NO CHILD GOES HUNGRY IN THE CLASSROOM.







EVENTS

Walk for Water

AN ARMY OF WALKERS AROUND THE COUNTRY GETS THE WATER FLOWING...
AND RAISED \$80,000 FOR CLEAN WATER.



On Sunday, April 30, TSP held its 9th Annual Walk for Water in Hermosa Beach, CA. The students of Mira Costa High School, especially the Model UN class and the TSP TRIBE Club were prominent participants again this year. After a 4 mile walk/run between Hermosa and Manhattan Beach Piers, walkers of all ages returned to American Junkie Restaurant where they enjoyed a delicious celebratory breakfast. The Metropolitan Water District sponsored the Kids Corner where children learned about water conversation in Southern California.

Chobani, Boxed Water, Justin's, JuiceCrafters, the Metropolitan Water District were event sponsors this year along with Board Member Emeritus, real estate developer and TSP "Pancake King," Mike Rossi.

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1 Chicago (IL)

Thanks to Jasmine, Olivia & Isabella Hauser

2 Dallas (TX)

Thanks to Lindsay Hackett

3 Detroit (MI)

Thanks to Christine Schefman

4 Denver (CO)

Thanks to Kenny Leavitt & Jessica Knauf

5 Malibu (CA)

Thanks to Catherine Pacos

6 New York (NY)

Katharine Liao & Brian Wilhelms

7 San Francisco (CA)

Thanks to Jennifer Liao

8 Natick (MA)

Thanks to Kiki Swanson

9 Washington, DC

Thanks to Latham & Watkins

10 Woodside (CA)

Thanks to Doretta Bonner & Bob Falkenberg

11 Seely Place Elementary School, Scarsdale (NY)

Thanks to Dawn Curran, and the Students and Faculty of Seely





Donors Visit TSP in Samburu to Celebrate 100 Wells

In June a gathering of the Samburu community was held in Wamba to celebrate the drilling of The Samburu Project's 100th Well. Donors, Board Members and Friends from across the globe were in attendance. For some of them this was their first trip to Africa. They were welcomed by Samburu women's groups with singing, dancing, and gifts. Speeches of gratitude were given by The Samburu Project's Executive Director, Linda Hooper and Project Manager Eric Lekolii. Other community notables who delivered comments were Ambrose Lekotip (Headmaster of Sere Olipi Primary School), and Jackson Lesirko (Minister of Education, Samburu County). Visits to well communities, bush lunches and game drives through Samburu National Reserve were part of a life-changing experience.





Priyanka Gosh Choudhuri and friends perform *Chandalaika*

Priyanka Gosh Choudhuri, 15 years old and a member of the Mira Costa TRIBE club, organized an Indian opera for clean water.



THE SAMBURU PROJECT IN THE COMMUNITY

Abbott Kinney Festival

The Samburu Project had a stand at the iconic Venice street festival that is known as the Abbott Kinney Festival. Thousands of global minded citizens visited our booth to talk about water and purchase Kenyan crafts to support the cause.

Culver City Art Walk and Roll

The Samburu Project participated in the first annual Culver City Art Walk and Roll. TSP staff met hundreds of new friends and spread the word about the work we are doing in Kenya to combat the world water crisis.

Malibu Festival

The Samburu Project was invited to participate in the Malibu Festival, an annual event that unites all schools in the Malibu school district. TSP staff and volunteers set up a booth to share the rich tradition of beading with students and families, building relationships with junior water warriors in this beachside community.

Board Match

The Samburu Project was invited to participate in the Google-sponsored event that connects non profit organizations with Los Angeles business professionals seeking board service. Through this event we met Lawrence Pereira who would be elected as a board member in 2019.





Splash BASH 2018

TSP celebrated our 13th anniversary at Splash Bash 2018. Held at The Mark for Events, 250 guests were entertained by live, African drumming and dancing courtesy of Balandugu Kan.

The evening's presentations included a recap of the year by our Executive Director, Linda Hooper and acknowledgement of outstanding volunteers; Priyanka Gosh Choudhuri (Mira Costa High School), Catherine Pacos, Elizabeth Wells (Art Auction Chair), and Mamen Saura (US Advisor & Photographer).

Fundraising activities were held throughout the night through live and silent auctions, art and photography sales, a wall of fine wine, and a "fund a need" effort that generated funding for a new vehicle for our Kenya team.

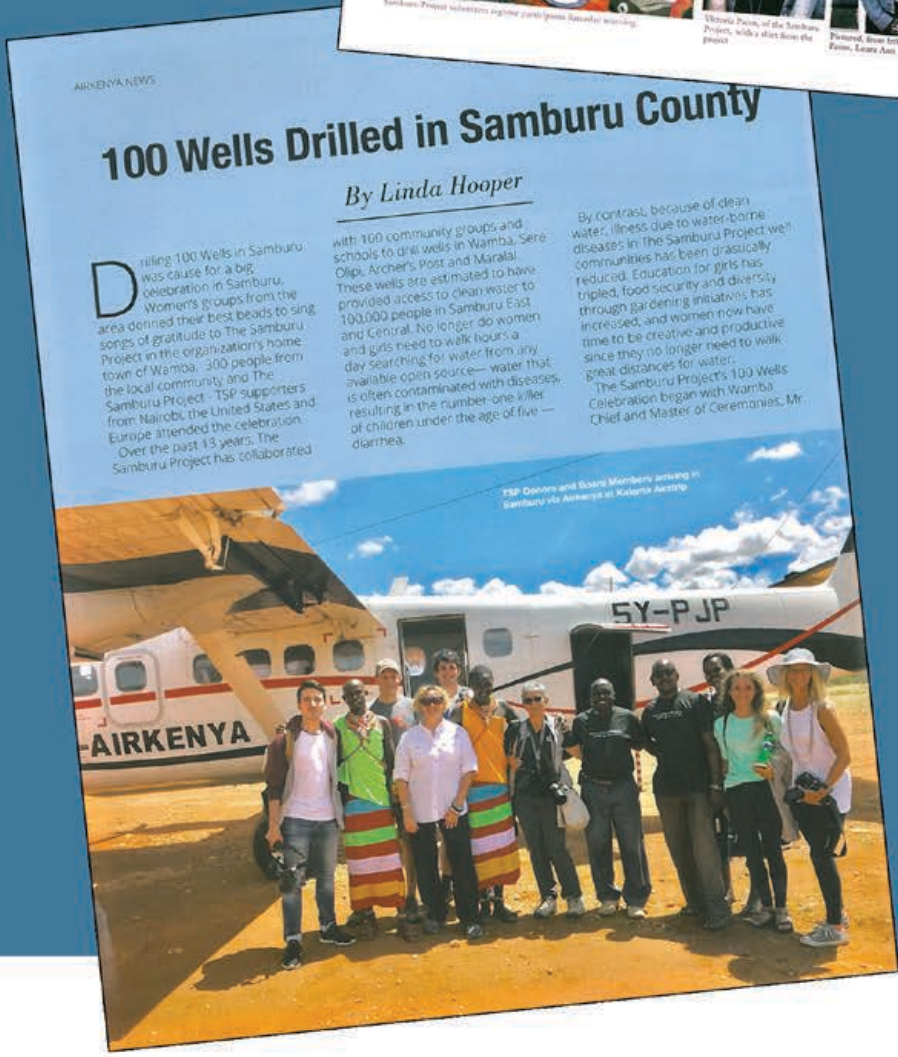
A total of \$167,000 was raised at the event.





PRESS

The Samburu Project in the News



Indian American Teen Brings India, Kenya Closer; Raises Awareness for Clean Water in Kenya

India-West Staff Reporter Oct 20, 2018



Priyanka Ghosh Choudhuri played the part of Chandalika in Rabindra Nath Tagore's famous Bengali dance drama "Chandalika" at the cultural event. (photos provided)

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — Sixteen-year-old Priyanka Ghosh Choudhuri, with help from her friends and family, organized a cultural event here Sept. 23 for the benefit of "The Samburu Project" to build a well to provide clean water for a community in Samburu, Kenya.

ARKENYA NEWS

LIFE STARTS WITH WATER

By Linda Hooper



Bernard Christopher

Bernard Christopher is a 14-year-old handsome boy in the 7th grade. He is tall and has the chiseled features of a Samburu warrior. As is customary in Sere Oipi in Samburu County, Bernard used to wake up "at the crack of dawn" to walk great distances to look for water. He would carry a "yellow Jerry" can through a beautiful wilderness, home to the lions, leopards and elephants that Samburu is known for. It was a perilous journey that sometimes resulted in attacks that could leave you maimed or worse. Bernard collected whatever brown liquid he could find and brought it back home to share with his family. Many families in Samburu have lost children to water-borne diseases. That was Pauline Kangai Emimaciale's story. Pauline is 15 years old and looking forward to her graduation from Standard 8. She made a regular 20-kilometer walk in search for water, was often chased by hyenas, and lost her brother

to a water-borne disease. Despite the best efforts of the local doctor, he died by drinking contaminated water. Bernard and Pauline's stories are typical of life in Samburu before The Samburu Project.

A Simple Solution to That Extraordinary Problem
In 2011, the Sere Oipi Primary School was the beneficiary of a well provided by The Samburu Project and donors from Pittsburgh, PA. It was a welcome relief to the students and the community at large. The day the clean water came out of the ground. The well is located a mile

from the school and was pumping right and day by the students and community members alike. After two years of the students' daily ritual to fetch water 3 times a day, Headmaster, Ambrose Lekotip had the vision to expand upon the bounty of this well. In 2014, he initiated a piping project that brought the water directly onto the school campus as well as two additional access points - one that provides water to a health clinic and one to a community kiosk.

Having direct access to clean water has been a game changer for the school that now boasts almost 500 students, 187 of whom are girls. The children proudly enjoy their clean showers and latrines. Their dormitories shine and so do the students in clean school uniforms. The compound has several hand-washing stations that teach the importance of personal hygiene.

The Jewel in Their Crown is the Garden

Shortly after the piping project, an Environmental Club was spearheaded by David Kiptoch. The club now includes 40 members. Together they cheerfully tend the garden daily, watering the plants that provide food for the student



body and faculty. They grow fresh vegetables - corn and kale, beans and tomatoes. Recently, a small secondary herb garden has been started from the run-off from a hand-washing station. They even have a small flower bed that decorates their flag pole. Flowers, in one of the most dry and arid climates in Kenya are a treat for the eyes.

The students at Sere Oipi Primary School know that it is because of water that they are lucky. They are healthy, well-fed and as a result, are able to concentrate on their studies in a clean and hygienic environment.

Beyond Water

Last year, the students of Sere Oipi Primary School collaborated with The Samburu Project to tell their stories and spread the word about the importance of water.

Fifty senior students were chosen to write essays in English offering a glimpse into what it is like to be water-challenged in Samburu. Their personal stories of growing up without access to water are powerful. Waterborne diseases, fearsome interactions with wild animals and the humiliation and shame of being dirty were recurring themes.

These essays were shared with students at the 49ers Academy in East Palo Alto, CA last November. The California students were so

moved by the Kenyan stories that they held their own walk for water in solidarity with the Sere Oipi students. Video messages from the 49ers Academy students to the Sere Oipi students can be found on The Samburu Project's Facebook page.

Connecting Communities Through Water

The Samburu Project is committed to supporting Samburu communities with water and more. As part of this mission, TSP will hold a book drive in Los Angeles later this year. Books collected at The Center for Early Education, the Marlborough School for Girls and Beverly Hills High School will be shipped to Kenya where they will form the beginning of a school library.

This library, along with the garden, the increase in education for girls, the dramatic decrease in water-borne diseases all began at Sere Oipi Primary School with access to clean water. Water is the cornerstone of these students' dignity and hope for a bright future. It started with a well.

The Samburu Project recently drilled its 100th well in Samburu. Please check their website for more Samburu Stories and see how you can join the team.

www.thesamburuproject.org



Kungu Emimaciale

Ark Kenya is a proud sponsor of The Samburu Project.

ARKENYA NEWS



Left to Right: Alan Leavitt, Jeanette Lomboy-Blossom, Debbie Buderwitz, Victoria Pacos, Doretta Bonner, Bob Falkenberg, Linda Hoopoe, Douglas Smith

OUR TEAM / CALIFORNIA

Staff

Linda Hooper Executive Director
 Kiki Swanson, Project & Grants Manager
 Victoria Pacos, Office Administration & Electronic Marketing

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Alan Leavitt, Board Chair
 Debbie Buderwitz, Treasurer
 Doretta Bonner, Secretary
 Bob Falkenberg
 John Fortuna
 Jeanette Lomboy-Blossom
 Douglas Smith

US Advisor & Photographer

Mamen Saura

Number of 2018 Volunteers

100

Special Thanks To

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 Ray Chang, Photography
 Steven Gaffney, Photography
 Lexie Ornales, Events
 Elizabeth Wells, Events
 Roberta Schreiner, TRIBE Liaison



Left to Right: Kiki Swanson, Linda Hoopoe, Victoria Pacos

OUR TEAM / KENYA

Staff

Eric Lekolii, Project Manager

Paul Lekuuk, Well Maintenance Technician

Joel Lenkupae, Office Manager

Dalpheen Nyambane, Grants & Outreach

Volunteer Board Members in Kenya

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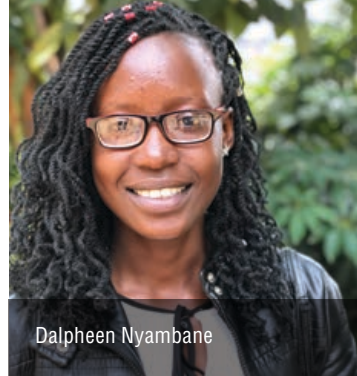
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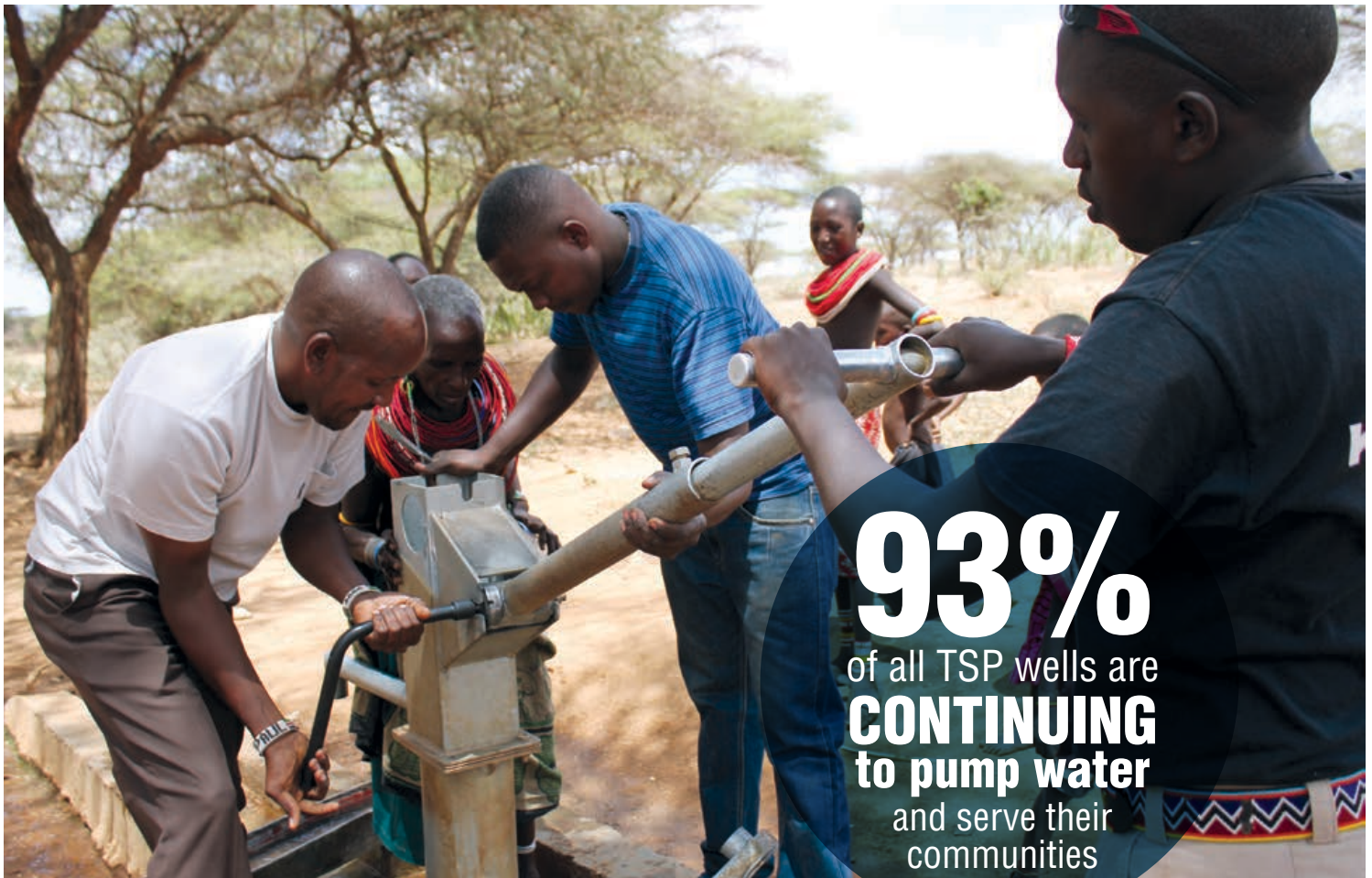
Paul Lekuuk



Dalpheen Nyambane



Joel Lenkupae





A group of children and a woman in traditional Maasai attire are gathered outdoors. Three children in the front row hold up white signs with the letters 'Y', 'O', and 'U' respectively. The woman stands behind them, and other children are visible in the background. A large blue circular graphic is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing the text '225+ IN-KIND DONATIONS' in white.

225+
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DONATIONS

SPONSORS & CORPORATE PARTNERS

The Samburu Project received generous support from the following companies in 2018:

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3. Jerry R. Licari Family Foundation
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5. Sarah Siegel Magnes Foundation & Guests of Splash Bash 2017
6. Kimberly & Sean Klimczak, Serkan & Merve Ceylan, Liz & Richard Utting, Terri Wade & Guests of Sasaab Lodge
7. Mamen Saura and Manish Kothari
8. Woodside Wishing Well / TSP
9. & 10. Rotary International

Splash Bash Fund-A-Need Donors

Guests of Splash Bash 2018 funded a new car!

Cindie Ayala
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Donations of \$50,000 and over

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Donations of \$30,000 and over

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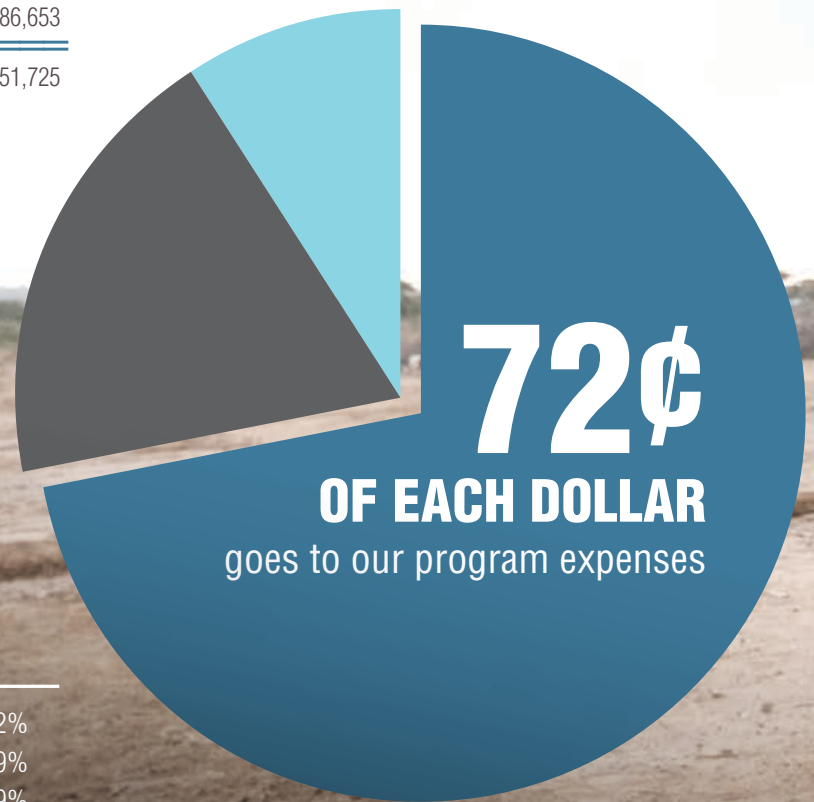
Jonathan Wong



TSP FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	125,048	215,962
Pledges and Contributions receivable	78,949	140,569
Prepaid expenses and other assets	958	474
Security deposit	1,150	1,000
Property and equipment (net)	67,557	48,831
Inventory	44,589	44,889
Total Assets	318,252	451,725
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & accrued expenses	145,373	165,072
Total Liabilities	145,373	165,072
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	161,244	245,536
Temporarily Restricted	11,634	41,117
Total net assets	172,878	286,653
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	318,251	451,725



HOW WE USED OUR RESOURCES

Program Services	404,381	72%
Support Services	105,777	19%
Fundraising	53,238	9%
Total Expenses	563,396	100%

Financial Statements are audited in Kenya by Githuru Mwangi & Kabia, Certified Public Accountants in compliance with Kenyan NGO Regulatory Board. Tax Preparation conducted by Clifton Larson Allen, LLP, Pasadena, CA.



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