

The Samburu Project

2009-2010 Annual Report



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Who We Are

The Samburu Project is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that collaborates with communities in developing countries to enhance men, women and children's daily lives by providing resources that address immediate needs while promoting long-term sustainability and self-sufficiency along with cultural integrity.

The Samburu Project's primary initiative is aimed at providing easy access to clean, safe drinking water to communities throughout the Samburu District of Kenya. This is a community where women and children walk up to 12 miles every day in search of water. Often, this water is contaminated. With clean water, it will become possible to impact other aspects of community life including education, healthcare, income generation and women's empowerment. With water, development happens.

Since our inception in 2005, more than 30,000 people now have access to clean, safe drinking water which has resulted in:

1. Hundreds more women are engaged in farming and micro-enterprise initiatives .
2. Fewer health problems for entire communities through the ability to nourish themselves.
3. Girls can now attend school and become educated assets to their communities, instead of solely hunting for water every day.
4. In Samburu East, the number of girls attending school has tripled.
5. Strong community leadership has been developed starting with Lucas Lekwale, a local tribesman who has ascended to the role of community based Project Manager for TSP.
6. Helping over 1,600 children prepare to attend secondary school through the purchase of test preparation books, provision of desks, rehabilitation of school facilities and donation of sporting equipment through the Falkenberg Education Program.
7. Enhanced Lolkuniyani Primary School with new classrooms, more teachers and a water catchment system positively impacting the education of more than 150 children through our partnership with One Kid One World.
8. Distributed simple and inexpensive mosquito nets to over 500 people as part of a malaria prevention program.

2009-2010: A Time of Growth, Change, and Accomplishments

These last two years have been filled with growth, success and lots of learning for The Samburu Project. Beyond providing clean, safe drinking water as a foundation to community development, our primary focus has been to build our capacity. In the international development world, one of the big buzz words is SUSTAINABILITY, but in the world of small, community-based, grassroots non-profits, it's difficult to find organizations that are functioning in a sustainable way. Like so many others, in our early years The Samburu Project was certainly faced with this issue. During our 4th and 5th years of operation, we took a step back, assessed and came up with some very clear strategies to make our small organization increasingly more mighty. Some of the steps we took to build our capacity were:

- Hired a consultant to support us with compliance, financials and strategic planning.
- Moved into a more conducive office space.
- Completed our first audit of our 2009 Financials.
- Filed paperwork to become a PVO with the US Government.
- Built a strong volunteer/intern corps.
- Facilitated two trips for Lucas Lekwale, TSP's Project Manager, to come to the US to meet donors, supporters, and work alongside our US Team.



As we built our capacity, we also continued to do great work on the ground in Kenya such as:

- Drilled 8 wells, 7 in Samburu East and an additional well at SHERP (Samburu Handicap Education and Rehabilitation Program), expanding our geographic and demographic reach.
- Provided clean, safe drinking water to over 8,000 people.
- Completed a drip irrigation system in the Milimani Community through a grant from the M. Night Shyamalan Foundation.
- Provided scholarship funds to students from Samburu through the Falkenberg Education Program.



We also had some great success in terms of raising awareness about the world water crisis along with building our community of supporters and donors. Some examples include:

- Woodside Elementary School in Woodside, California launched the Woodside Wishing Well with a Walk for Water fundraiser in November 2009.
- The Samburu Project held its inaugural Walk for Water in Los Angeles' South Bay in March 2010.
- The Samburu Project celebrated the completion of its first initiative, 25 Wells, at Bodega Wine Bar in Santa Monica, California in July 2010.
- In November 2010, The Samburu Project marked its 5th Anniversary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at Tonic Bar & Grill.
- We also held other events and spoke to schools in Chicago, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Scottsdale.



We are looking forward to our continued growth and success in 2011.
Stay tuned.

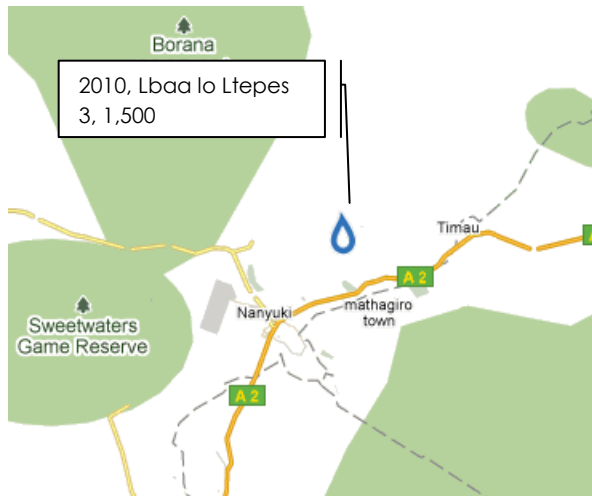
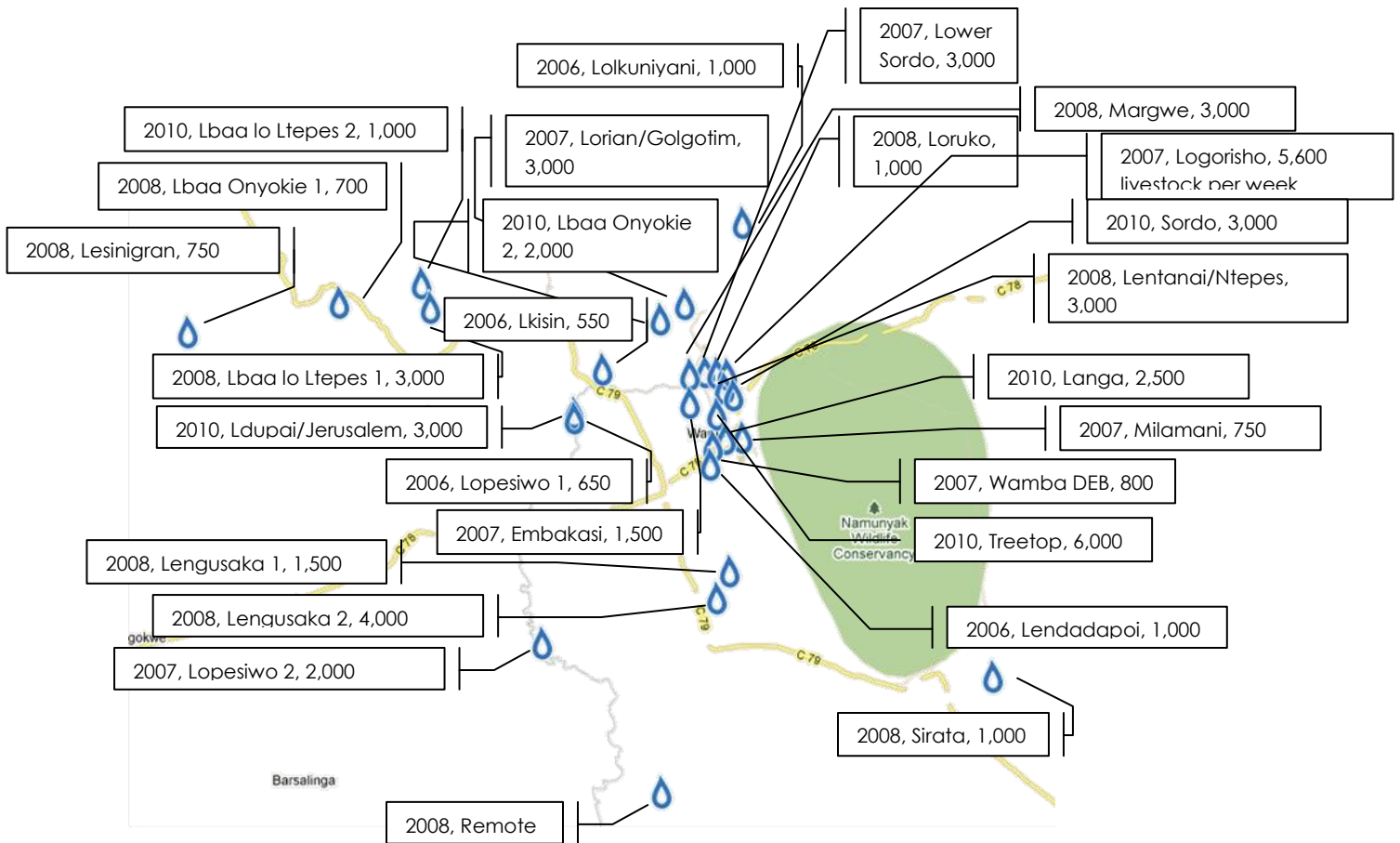
Projects

The Samburu Project strongly believes that water is a foundation to development. Consequently, while we seek to first and foremost provide easy access to clean, safe drinking water, our goal is to move beyond water. Once communities have clean water available to them, The Samburu Project aims to address various areas of development such as health, education, income generation and women's empowerment.



Well Drilling Initiatives

Water Wells Drilled to Date



Not Listed on the Map:
 2010, SHERP, 180
 2007, Lopesiwo 3, 1,500

We completed the first 25 well initiative in March 2010 which aimed at drilling 25 wells in the Wamba area of the Samburu District and immediately launched our second 25 well initiative. In 2010 we completed the drilling and installation of 29 wells in Samburu Kenya, Africa.

Our Approach to Water & Wells

The Samburu Project model creates wells that can be easily maintained and sustained by the local communities. The Samburu people are traditionally nomadic pastoralists who live very simply without modern conveniences like electricity, cars and, of course, running water. Their economy is based more on the barter system rather than currency, so often access to cash is limited. Therefore, it is unreasonable to expect that the Samburu people would be able to maintain a highly sophisticated piece of technology. Consequently, we have chosen to drill and install shallow wells (between 50 and 75 meters) equipping them with hand pumps. As a part of the well drilling process we hold maintenance as well as hygiene and sanitation workshops so that the communities can troubleshoot any potential issues with the wells while keeping their water safe and clean. Together with the community, the hydrogeologist and the drilling company, we are able to successfully drill sustainable wells.



How We Collaborate with the Community

The Samburu Project prides itself on being a community-based, grassroots project, working directly with community members on the ground. The Samburu Project has a Community Based Organization (CBO) in Wamba, Samburu with a governing board. Through this entity, we support community leaders and work to make decisions at the grassroots level. The local members are making the best decisions for their community and the CBO assists the communities throughout the region that have benefited from The Samburu Project's water development program. If a community comes up against unsolvable issues, they can consult with and seek support from the CBO. Also, with specific criteria, the CBO selects communities to target for well drilling.

What Happens Once Communities Have Water?

The Samburu Project's goal is to move beyond water. Once communities have easy access to clean water, The Samburu Project aims to address various areas of development such as health, education, income generation and women's empowerment. Beyond water, we have watched women create self sustaining and income generating gardens, participated in the enhancement of a number of local schools, developed community leaders, given families mosquito nets and so much more.



The Kaumba Project

The Kaumba Project began in July 2010 after Mwende Lefler traveled to the Kaumba region of Kitui, Kenya to visit her family and witnessed the daily struggle of finding and transporting water as well as the lack of clean water in the area. Being a civil/environmental engineer by trade, the disparity between the accessibility of clean water in the States and in Kenya was shocking. After returning home, Mwende's desire to find a way to bring clean drinking water to her family and the community of Kitui, Kenya grew.



Through her research, she found The Samburu Project and saw the similarities in both their inspiration and goals. Seeing the success of The Samburu Project, she knew this vision could become a reality.

The planning of the borehole is already in the works. A local Water Board committee has been formed to govern the project and manage the well. The local primary school for the Kaumba region will be the location for the borehole. As such, the site is centrally located to provide children, one of the populations most vulnerable to water diseases, first access to clean water.

Falkenberg Education Fund

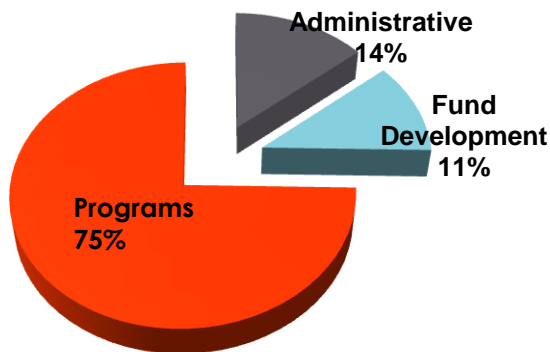
We continue to support a number of students in the Samburu community to further their education. This fund helps pay for tuition as well as books, school supplies and athletic equipment.



Financial Information

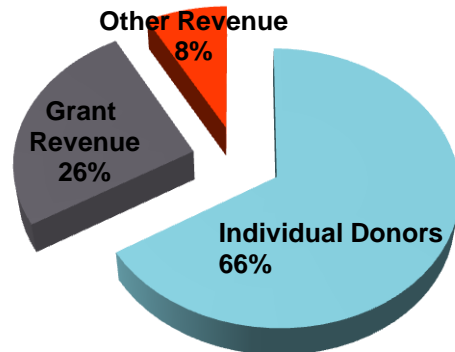
In 2009 and 2010 The Samburu Project allocated the majority of its revenue (75%) to program spending. Moreover, we endeavor to minimize any overhead cost and in so doing employ only two full-time staff and several consultants. The rest of the team is comprised of our interns that have been working on a volunteer basis.

2009-2010 Expenses



Source: The Samburu Project

2009-2010 Revenue



Source: The Samburu Project

Staff Members

Kristen Kosinski- Founder & Executive Director (Santa Monica)

Lucas Lekwale- Project Manager (Wamba)

At any given time, The Samburu Project has about five interns from local universities doing a variety of work for the organization which includes program work, administrative duties, social networking and development. Although they are not paid staff, these inspirational young people are an enormous asset to The Samburu Project.

Board of Directors

Brian Silverman- Treasurer

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