



## **District/Governor's/Rotaract Grant Final Report Form**

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**Rotary Year 2024-25**

**District Grant # P-5242**

**Rotary Club: Thermopolis**

**Project Title: Kithaga Village Water Project**

**Project Description:** The village of Kithaga has no access to water locally. The village women are walking a great distance every day to get water for their families. This is taking a toll on their health, families and finances. The community of Kithaga approached us and asked for the clean water that we have been doing in schools in their area. Our local partners have ensured that the local leaders and community want the project, understand the importance, and are fully supportive of the project. They have already visited each home, and done individual home assessments. The homeowners understand their obligations, and are excited to receive the help! The villagers have agreed that they will share water amongst themselves, so that whoever gets water first will share with those who haven't yet received it. We have already funded 8 homes and are working on more now. Each home costs \$812 on average, with some factors changing that just a bit. We will provide for each home: 5,000 liters of water storage, gutters, microfilter, clean water storage with spout, handwash station, washable sanitary pads, and education on water, sanitation and hygiene. The homeowners are expected to supply installation labor, fascia boards and any needed Sand and rock for the cement base. We will visit the village periodically to make sure the systems are still functioning properly, and do follow-up education and assessments. We plan to visit for at least 2 years. Each time we visit we will do an educational session.

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1. Is this a scholarship governor's grant report? Yes ☐ No ☒ (If yes, go directly to line 16)

2. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?

The village of Kithaga is in the very most remote part of Kenya, in a mountainous area with steep terrain.

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 50

4. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

-Donated personal funds and helped fundraise and spread the word. Some have helped give presentations to their clubs or other clubs to spread the word.

-Visited the village both before and after the installation to ensure that the contractor completed the work successfully.

-Visited the village and project upon completion to celebrate the successful installation.

-Helped the contractor and village elders do the WASH trainings.

5. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 47 directly, 300 indirectly

The village has 32 homes all together (about 200-300 residents in the village area) and our goal is to do all of them. So far, we have only gotten to 24 of those homes. This grant took care of 6 homes for \$5,400 total budget (\$900/home)- with a total home occupancy in those 6 homes of 47 people. That being said, we want you to understand that the villagers who have not gotten rain water harvesting equipment and filters are sharing with those who have already gotten. We are working highest need to lowest need- based on occupancy of home, total income, disability, etc. The villagers are setting that priority amongst themselves and sharing clean water with those who don't have the systems yet.

6. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

The villagers are all low income (pre-assessments are included in the receipts attachment). Most are living just by growing their food and raising livestock. The women are traditionally expected to walk to one of the rivers for water (2.5 miles to 4 miles, depending on the time of year). They must then carry the heavy water back up the mountain to their homes. This was causing back pain and muscular issues for the women, in addition to the extreme time commitment to haul water. The older or disabled were relying a vendor to carry their water weekly on a donkey, which is very expensive. And, none of this water is clean, so they are suffering the health consequences of drinking dirty water to boot. The rain water harvesting equipment is freeing up time, saving back pain, saving money in addition to the health benefits of drinking clean water.

7. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role?

Running Water International is the partner organization in Kenya, and they provided the contractor and WASH trainings.

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
District Grant	\$3,600
Rotary Club of Thermopolis	\$1,800
<b>Total Project Income</b>	\$5,400 converted to 681,771.06 KES

9. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
Jacksprings Enterprises LTD (tanks, plumbing parts, etc.)	PEAL.ER.001	867,379	402700
Running Waters International (handwashing stations)	PEAL.ER.002	5,099	6000
Running Waters International (microfilters)	PEAL.ER.003	44,192	37200
Pennycrest East Africa Limited (labor)	PEAL.ER.004	56,918	60000
Links Car Hire (car rental to transport labor)	PEAL.ER.005		68000
Petro Oil (gas)	PEAL.ER.006		17000
Hass Petroleum (gas)	PEAL.ER.006		6000
Douphi Investment (gas)	PEAL.ER.006		2004.02
Free Area Total Energies Service Station (gas)	PEAL.ER.006		2000
Free Area Total Energies Service Station (gas)	PEAL.ER.006		2000
Free Area Total Energies Service Station (gas)	PEAL.ER.006		4000
Home Park Guest Villas (hotel)	PEAL.ER.007		60000
Pennycrest East Africa Limited (tank stickers)	PEAL.ER.008		3200
Pennycrest East Africa Limited (mark-up)	PEAL.ER.009		100972
Total Expenditures*			771,076.02

\*we have a carry-over balance with the contractor that we will pay when we send our next batch.

10. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

We only received a total of \$5,400 (instead of the budgeted \$6,000), so we could only do 6 homes instead of the budgeted 7 homes. Therefore, we needed to purchase fewer plumbing supplies. The contractor made two extra trips as well, just to do education and post-assessments. The budget didn't specifically cover gas or tank stickers, they were just included in the overall project budget. The vendor doesn't charge us anything extra for supplies, so he includes the 15% markup on all expenses at the end, to cover his profit margin (what he actually makes- the rest of this is at his cost.)

11. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	5	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

12. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so) Yes!

13. What worked well on this project and why?

We haven't ever done a water project where we raise small amounts of money, a little at a time, and just send it over to the contractor as we can raise it. This grant was a part of that process, and it has worked surprising well. It is much simpler than a global grant, with less reporting criteria, etc., and we have been able to make a big impact on this village.

14. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

The Fort Collins Club member who has been fundraising is the one who went to the village to monitor the project's success. Thermopolis wasn't able to send anyone with them, and that was a big bummer. It just isn't the same not being able to be there in person. Next time, we will plan to have someone attend in person to celebrate the project's success.

15. How was this project publicized?

Each tank has a sticker on it (as you can see from some of the photos) and we are putting it in our club's newsletter.

#### Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$500 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Initial Destination/ Location	Comments
none				

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will

become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

**Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.**

Certifying signature of primary contact:

 Date: 5/21/25

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