

SAFI Kitengela WINS Project Profile

Host Club-RC Kitengela

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(Water, Sanitation & Hygiene in Schools)

As Rotarians, we've witnessed heartbreak during school needs-assessments: sponge fragments stitched into "mattresses," children having no water to wash their hands, and over-crowded latrines reeking behind classroom blocks. Those sights were especially stark; yet amid the hardship we also saw a spark of hope in the shy smiles of pupils who had benefited from the first toilet block we installed at Noonkopir primary school. That moment crystallised our mission: to give every child the dignity of safe water, sanitation and hygiene. We named the project SAFI—Swahili for 'clean'—because clean is where health, confidence and opportunity begin.

1. Why This Matters

Across Kitengela's rapidly growing peri-urban settlements, more than 6 000 pupils attend class without reliable toilets, safe water, or a place to wash their hands. At Noonkopir Primary alone, over 1 000 children queue for ten ageing latrines; one cubicle may serve more than 100 learners, over three times the World Health Organization's standard. Girls often stay home during their menstrual cycles; waterborne diseases fuel absenteeism; teachers lose precious learning hours managing preventable illness. Clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are not luxuries—they are the foundation of health, dignity, and uninterrupted education.

2. Our Vision

The Rotary Club of Kitengela, a trusted community partner since 2018, will transform WASH conditions in six public schools by 2026, ensuring every child has:

- a safe, private toilet within a short walk of the classroom,
- running water for drinking and hand-washing, and
- practical hygiene education that endures long after construction crews leave.

3. What We Will Deliver

Component	Quantity	Purpose
VIP Toilets (ventilated improved pit)	240 (40 per school)	Meets WHO pupil-to-toilet ratios; protects privacy & dignity, especially for girls.
Rain-harvest Tanks & Plumbing (200, 000 L) Concrete + Gutters	6	Reliable hand-washing & cleaning supply year-round.
Hand-Wash Stations	6+	Instils routine hygiene; reduces disease transmission.
Hygiene Clubs & Teacher Training	6 schools	Sustains behaviour change; pupils become peer ambassadors.

4. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Activities	Duration
Needs Validation & Design	Site surveys, community buy-in, final drawings, procurement	1 month
Construction	Toilet blocks built, tanks installed, plumbing connected	3 months
Hygiene Promotion	Student clubs launched, teacher workshops, learning materials	2 months (overlapping)
Handover & Monitoring	Maintenance plans, baseline & follow-up data collection	Ongoing (year 1-3)

5. Budget Snapshot

Line Item	Cost (KES)	Cost (USD)*
Construction of 120 toilets	14,400,000.00	113,386
Water tanks & plumbing	450,000.00	3,543
Hand-wash stations	600000	4,724
Rain Water Harvesting	18,000,000	141,732
Hygiene education & monitoring	600000	4,724

Operations & Repairs	1000000	7,874
Total	15 650 000	268,110

*USD ≈ KES 1

6. Measurable Impact

- 6 000+ learners gain dignified sanitation and uninterrupted class time.
- 30 % reduction in hygiene-related absenteeism within 12 months.
- Improved girls' retention—fewer drop-outs linked to inadequate facilities.
- Community multiplier: parents, teachers and local artisans engaged, fostering local ownership and skills transfer.

7. Why Rotary Club of Kitengela?

Rotary International has channelled US \$148 million into WASH projects worldwide and offers a proven grant framework, stringent financial oversight, and a global volunteer network. Chartered in 2018, the Rotary Club of Kitengela has already delivered WASH initiatives 5 schools and communities in Kajiado and Kitui Counties, impacting over 20, 000 residents.

8. Your Role

Invest – Contribute funds, materials, or technical expertise.

Amplify – Share our story, host a workplace giving day, or match employee donations.

Volunteer – Join a site visit, speak to a hygiene club, or help evaluate outcomes.

9. How to Give Today

- Bank Transfer – Kenya Commercial Bank, A/C “Rotary Club of Kitengela”, No. 1236736540, Branch Kitengela.
- M-PESA Paybill – 677 848, Account: SAFIYourName.
- For in-kind or corporate partnerships, email info@rotarykitengela.org or call +254 722 650 978.

10. Call to Action

A child cannot concentrate on mathematics while worrying about the next trip to an unsafe latrine. By partnering with SAFI Kitengela WINS, you convert shillings into safe cubicles, minutes into lifelong hygiene habits, and classrooms into places of dignity and hope. Join us—because clean water and sanitation should never be the reason a child stays home.

11. Fundraising Strategy for SAFI WASH Project

Total Approximate Budget: 120,000 USD

Objective

Secure contributions from Rotary districts, clubs, corporates, and the Rotary Foundation to fund 2 toilet blocks in 6 Public schools in Kitengela ; 1 block for boys and 1 for girls with 20 doors each. Approximately USD 20,000 per school.

Key Assumptions

1. Corporates in Kenya D9216 (IF) to donate 20% of the budget in kind and cash. (Approx. 24,000 USD)
2. **Rotary Friends and Districts:** 80% (\$96,000) of the total budget (standard for Global Grants).

Fundraising Plan Table

Stage	Action Item	Timeline	Responsible Party	Target Contribution	Notes
Needs Assessment	Carry out Needs Assessments in the public schools around Kitengela	Marc 2025	PE Caroline Njiru	N/A	Needs assessment done. Needs identified formed the basis of the proposal
Preparation	Develop project proposal, budget, and Global Grant application.	April-May 2025	Project Lead Team	N/A	Align with Rotary's Areas of Focus and SDGs.
Engage Rotary Districts	Identify 7–10 Rotary Districts; present project via meetings/webinars.	Months 1–2	District Chairs and friends from the districts	\$4,000 per District =28,000 -40,000	Highlight DDF (District Designated Funds) opportunities.
Mobilize Rotary Clubs	Partner with 8–10 local/international Rotary Clubs; host fundraising events.	Months 2–3	Club Presidents	3,000/club =24,000 -30,000	Use club social media for visibility.
Corporate Partnerships	Pitch CSR opportunities to 3–5 corporates (e.g., sanitation/hygiene companies).	Months 2-3	Corporate Liaison Team	2,000 each =Max 10,000	Offer branding on toilet blocks and reports and visibility in our Olerai magazine
Rotary Foundation Grant	Submit Global Grant application with district/club commitments.	Month 4	Grant Coordinator	\$96,000 (80% of total budget)	Ensure compliance with Foundation's match requirements.
Monitoring & Reporting	Share progress updates with donors; final report to Rotary Foundation.	Ongoing	Project Team	N/A	Maintain transparency for future partnerships.

Funding Breakdown (Feasible)

Source	Contribution	Percentage
Budget	120,000.00	100%
Districts (7 districts x \$4,000)	28,000.00	23%
Clubs (8 clubs x \$3,000)	24,000.00	20%

Rotary Foundation (80% of DDF and Club Contributions)	41,600.00	35%
		78%
Corporates	26,400.00	22%
Total	\$120,000	100%