

# **KEDHAP UPDATES** KISUMU & NANDI COUNTY, KENYA | SEPTEMBER 2024



The KEDHAP Foundation continues to make a significant impact across various communities in Kenya, focusing on education, support for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), female empowerment, community peacemaking, and food security. Through dedicated programs, KEDHAP aims to uplift vulnerable populations, provide essential resources, and foster peace and reconciliation in conflict-affected areas.

Empowered and ready to learn! 🏶 These bright young girls at Tamu Primary School are all smiles after receiving sanitary towels, thanks to KEDHAP's ongoing support. Ensuring every girl has the resources to stay in school and thrive!











Transforming lives, one step at a time! 🦃 1 Mwale receives his college fee cheque, opening doors to a brighter future. 🙎 Lush tomato harvest from the Tinderet Youth for Change greenhouse. 3 Proud farmers from Odiyowange display their harvest after receiving certified seeds. 4 Clara, a young adolescent at Ogen CCC, shares her inspiring journey during an interview.

## The Proof is in the Stats!

KEDHAP is making a real impact across the community, empowering individuals to thrive in education, finance, and beyond!

### Project Participation Overview (Jan - Jun 2024)

| Area of Ministry                                 | # of Beneficiaries                                  |
|--|---|
| Education  |   |
| Students supported with school fees              | 35 (21F, 14M)                                       |
| Students receiving textbooks                     | 501 (294F, 207M)                                    |
| Students benefiting from clean water (4 schools) | 923 (539F, 384M)                                    |
| Support to PLWHA (People Living with HIV/AIDS)   |   |
| Students in Life Skills & Peace Clubs            | 642 (512F, 130M)                                    |
| HIV+ adolescents with kitchen gardens            | 71 (49F, 22M)                                       |
| PLWHA receiving food/transport aid               | 449 (320 children: 298F, 108M; 43 adults: 22F, 21M) |
| Adolescents in HIV group therapy                 | 158 (91F, 67M)                                      |
| Daily patients at care clinics                   | 140 average   |
| Female Empowerment                               |   |
| Women in Gender Empowerment Training             | 350F  |
| Girls receiving sanitary supplies                | 6,121F  |
| Peacemaking & Reconciliation                     |   |
| Community leaders in peace training              | 77 (18F, 59M)                                       |
| Youths in peace tournaments                      | 475 (150F, 325M)                                    |
| Food Security & Income Generation                |   |
| Individuals receiving certified seeds            | 241 (222F, 19M)                                     |











### Impact Story

### Impact of Interest-Free Loans on Rural Women in Muhoroni, Kenya

My name is Eunice, a widow and a member of the Border B Women group. I'm a small-scale farmer and entrepreneur in Muhoroni. I want to share how interest-free loans have made a big difference in my business and in the lives of many women in our community.

Before these loans, many of us found it hard to get credit because of high interest rates and the fear of debt. We had great ideas and were determined to succeed, but without financial support, our dreams seemed out of reach. Then, with the help of microenterprise training and interest-free loans, everything changed.

With the funds I received, I was able to expand my small vegetable farm. I invested in better seeds and fertilizers. This not only increased my yield but also improved the quality of my produce. As a result, I could sell more at the local market and boost my income.

Beyond my own success, I've seen a ripple effect in our community. Many women have started their own businesses—some have opened small shops, while others have ventured into crafts and food production. This has led to the formation of support groups where we share knowledge and resources, empowering one another to thrive.

These loans and training offered by KEDHAP have also given us a sense of financial independence. Women who once relied on their husbands for financial decisions are now taking charge of their finances. This shift has strengthened our families and communities as we contribute to household income and decision-making.

Moreover, the confidence gained from managing our businesses has encouraged us to participate more actively in community affairs. We are now involved in local governance and development initiatives, advocating for our rights and needs.



Border B members receive their interest-free loan, empowering them to build sustainable livelihoods.



Learning financial skills: Border B members during a simple bookkeeping session.

Interest-free loans have not only transformed our economic prospects but have also empowered us socially and politically. We are no longer just beneficiaries; we are change-makers in our community. I am grateful for this opportunity and hopeful for the future of rural women in Muhoroni and beyond.

Thank you, KEDHAP Foundation and ImpactHope, for empowering us and helping us share our story of transformation.

#### Praise Points



- Increased enrollment of vulnerable children and orphans in schools.
- Enhanced community awareness and involvement in education, health, and female empowerment initiatives.
- Successful implementation of peacemaking efforts and agricultural programs, leading to improved community relations and food security.

### Prayer Points



- Overcome funding limitations that affect program sustainability.
- Break down cultural barriers that impede the education of girls and acceptance of HIV treatment.
- Mitigate the impacts of climate change on agriculture and food security.



Will you <u>help</u> us transform lives and build stronger communities?

As we look at the progress KEDHAP has made in education, healthcare, female empowerment, peacebuilding, and food security, we see how much more is needed to keep these programs strong. Each success shows the power of working together, but we can't do it alone. We need your support to continue and grow our efforts. Your donation can turn challenges into opportunities and help our communities build a better future.







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