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Our History Is Not The Past, It Is Our Future



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Our world continues to maneuver to find ways to steer the course with battling and managing the adverse impacts of the corona virus. We One Action Network (WOAN) have followed in the quest to assist Kenyans living within the informal settlement of Kibera and beyond. Industrialized countries such as USA, China and many European countries have faced dire economic challenges and citizens accepting wearing a mask, practicing social distance and proper hand-washing. Kenya as well as other African nations have faced similar conditions but unfortunately at an alarming rate. This ranges from massive food shortages, loss of menial jobs that earn \$1-2 per day, enforced curfew hours and travel restrictions that did not permit movement in or out of select counties. The greatest impact has been with school closings where there is no internet structure nor access to other support items such as sanitary pads, daily meals or emotional care.

Thanks to WOAN donors, we have positioned ourselves as part of the solution by working directly with local leaders within proven organizations to ensure every dollar spent goes directly to the most vulnerable. This newsletter will illustrate a small glimpse of a bigger picture but also showcase amazing people who are running towards helping and not running away! Please know that your contributions are very much appreciated and are never, ever taken for granted. I want to extend the most sincere "Thank You" and the highest gratitude of appreciation for your contributions.

We are One with the Action to help those that cannot help nor speak for themselves.

Travis L. Rudd- Founder & Managing Director





After a comprehensive review of WOANs position and our ability to reach the most vulnerable, the decision was made to pause efforts with two of the three projects identified as part of our initial scope for 2020. This decision was based on the need to establish a unified connection with leaders and organizations better equipped to manage the dire needs of Kenyans and maximize resources to support the adverse impacts of the corona virus. WOAN will stay connected to both initiatives with the vision of continuing our efforts in 2021.

Agiza Rescue

Benson Macharia, Owner - The main objective is providing reliable emergency service requests and response for Kenyans including informal settlements such as Kibera. Benson has continued development and design of his application with much success. Also, he and his wife welcomed their first born into this world on July 15th.

Love without Limits

Judy Stigma, Owner - The main objective is to reach as many school girls as possible so they can reach their full potential. This is better achieved when they consistently attend school. Judy and her family continue to help in the Kibera community through mentorship programs, food & mask distribution and spiritual growth.

Featured Project

Shine Kibera Education Center

Job Bitange is not only a video editor for China Global Television Network, he is also the founder and director of Shine Kibera Education Center (SKEC). At SKEC, he has been transforming his students from journalist into young leaders. Since the corona virus outbreak, Job and his students families have struggled to maintain the consistency of their reports. WOAN joined Job's quest to help his students as well as other families within Kibera. We have distributed food items and contributed 200 masks through SKEC to families as not wearing masks in public is prohibited by Kenyan law.

Through it all, SKEC continues to create and produce segments through their Shine Kibera TV YouTube channel. These stories are important because they offer a glimpse into the reality that many Kiberans are challenged with as the pandemic continues. Click here to view one of their latest videos released in July. It offers a true reality to how Kibera kids cope with being out of school, finding something to do and using plastic bottle caps to their advantage!



Featured Project

Kibra Food Drive

Last April, BBC News ran a story of a widowed Kenyan woman that boiled stones to make her young children believe there was food until they eventually fell asleep. Yes, similar stories can be told throughout the world but in Kenya and many other nations, hunger and malnutrition is the great-divider between inconveniences and starvation. This same time in April, the NY Times ran a story about the global food crisis that highlighted Asha Jaffar, the founder of Kibra Food Drive (KFD). After this story, WOAN made contact with Asha and has closely followed her work in the Kibera community ever since.

After several conversations with Asha, a partnership was agreed upon that is scheduled to begin in October this year through February 2021. Through this partnership, WOAN will provide financial support to KFD to purchase food items such as maize flour, cooking oil, beans, rice, etc. for distribution to Kiberans as vetted by Asha and her team. This approach fits best because it will ensure food items for the Christmas season as students and educators prepare to go back to school in January 2021 for the first time in ten months.

As background - Asha was born and raised in Kibera, she also attended primary and secondary schools in Kibera before completing her degree in journalism. As a Kenyan woman, Asha has such a tremendous story of perseverance and determination; WOAN is extremely excited about our partnership.



Featured Project

TEAMEnvironment Kenya

Earlier this year, WOAN and TEAMEnvironment Kenya (TEK) entered into a sponsorship agreement through the end of this September. Through TEK programs and collaborative efforts with schools, local agencies and other leaders, TEK has filled a void with our most vulnerable girls not having sanitary pads. Our goal is to distribute ten-thousand sanitary pads in 2020 at various locations ranging from informal settlement communities such as Kibera, street families in the inner city and in the village areas of Kenya.

During pad distribution events, TEK leaders offer mentorship, discuss female health & hygiene and invite local leaders to send positive messages. Men all over the world understand very little about menstruation and Kenyan men are no different. TEK also encourages boys and men to join the conversation that range from gender equality, inappropriate behavior (i.e. shaming) and sexual abuse so they understand more what it means to be a woman.

For WOAN, it has been a great experience learning, listening and working with both Director Matthew Ochanda and Co-Director Phillip MaCloud. They share an incredible passion for helping others while leading a **phenomenal** team of volunteers and support staff to ensure proper coordination of pad distribution.

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One Big Family

We would like to thank Denis Juma, our WOAN Ambassador-Kenya for volunteering many hours and weekends so WOANs presence can be felt throughout all of our featured projects. He is quickly becoming a youth leader within the Kibera community and he is doing an amazing job of representing WOAN. You can read more about Denis on the WOAN site.

Listed below are other organizations and initiatives we would like to recognize for not only making a difference in Kenya but also making an impact throughout the world. The goal with providing this list is to ensure that one hand is washing the other. We are in this together!

www.carolinaforkibera.org - *Carolina For Kibera*

www.cultivateinternational.org - *Cultivate International*

www.food4education.org - *Food-4-Education*

www.humanneedsproject.org/ - *Human Needs Project*

www.kakenyasdream.org - *Kakenya's School For Girls*

www.shofco.org - *Shining Hope For Communities*

www.sisterspeaksglobal.org - *Heels-4-Pads*

www.stjude.org - *St Jude Hospital*

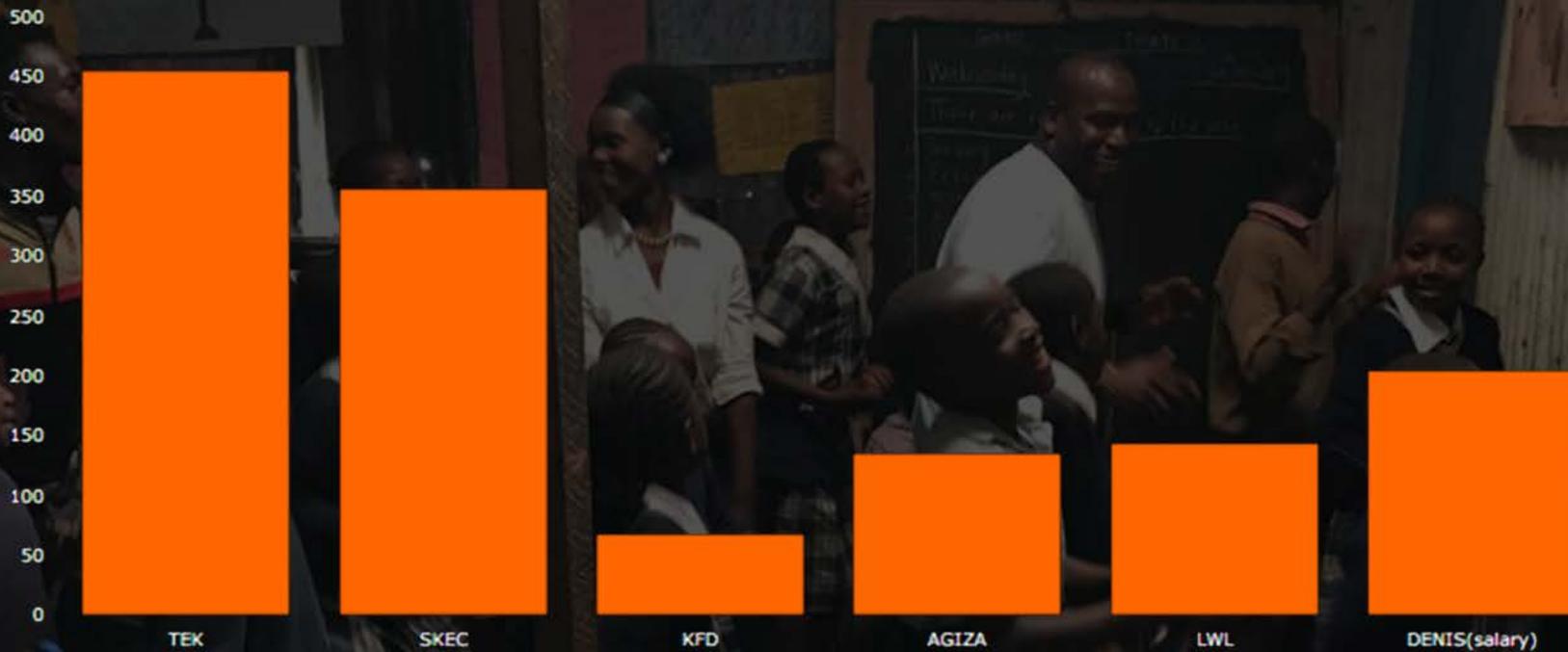
www.storitellah.com - *Brian Otieno, Freelance & Photojournalist*

www.wck.org - *World Central Kitchen*

Denis Juma

WOAN Ambassador- Kenya

WOAN Financial Breakdown

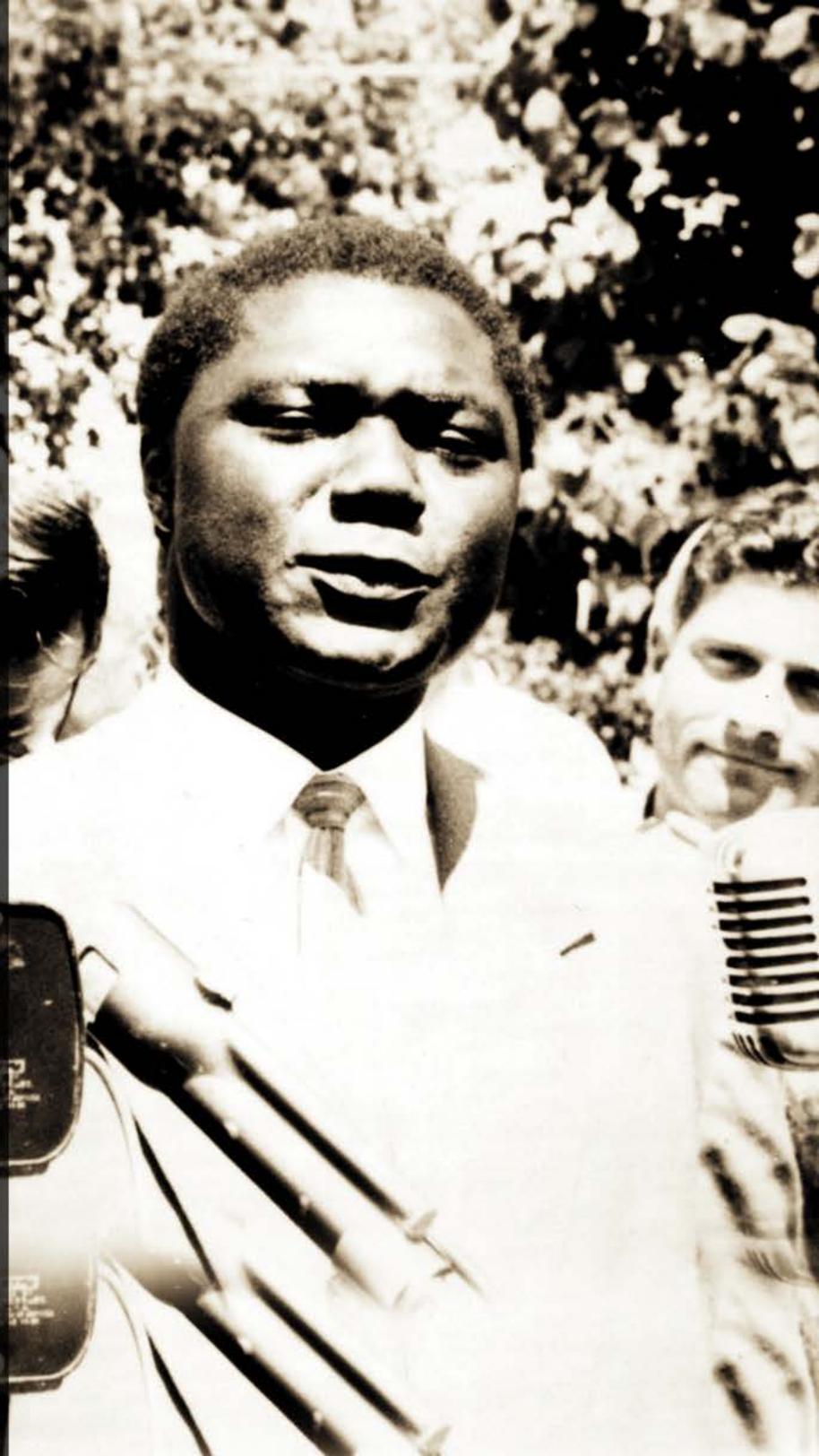
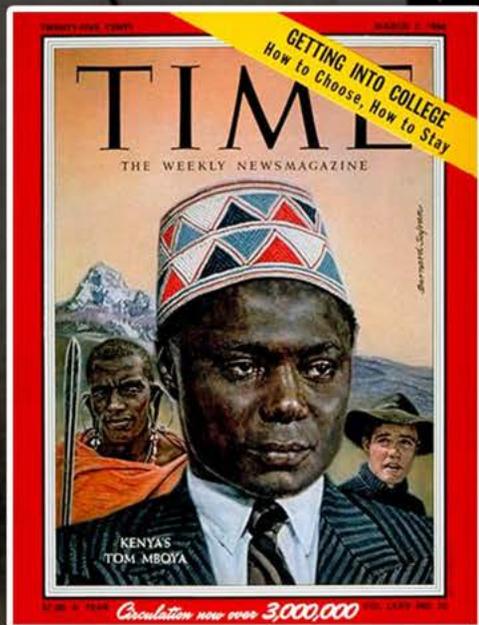


WOAN Financial Expenses



Did you know...

Tom Mboya was a Kenyan trade unionist, author, activist and one of the founding fathers of the Republic of Kenya. In 1960, Mr. Mboya was the first Kenyan to be featured on the front page of US Time magazine. Mr. Mboya also worked with then US Senator John F. Kennedy to create educational opportunities for East African students. This effort resulted in the Kennedy Airlifts which enabled Kenyan students to study at American universities. Notable beneficiaries of the Kennedy Airlifts were Mrs. Wangari Maathai, who later won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 and Mr. Barack Obama Sr., the father of former US President Barack Obama.



Donor Spotlight

Chad has been an active member of We One Action Network since 2017. Chad is a child of God that serves as a Deacon at Folbert Presbyterian Church. He is originally from Florida where he earned an Electrical Engineering degree from University of North Florida. He now resides in South Carolina and is blessed to share his three grown children with his beautiful wife. In his spare time, he enjoys grilling, swimming, playing guitar and traveling. The scripture that Chad strives to live by is from Romans 8:28, "We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

*Thank
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