Dear Friends of Shitungu:



Some of you may have heard about the floods affecting Kenya. The community of Shitungu, adjacent to the river, is suffering. The river has overflowed and children risk crossing handmade bridges and cannot get to school. Crops have been ruined and the prices of a limited food supply will inevitably soar. The houses are drenched, problems of waterborne disease are looming and very limited health care is available. Even more so now!

Your financial help is urgently needed during this emergency to cover the costs of food and repairs.

The day that the floods began, I had prepared a letter to announce the wonderful news that the pump for the well was completely installed thanks to your generosity. In addition, I want to let you know that community members collected 12,000 Kenyan Shillings (\$89.00 U.S.) to complete this project as well. Each community member was able to contribute 50 Kenyan shillings weekly until the total amount was reached. **Their contributions were only possible because of income generated from the sale of their soap production.**

This story of success is a major step towards financial empowerment and eventual independence for the community and its members. As you can see from the photo, the well is covered, the water is filtered and now parents feel it is safe for children to help fetch water.

<u>Ironically</u> this was the quote from Rebecca that I was so eager to share; "You have supplied us with unending water. The love the empathy the attachment the affection, I lack enough words to explain.

Say to all Friends: THANKS, THANKS Indeed, Empowerment of Shitungu Village"



The power of water is evident: while it is the source of life, it can also be a force of destruction.

To support families through this devastating event, please send your check to:

KVEO 8275 East 11th Ave. P.O. Box 200363 Denver, CO 80220-6713

Note on the check that the money is for the HOPE BLESSED ESTATE SELF HELP GROUP (HBESHG). Or donate to our Venmo account: **@KVEO24**

Thank you for your continued support. You are making such a difference. Joyce