

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GREEN BICYCLE PROJECT 2009



A PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE OF

**JAPAN BICYCLE PARKING FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
FOUNDATION(JAPAN BICYCLE FOUNDATION)**

AND

GREEN AFRICA FOUNDATION KENYA

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BACKGROUND

The Green Bicycle Project dream came to being, two years ago and its realization would not have been possible without Green Africa Foundation's Director Japan, Mr. Yoichiro Shimizu.

A five year partnership was forged between Japan Bicycle Parking Foundation and Green Africa Foundation early this year. The first batch of 460 bicycles was donated, and the official launch held on 14th July, 2009 at Green Africa Foundation center in Kaveta, Kitui District. This is the first bicycle donation by Japan Bicycle Foundation to Africa. 2000 bicycles will be donated for a period of five years.

The Japan Bicycle Foundation's technical team trained about nine staff members of Green Africa on how to assemble the bicycles and carry out simple repairs. Spare parts were also provided to service the bicycles. The staff members will then transfer this knowledge to various beneficiaries.

The project aims at improving quality of life in the rural community throughout the country, by increasing mobility of residents to access services, promote environmental awareness, capacity building and education among school children, especially those who live far from school and promote environmental conservation. Every institution that receives bicycles will be required to plant trees in their compound and raise awareness on environmental conservation in schools.

Green Africa Foundation and community leaders select the deserving candidates. Green Africa will facilitate the tree-planting exercise in the various institutions and community groups. Continuous monitoring and evaluation of the project in institutions will be carried out by the Foundation's technical team to ensure the success of the project.

The Japan Bicycle Foundation has been donating used bicycles from Japan to educational and other organizations in developing countries. Through this initiative, over 197,000 bicycles were donated to 28 organizations in 8 countries by March 2009.

The Green Africa Foundation was founded in 2000 to support ecological and environmental conservation with particular focus on arid and semi-arid infertile lands in Kenya. The Foundation focuses on capacity development of poor communities through a partnership approach that integrates environmental conservation and community livelihoods. This approach ensures that communities engage in livelihood activities that are friendly to the environment.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Green Bicycle Project are:

1. Environmental conservation through reforestation
2. Promoting Education (in line with Millennium Development Goals)
3. Capacity building by carrying out awareness workshops on climate change effects, environmental conservation and green practices.

TARGET GROUPS

Green Africa Foundation as the facilitator of the project formed a committee consisting of various community stakeholders (community elders, school heads, administration authority, church leaders and various community groups).

The committee is in charge of selecting deserving candidates and monitoring the usage of the bicycle in accordance to the stipulated regulations of the contract, in Eastern Province.

The project is to benefit schools both primary and secondary, institutions of higher education, well established community groups, faith based organizations, local health facilities and government organizations.

STRATEGIC APPROACH

The success of the Green Bicycle Project is dependent on a sustainable plan that will ensure that the project's objectives are realized.

Japan Bicycle Foundation will donate 2000 bicycles for a period of five years. The first batch of 460 bicycles has already been distributed; another 460 bicycles will be dispatched towards the end of this year.

Assembling of the bicycles is done at Green Africa Foundation's Kaveta Center at Kitui District. The bicycles will be stored and distributed from the center.

Green Africa Foundation appointed one of its staff member, Philip Kimanthi as Officer in Charge of the bicycle project. He will be monitoring the assembling, distribution, tree-planting exercise in the institutions and preparing progress reports.

A registration fee was introduced to participating beneficiaries. Secondary Schools and Institutions of higher education pay Ksh 5000 (\$62) and other community organizations pay Ksh 1000(\$14). The monies paid will be geared towards administration costs and sustainability of the project.

Each beneficiary signs a contract with Green Africa Foundation. The contract stipulates the number of bicycles received and conditions for the donation (a copy of the contract is attached).

The objectives of the Green Bicycle Project will be realized as follows:

1. Environmental Conservation

Through the Green Schools Programme Green Africa Foundation has established that tree-planting in learning institutions guarantees sustainability of the trees.

Each school will plant about 500 to 1000 trees in the school compound and the same to be planted by each student at their home.

The school has to own the project and therefore the students will be in charge of pitting and taking care of the trees. It is advised the school administration to assign a number of trees to each class and introduce competition among the students as a means to motivate them. Environmental clubs should be formed in each school, to steer the environmental efforts of the school.

Green Africa Foundation will provide the seedlings at a meagre cost of Ksh10 and provide the necessary expertise on how the tree-planting should be done. Tree-planting will be done during the rainy season (April & May- October & November). The institutions that have already received the bicycles, will plant the trees in October.

Monitoring and Evaluation will be carried out towards the end of the year to determine the survival of trees planted and environmental clubs formed in the institutions, for the purpose of creating environmental conservation awareness.

Green Africa Foundation will hold an annual bicycle competition among the schools and create awareness on environmental conservation in the community. It will also be an

occasion to award best performed institutions in regards to environmental conservation efforts.

2. Promoting Education

Since the inception of free primary and secondary education in Kenya, there has been increase in the enrolment levels in schools. But school going children in rural areas have to walk long distances to school and spend most of their study time commuting. Therefore unlikely to take advantage of the free education and perform competitively in school.

The bicycle motivates these school going children to attend school, who would otherwise get discouraged and discontinue due to the hardships of commuting. The bicycles are the schools property and are awarded to students sitting for their final year examinations; once they leave they are passed on to the next candidates.

Green Africa Foundation's technical team will monitor and evaluate the impact of the bicycle in uplifting the education levels in the various institutions. The team will assess the academic performance of the various recipient students and also the general enrolment numbers, since the inception of the bicycle project in the institutions.

The bicycle project also incorporates a sports and environment theme. The bicycles will be used for the annual bicycle championship. It will also be a chance to nurture cycling talent from the grass root level.

3. Capacity Building

Green Africa Foundation will train various beneficiaries on how to assemble the bicycles and carry out simple repairs.

The Foundation's environmental experts will carry out environmental conservation workshops to train the beneficiaries on how to conserve the environment, proper waste management and green practices.

DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of the first batch of 460 bicycles is as follows: 435 have being distributed, 25 are awaiting collection from Green Africa Foundation's Kitui center.

The following is the distribution of the bicycles:
67 schools, 5CBOS, 26 Green Africa Foundation staff members.

By the end of the year, plans are underway to establish a repair workshop in Kitui town, to carry out repair of the bicycles in future. This will be replicated throughout the country to facilitate repair and coordinate the bicycle donation.

NB: Distribution list is attached

APPENDIX: Distribution List

ALLOCATION LIST

NAME OF ORGANISATION	NUMBER
Secondary Schools	
Mutendea mixed day secondary school	20
Engineer Ngilu mixed day secondary school	20
Kawongo mixed day secondary school	10
Kwa-vonza mixed day secondary school	10
Nyanyaa mixed day secondary school	5
Kyanika mixed day secondary school	5
Kyangunga mixed day secondary school	5
Bishop Nzimbi mixed day secondary school	10
Wii mixed day secondary school	10
Kanyangi mixed day secondary school	10
Kisaso mixed day secondary school	5
Kabaa mixed day secondary school	5
Ikuyuni mixed day secondary school	5
Kaluva mixed day secondary school	5
Thiru mixed day secondary school	20
Shandaa mixed day secondary school	5
Munyumi secondary school	20
Thua mixed day secondary school	10
Primary School	
Ithookwe primary school	5
Central primary school	5
Kaveta primary school	5
Isaangwa primary school	5
Manyenyoni primary school	5
Muslim primary school	5
Kawongo primary school	5
Unyaa primary school	5
Ilooi primary school	5
Mulutu primary school	5
Kwa-maingi primary school	5
Mutendea primary school	5
Ng'ofeni primary school	10

Mutune primary school	5
Mulundi primary school	5
Yatta primary school	5
Matulani primary school	5
Kapnasu primary school(Mzee Yator)	5
Mbukoni primary school	5
Ndauni primary school	5
Uae primary school	5
Mukurweni Primary School	8
Muumandu primary school	10
Churches & Mosque	
Catholic church Unyaa	1
St. Stephens ministry	8
A.C.K Syongila	1
Mulamu timu churches	2
Matinyani Noor Mosque	2
Kalundu Mosque	1
Community Groups	
Kalee women group	5
Kavoko CBO c/o Kimmeli	2
Isaamgima CBO c//o Mohammed	2
Umiisyo wa Aka Group	3
Special Institutions	
Mulango childrens home	10
Kitui school for the deaf	3
Ignite orphan Africa	4
Green Africa Foundation	
Green Africa Office- Kitui	1
Green Africa Foundation Staff	20
Assembling team	9
Green Africa Casual Workers	31
Government Constituent Development Fund Offices	
Taveta Constituent	10
West Pokot Constituent	10
Police Station	
Kitui Police Station	2
TOTAL	435

CONTRACT



Contract No:

Number of Bicycles:

An Agreement between Green Africa Foundation and Bicycle Beneficiaries

Green Africa Foundation wishes to congratulate you for being nominated by the committee appointed to oversee the Green Bicycle Project.

With respect to this, contract is we hereby entered between Green Africa Foundation and that will observe all the rules and regulations governing the Green Bicycle Project.

The Green Bicycle Project is geared towards planting and maintaining trees, participating in green practices, sports and other environmental programmes, thus uplifting the levels of education and working towards poverty alleviation.

Rules and Regulations

1. The institutions shall plant trees, participate in Green Office Initiative, Green Sports and other environmental programmes. (Details at Green Africa Foundation's Offices)
2. There will be a tree planting ceremony whereby pupils will dig the holes and plant trees.
3. Parents are encouraged to buy seedlings for the pupils/students at a subsidized price of Ksh 10 from Green Africa Foundation.
4. Each beneficiary shall plant a trees at school and at home equivalent to the number of household members and ensure their survival.
5. The institutions shall start environmental clubs if not active and establish tree nurseries within their compounds.

6. The institutions will protect the trees within their compounds from domestic and wild animals, pests and diseases.

7. There will be continuous monitoring and evaluation on the project's performance.

8. The beneficiaries are encouraged to pay visits to Green Africa Foundation's Center in Kitui to give reports on their yearly activities and for further learning on environmental issues.

9. The institutions will cater for the costs of transportation, technical advice and repairs associated with the bicycles.

10. The institutions may service/repair their bicycles at Green Africa's center at a considerable fee.

11. The institutions shall ensure that the bicycles are not misused (e.g. overloaded) and are used for the right purpose i.e. by the students and for school, modifications to the bicycles such as extra seats e.t.c

12. There is a registration fee for participating institutions of Ksh 5,000 for secondary schools and Ksh 1,000 for primary schools and CBO's. These funds shall go towards the sustainability of the programme

13. There shall be an Annual Environmental Award Scheme for the institutions. Best performing institutions will be awarded.

With kind regards

John Kioli
Executive Director
Green Africa Foundation

cc
Isaac P. Kalua
Chairperson/Founder
Green Africa Foundation



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER FROM BENEFICIARIES

**MBUKONI PRIMARY SCHOOL,
P.O. BOX 46-90126,
KALAWA.**

3rd AUGUST 2009

**THE CHAIRMAN,
GREEN AFRICA FOUNDATION,
P.O. BOX 9164-00200,
NAIROBI.**

DEAR SIR/MADAM.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF BICYCLES

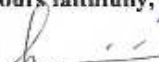
I write to acknowledge the receipt of the donation of five (5) bicycles from your esteemed organization. I also write to express our profound gratitude for the kind gesture. The bicycles will ease the transport problems experienced by some of the pupils in the school and will definitely improve the pupils' academic performance. The donation has boosted the pupils' zeal to improve their environment through tree planting.

Let me assure you that the school will take proper care of bicycles and will always endeavour to promote environmentally friendly activities. We welcome more donations from your organization whether in form of more bicycles or any other.

I assure you that the school will strive to be your reliable partner in improving the environment.

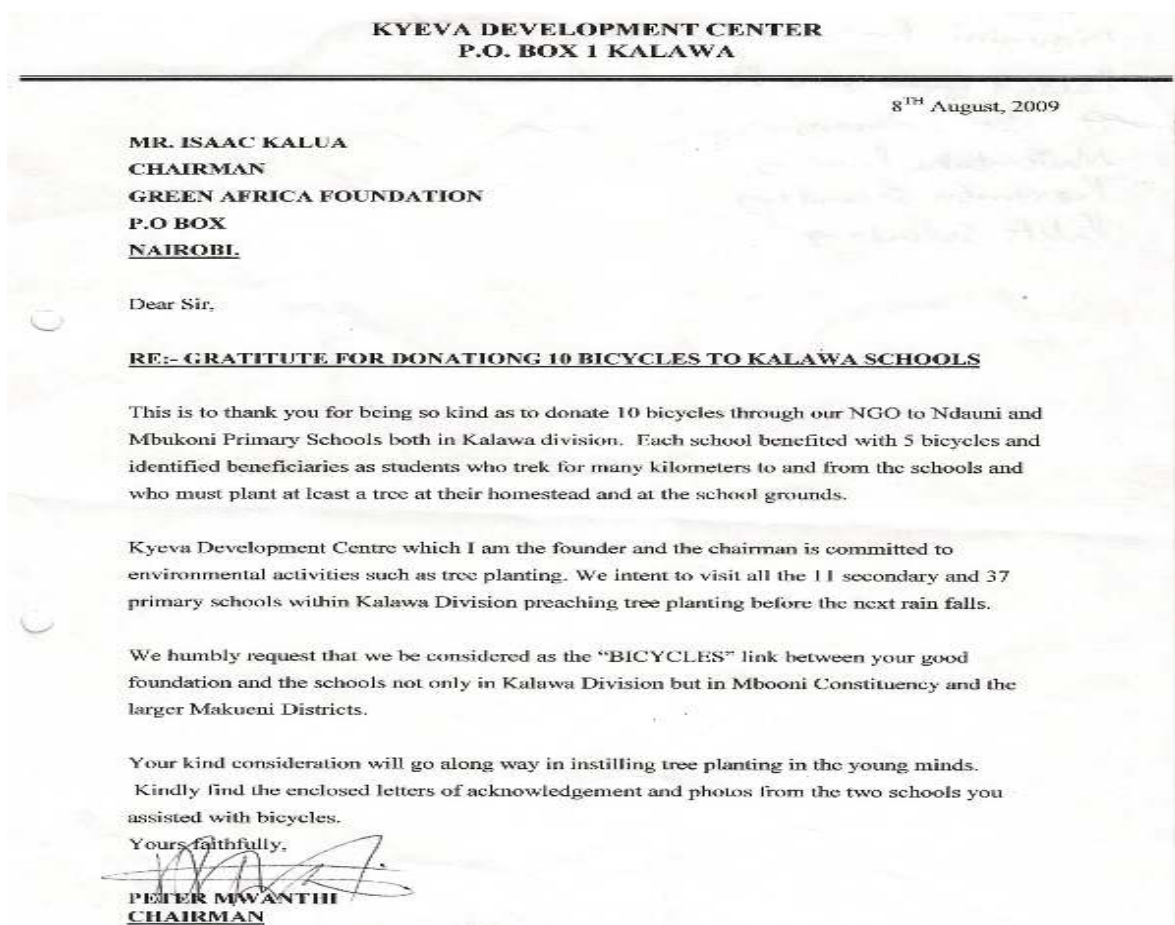
Thank you and God bless you abundantly.

Yours faithfully,

 **MBUKONI PRIMARY SCHOOL
P.O. BOX 46-KALAWA
DATE.....**

**FRED W. MWONGELA
HEADTEACHER.**

ACKNOWLEDEMENT LETTER 2



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER 3

NYANYAA SECONDARY SCHOOL

P.O. BOX 131,
KITUL

5 - 8 - 2009

THE CO-ORDINATOR,
GREEN AFRICA FOUNDATION,
P.O. BOX 9164 - 00200,
NAIROBI.

Dear Sir,


RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF BICYCLES

On behalf of the school B.O.G and P.T.A, I hereby acknowledge receipt of five bicycles from your foundation.

We will continue to plant more trees in school and in the respective homes of the students.

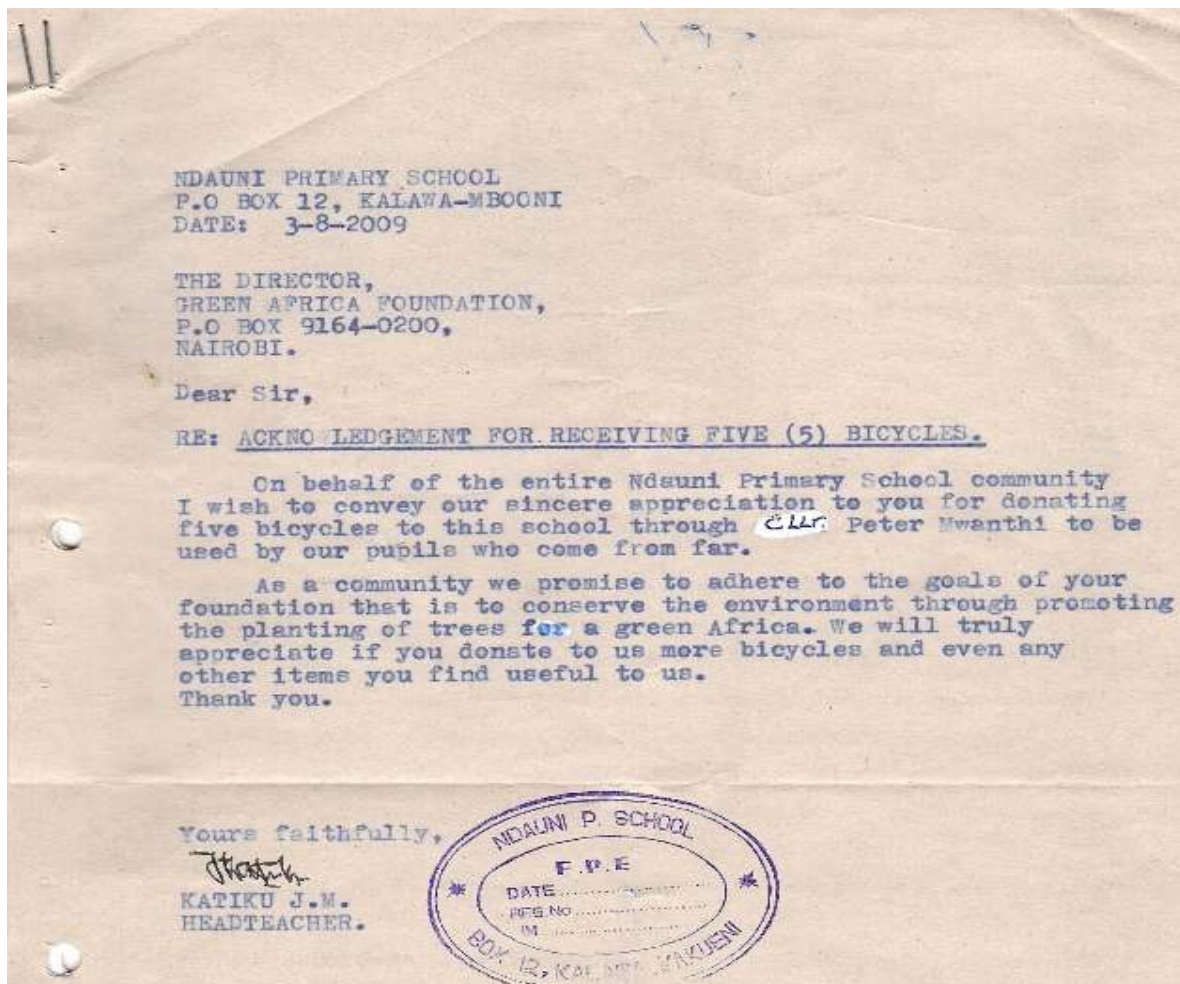
Thanks a lot for the donation and may God Bless you.

Yours Faithfully,


PRINCIPAL
NYANYAA SECONDARY SCHOOL
P.O. BOX 131, KITUL
DATE: 5/8/2009

Mulwa A.K
Principal / B.O.G & P.T.A Secretary

ACKNOWLEDEMENT LETTER 4



PHOTOGRAPHS

SOME OF THE BENEFICIARIES



Wii Secondary School



**Kyangunga Secondary School
K**



Mutendea Mixed Secondary School



Nduani Secondary School



Thua Secondary School



Kyanika Secondary School



Engineer Ngilu Secondary School



ACK Archbishop Nzimbi Secondary School



Yatta Primary School



Manyenyoni Primary School



Kwa-maingi primary school