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Safaricom Foundation’s Ndoto Zetu Initiative Supports Ukambani Residents With Projects Worth KES 7 Million

Twenty-seven projects in Makueni, Kitui, and Machakos counties have been funded.

Nairobi, 28th October 2020... Safaricom Foundation has supported twenty-seven projects in the Ukambani region in the last few weeks. The projects have been funded through the Ndoto Zetu initiative at a cost of KES 7 Million.

Residents of Makueni, Kitui, and Machakos counties who applied for their community dreams to be realized received support in Education, Health, and Economic empowerment.

“Ndoto Zetu Initiative is keen on addressing the social and economic effects that affect the community, to ensure improved quality of life. It is part of our commitment to impact communities that we have focused on for the last 20 years,” said Joseph Ogutu, Chairman, Safaricom Foundation.

A group of 30 farmers in Mbooni, Makueni County, who used to borrow a shared generator to pump water from the dam to their farms for irrigation, received a diesel water pump. The farmers will be connecting pipes directly from the generator at the dam site. The pump will reduce the trouble of carrying the water pipes to the dam area.

Ushirika wa Wajane group in Emali and Itaani group in Mbooni received tents and chairs while Inua Jamii group in Kibwezi received catering equipment.
In the last two months, the foundation, through Ndoto Zetu, has supported over 100 projects directly impacting close to 100,000 people.

Through the initiative, Safaricom Foundation asks individual Kenyans to share their dreams and aspirations that will positively impact their communities. During the first phase of the initiative last year, the foundation implemented over 300 projects across 40 counties at KES 30 Million, reaching more than 50,000 people.

**List of Beneficiaries**

**Makueni**
1. Handover of Catering Equipment to Inua Jamii Self Help Group Kibwezi, Makueni County
2. Handover of Tents and Chairs to Itaani S.G.H, Makueni County
3. Handover of Diesel Water Pump to Earth Dam Self Help Group Mbooni in Makueni
4. Handover of an equipped Maternity wing to Kilungu Sub County Hospital, Makueni County
5. Handover of a water pump to Ngiluni-Utuneni Earth dam Self Help Group, Makueni County
6. Handover of Mikokoteni to Kikumbulyu north youth group, Makueni County
7. Handover of tents and chairs to Ushirika Wa Wajane Women Group, Makueni County
8. Handover of modern facility equipment to Gaketha Dispensary, Makueni County
9. Handover of Water Tanks For Kusyongali Secondary School, Makueni County

**Kitui**
1. Handover of Tents and Chairs to Will Compassionate Heart Group in Mwembe Tayari, Kitui County
2. Handover of tents and Chairs to Kyanika Adult Class Women Group, Kitui County
3. Handover of an equipped workshop to Kathungu Vocational Training Center, Kitui County
4. Handover of school desks, chairs, and computers to equip a computer lab Ndali primary school, Kitui County
5. Handover of School double-deckers and beddings to Kaliakakya secondary school, Kitui County
6. Handover of textbooks to Kyeni Primary school, Kitui County
7. Handover of desks to Musikio Primary school, Kitui County

**Machakos**
1. Handover of Tents and Chairs to Ushirika Wa Wajane Women Group in Masimba in Emali, Machakos County
2. Handover of an equipped Maternity wing to Tulilla Dispensary, Machakos County
3. Handover of an equipped Maternity wing to Masewani Dispensary, Machakos County
4. Handover of tents and chairs to Sub Marine Youth Group, Machakos County
5. Handover of tents and chairs to Sixteen sisters women group, Machakos County
6. Handover of football kits to Mathuntaini FC, Machakos County
7. Handover of Sports kits to Matuu GHM Memorial Girls, Machakos County
8. Handover of furniture to Kaloleni primary school, Machakos County
9. Handover of water tanks to Kwakulu primary school, Ndali, Machakos County
10. Handover of a constructed and equipped Library, Uamani primary school, Machakos County
About Safaricom Foundation:
Building Communities, Transforming Lives.
Safaricom Foundation partners with Kenyan communities, organizations and institutions to improve and transform lives.

With a footprint in all of Kenya's 47 counties and a strong history of partnerships dating back to our inception in 2003, the Safaricom Foundation has worked with Speed, Simplicity and Trust to implement over 1,000 community projects, impacting over 3 million people, through our thematic areas of Health, Education, Environmental Conservation, Economic Empowerment, Water, Disaster Relief, and Arts & Culture.

Our current strategy builds on our strong history of results and partnerships and will contribute towards Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. We will leverage the power of innovation and technology to drive our projects forward; and will also offer a blend of grants, equity and ultra-low-cost loans to our partners.

The participation of Safaricom staff in our projects will extend our personalized approach towards partnerships; and our project monitoring and our dissemination forms will provide platforms for technical assistance, learning and capacity building.