

The Friends of Kadzinuni

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Biggest Day yet at Kadzinuni!

6th February 2005 saw the biggest ever community and voluntary organisation get-together at Kadzinuni ever. Activities ranged from sport to medical work interspersed with a number of important announcements and ceremonies. In just under seven years the community has moved from having no outside support to having its own self help groups and an ever widening network of outside help.

From small beginnings

This chart shows how, since 1998 and a chance meeting between Elaine & Nic Seller and Alex Mwarome, the voluntary and community activity has developed. Who knows where we might be in a few years time at this rate? At least 11 groups now help Kadzinuni!



MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY *with The Friends of Kadzinuni*

In January we decided to join the UK coalition of charities and NGOs campaigning and working on projects that very clearly address the 2005 challenge to **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**. In our small and very local way we want to represent the campaign whilst at the same time raise awareness of the progress at Kadzinuni and future needs of the community. We hope to receive a delivery of MPH white bands to sell quite soon. As part of our campaign we expect to run a stall at the 2005 Keyworth Show and are actively seeking a sponsor so that we can produce good display boards to demonstrate our work and explain the future challenges we see at Kadzinuni. If you have the ability to fund (approx £100) or donate in kind (e.g. A2 foam board mounted colour images from our own portfolio of photographs) please contact us using the details on the back page.

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Eye Camp – a world first (well almost!)

Kadzinuni & nearby village Takaungu have been part of an historic world first in co-operation between two

voluntary service organisations. Since the early part of the 20th century Rotary and Lions had worked separately but the recent Medical Camps for eyesight screening and treatment have been world leaders in co-operation. The community of Kadzinuni has benefited enormously from this as on the 6th February nearly 300 local people were screened; some provided with free reading glasses, helpful medication and most amazingly nearly 30 people were selected for almost immediate cataract operations free of charge in Mombasa. After selection, the patients were taken directly to Mombasa on the Sunday, for additional checks on Monday, then cataract removal on Monday and Tuesday followed by return to Kadzinuni on Thursday.

Sports Day

As Carly and I arrived at Kadzinuni a big sports day was in full flow, with football and volley ball teams racing about on the school field despite the 30 plus degrees C heat!



Celebrating the RCC

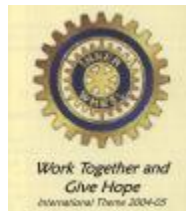
The RCC (Kadzinuni Rotary Community Corps.) is the self help community group formed about 2 years ago. Its members were a very important part of the arrangements for the medical camp and other activities, with the 20 or so Kadzinuni members assisted also by RCC members from Bomani and Takaungu. Such get-togethers allow the RCC members to share ideas and learn from each other's experiences. The Kadzinuni RCC is thriving and a great force for change and development.

Inner Wheel & Ladies Group Update

Mrs Chhani Sur, President of Mombasa Inner Wheel was present to see how the Kadzinuni Ladies Micro finance project was progressing.

Started a few months ago, the ladies are doing very well in building up their small businesses and already repaying some of the money

loaned to them only 5-6 months ago. Chhani was also able to announce a fantastic donation to the Clinic project of 100,000 Ksh (about US\$1,300) from the Inner Wheel. The Ladies made lovely presentations to Chhani Sur and Molly Abdullah, wife of the District Governor for Rotary for the whole of East Africa. The group is known as the INUA NJUMBA WOMENS GROUP, KADZINUNI and they have set up a home bakery, a shop and a wholesale project.



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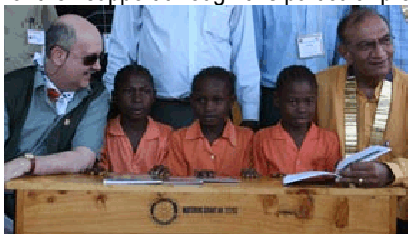
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Matching Grant presentations

The major Rotary International Matching Grant secured in 2003 is finally nearing completion as, due to delays on school curriculum revision, many of the books could not be bought as originally planned. In addition good negotiation by members of the Rotary Club of Bahari Mombasa, in respect of price and quality of desks, has resulted in many more desks than the planned 160 being purchased. Thus it was a great pleasure to take part in the ceremony to hand over several hundred new textbooks and 100 new desks. Many thanks also go to Keyworth & Ruddington Rotary Club for their support through this particular project.



Nic Sellar & DG Rotarian Mohammed Abdullah hand over books and desks.

Ground breaking

Another aspect of the busy and very hot day at Kadzinuni was to officially hand over the first instalment of funds for the clinic build via DG Abdullah to the members of Bahari Club. This payment of £10,000 (approx. 1,450,000 Ksh) will allow the work to proceed and shortly it will be followed by a further grant of £6,000 that in total will be enough to complete the clinic and nurse's house. In just a few more weeks we hope to send out another £3,000 to cover the Water Tower and borehole work.



Ground breaking with members of the RCC & Clinic Committee

The highlight of the day was the laying of two large heavy stone blocks in the first foundation trench for the clinic. To commemorate this event Nic handed over to the architect a genuine English house brick, with brass plate attached recording the event. The brick, the first of two will be incorporated into the clinic building. The second house brick will be taken out when the clinic is completed. The clinic itself is to be known simply as "Kendricks", dedicated to memory of Nic's father. The whole village joined in to shout out his name as the announcement was made.

10,000 Trees!

The final act was to ask the Head teacher to take up a challenge in return for the clinic project. We asked him to get the children of Kadzinuni through their parents, to grow from seeds or cuttings, 10 tree seedlings each to be planted in and around the village. This should be within their grasp as the land is fertile and renewal of trees is essential to the future of locations such as Kadzinuni where trees are the only fuel, the main building material and a source of cash crops. (Coconuts, bananas, mangoes and cashew nuts.) We will try to count the new trees next time we visit!

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Clinic project finances

Clinic building £12,500

(Includes toilets and rainwater collection)

Nurse's house £3,500

Water Tower & Borehole £3,000

Library £6,000

Community Centre £15,000

School facts and figures

Students - 918 plus 82 in the nursery, equally split boys & girls

Teachers - 16, Classrooms 13,

Toilets 23, Desks 445 (seat 2)



Karibuni Kadzinuni

(Welcome to Kadzinuni!)

The Secondary School challenge

Prior to leaving we met with the Kadzinuni RCC members and new Head teacher Mr Tunje to hear about the challenge of meeting secondary school needs for the best students graduating from Kadzinuni. Whilst Primary education (aged 7 to 15 years) is "free" in Kenya, secondary education is not. We learnt about the problem of fulfilling the potential for those who have and will achieve the very high entry standards at Provincial and National Secondary schools. The levels of school fees for these pupils are currently out of reach for Kadzinuni families, so their places are being passed up.

"Adopt a Student"

The Friends of Kadzinuni is looking to start an "Adopt a Student" programme in response to this need, once the completion of the clinic project can be seen. If you want to know more about this contact us as below and we will keep you updated on progress. Our current thinking on this is to make support conditional not only on achieving good results at school but also to the students making a commitment to return to Kadzinuni and help develop the community once they have gained their qualifications, be that assisting at the school for a set period or participating in one of the other community projects.

If you want to know more about supporting the Friends of Kadzinuni you can contact us by 'phone on 0115 914 9535 or 07931 323613 or e-mail to

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