



Above: A water sale takes place at the KVDC kiosk

Partner Update: KVDC

The Kilisa Village Development Community (KVDC) is a community-based organization within Kilisa Village in Kenya that works together with the community to implement development projects. Over the past several years of Africa Rising's involvement, the primary focus of the group has been on improving access to water for the community. KVDC's top goals are:

1. To operate and expand the centrally located village water pump.
2. To support new income-generating community businesses that will benefit from the water access.

Philip Mwalali, who grew up in Kilisa and now lends support to KVDC from his home in Durham, NC shared this month:

"The pump is now fully operational and water is consistently in

distribution tanks, sales of water is going on well, several families have applied and received metered water along the distribution pipe and the water distribution has reached the project site. So far the sales are meeting the operation costs. The government has shown continued support by donating fuel on two occasions."

This is a great success for KVDC and Africa Rising celebrates with them. The community is ready to move forward with income generating businesses which will have an immediate and sustainable impact on the livelihood of residents. With a grant that is pledged from a US foundation to be distributed by the end of 2011, KVDC will be able to:

1. Procure and install a drip irrigation system for the green house at the project site plus one year of training and mentoring by the supplier.
2. Supplement the procurement and installation of a Fish pond at the project site.

2012 is promising to be an exciting and rewarding year for the village of Kilisa that will bear the fruits of many years of community development work and partnership.



Above: Jim Thomas of Africa Rising in Orisai where CREED Africa

is located

Partner Update: CREED Africa

The Center for Research, Education Enhancement, and Development in Africa (CREED Africa) is dedicated to transforming a war-affected community in Northeastern Uganda through grassroots ownership of development efforts in education, health, and agriculture.

CREED Africa's primary efforts involve running a school in the village of Orisai, collecting health statistics, and encouraging innovations in agriculture. In addition, the organization has been tapped to help with famine relief efforts in the area.

Clement, the founder of CREED Africa grew up in Orisai and currently owns a construction business in Kenya. He recently took time away from his growing business to spend five weeks in Orisai to help with the famine relief. He sent this update this week upon his return to Nairobi:

"We have been extremely busy distributing famine relief food. As you all may be aware, Eastern Africa is currently battling one of the worst food shortages in living memory. And while the situation in Uganda as a whole may not be comparable to Somalia, for example, the situation is nevertheless very dire in certain parts of the country. In Orisai and the neighboring villages, many households were actually going without food, often for days until Creed Africa came in to help. In fact, on the 17th September, I personally witnessed one elderly man die in one of our food distribution centers as a direct consequence of starvation. He had tried to crawl to the center so he may receive help!

Put simply the food situation in many villages in Northern Uganda is bad and getting worse as food prices keep hiking upwards. Moreover, we are currently battling serious flash floods which have washed away hundreds of hectares of crops initially due to be harvested in December this year: Going forward we predict the food situation will clearly worsen and expose more households to starvation and poverty."

Clearly the situation is dire in Orisai right now. Africa Rising is very grateful to be working with people like Clement who make great personal sacrifices to assist with community development. We are happy that CREED Africa is there not only for the short-term to assist with famine relief, but that their work continues through their long-term efforts in education, health, and agriculture as well.

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