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## Bits and Pieces

Final Reports for 2022 and Budgets for 2023 are on-going in all departments. End of Year reporting is almost complete. Meetings for Budget finalizations and submissions for 2023 were accomplished.

Our Program Manager, Okot Edward met with Toposa Elders and Chiefs and discussed security issues on Oct.01. This was followed by a series of meetings with several villages and many people in attendance. Hon. Titus Lokwachuma from Kapoeta, also presented to the people and now the roads are more secure and safe. The result is that private lorries are moving again up to Boma.

Program Manager and Finance Manager participated in the **Annual Partners Workshop** organized by Stromme Foundation in Kampala from 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. They also were in Juba for a **Managing Finances** workshop.

The **Board of Governors of Kuron Peace Village** met in Juba from 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October. This was the first face to face meeting of the Board since Covid-19. Founder Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban was able to join from Nairobi through ZOOM connection.

The **Heads of Departments** met on Tuesday.25.October to discuss program issues. As part of this monthly meeting several additional trainings were provided by the Administration. There was a **Fraud and Anti-Corruption Training, Internal Controls Training, Procurement Training** and a presentation on **Code of Conduct** for the Department Heads.



**Above:** Toposa Bonga Girls celebrating with Karamojong Bonga Girls with dance and singing.

Program Manager Mr. Okot and Finance Manager Mr. Abraham Ayiik attended trainings in Uganda held by Stromme Foundation and a **First Aid and Security Workshop** in Torit held by NCA.

Mr. Okot also attended an NCA training on **Financial Management for Non-Finance Professionals** in Juba.

**Toposa Composite Statements:** *What would we do without Kuron Peace Village? They have done so much to help us and open our minds. We hope you never leave.*



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**BONGA GIRLS Program:** HTPVK organized a **Learning Exposure Trip** to Uganda with 8 adolescent girls under the Bonga program. For many of the young ladies this was their first time to go outside of the Kuron area. They learned many new things and were sufficiently impressed with the Ugandan BONGA Girls programs. They have all returned with new ideas and fresh enthusiasm to try out some new things in their villages.

Above: Bonga Girls from Kuron learn about new crops in Kapoong, Uganda

## Livelihoods

Most annual activities have been accomplished with only a few remaining. Under Civil Society, Mr. Juma Chelimo, Livelihoods Asst. held a workshop on **Marketing of Local Products** on Oct.03.

Mr. Okori Emmanuel and Mr. Chelimo also held a workshop for **Community Managed Savings Groups** Oct.19 They have now contributed over 269,000 SSP collected by the community. Two out of Three loans have been repaid.

A **Climate Change Training** for HTPVK staff was held on 08.Oct. We have been following up on the previous trainings especially the beekeepers. Lereboi had a beekeeping practical training and made several bee hives. We are advising farmers to keep the fields tended and fenced as we don't know if the rains will come in December. So far, there has only been one harvest of sorghum but third harvest looks good.

Livelihoods held another **CMSG meeting** in Kuron on Monday.Nov.07.2022

**Comment:** HTPVK is helping us a great deal to save money. You know if we keep this money in our village it will be stolen. HTPVK serves as a safe place for our investments.



**Above Left:** Community Managed Saving groups contributing money  
**Above middle:** New Classroom at Sec. School completed.  
**Above Right:** Preparing beehives.  
**Left:** Selling a new crop of maize  
**Right:** Bringing grains to market for sale.



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## Vocational Training

A total of 13 students received certificates for completion of course work on Oct.03: 6 in **Auto Mechanics**, 7 in **Driving**, 1 in **Welding** and 1 in **Carpentry**. (picture below left) Construction of Secondary School classrooms is on-going. The third structure of two classrooms funded by the People’s Republic of China Embassy in Juba has been roofed, plastered, and painted and is ready for classes to use. ( below middle and below right )



Windows & doors made for the Secondary School classrooms. The foundation for a Kitchen and Dining Hall was dug and work is going on. General maintenance and works continue such as: painting, fencing, and repairing equipment in all of HTPVK.



The Peace Academy was cleaned thoroughly by the Women’s Forum participants to promote environmental awareness and care.



## PASTORAL

**All Saints Day** was celebrated with a community Service at the Primary School. **All Souls Day** was celebrated in the Kuron cemetery. St. Martin de Porres Day was celebrated with the Brothers in Matara. (below middle: Br. John and Br. Francis on their feast day)

**Cultural Change:** Toposa are selling maize, sweet potato, and tomatoes to the Kuron Staff. These are crops which are new to this area. Even with the short rainfalls this year Toposa farmers were able to realize a sorghum crop. (see Picture bottom of page 2)



**Above:** Bonga Girls on Exposure Trip to Uganda



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**Left: First Ever Women's Forum** in Kuron. This was to give women a voice in their concerns.

**Guest House:** A new latrine was dug, fencing was repaired, and many workshops were hosted. Visitors numbers are lower than last year.

The chapel and Bishop's Residence were painted.

**Toposa Woman speaks about Trauma Healing workshop:** *We didn't even know this was an issue. Now we realize our aggressiveness has been caused by previous violent events. Now we can deal with these violent events better with your (HTPVK) help.*



**Comment by health staff:** *It is very difficult to identify RAPE as no one will report this to the health facility staff. The Toposa are taught this is something normal. If the authorities will implement the law, it will be easier to identify the victims and people will have their rights.*

## Peace Building

A **Conflict Early Warning workshop** sponsored by Pax International was held in Namurupus from 03.Nov.to 05.Nov. The Elders, Youth and HTPVK Peace department attended. This was to pre-empt conflicts pertaining to movements of cattle during the up-coming dry season. Everyone agreed to try to keep cows and families near Kuron and dig in dry rivers to find water until Feb.2023. Then when next seasons rains arrive they can go to the hills around for grass.

The Peace Department organized a 3-day **Women's Forum** to give the Toposa women a voice and platform to express their opinions and comments. Community clean up events were organized for the Peace Academy. Many members of the Women's communities in the area came to help slash, clean and fix up the buildings at the Peace Academy. This was to instill a bit of "ownership" amongst the people. ( right )



Peace Officer, Lokii Elish, attended an **Annual Partners Reflection Meeting** for PAX International in Juba.



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**Left:** New donated beds by Hon. Titus Lokwachuma at the PHCC.

**Right:** Ministry of Health Supervision Visit at PHCC with staff.



**Positive Outcome:** A birthing mother was emergency transported to Kapoeta as the child was breached and their lives were in jeopardy. Through quick action of the HTPVK logistics and Health Team, both mother and child are safe and sound today after successful surgery and delivery.

**Comment by Minister of Health Hon. Loda:** Our people have seen the level of need for this population. We are ready to help.

**Comment:** We learned how to manage the convulsions during pregnancy. We also learned that in cases of suspected rape we need to counsel and examine with caution and care and in private to protect the dignity of the woman.

## Primary Health Care Centre

Clinical Officer, Richard Leonard and Midwife, Patricia Nakalong attended a 3 day workshop on **Clinical Management of Rape** and a 5-day **Basic Emergency Management of Pregnancy workshop** both sponsored by CCM in Kapoeta.



Hon. Titus Lokwachuma donated 9 new mattresses to the Health Centre In-Patient Ward. A buffer stock of medicines was given to carry over until the MOH regular supply arrives. The entire health center was cleaned this month. ( right )

### PHCC Statistics for Oct/Nov.2022 (calculation)

Total Outpatient over 1,680 adults and children

Total Inpatient over 304 adults and children

Total Lab Tests over 1,350 mostly malaria

35 births in October and 9 in 1st three weeks of November

2 people were treated successfully for Kala Azar.

1 child died in birth. 1 adult died in In Patient

2 patients referred to Kapoeta. 1 was severe birth condition where the mother and child were at risk but are now fine.

There are many cases of asthma in the PHCC. We have discovered some students have epilepsy. There is no medicine to treat either disease.

A fifteen member delegation from the Ministry of Health arrived on 11.November for a **Supportive Supervision Visit**. Minister of Health for E. Equatoria State Hon. Loda Pascalino Romeo Woyakori, Director General Hon. Itien, County Health Director, Hon. Joseph Lotira, Health Pooled Fund Project Coordinator, Dr. Amin Gordiano Okwahi Tafeng along with Amref/CCM representatives spent the day at the Primary Health Center talking with staff and patients.

**Health Positive Outcomes:** In 2022, there have been 9 cases of TB reported to the PHCC. One of these has completed the treatment course and 8 others are still in the process.



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## St. John Paul II Nursery School

Classes have continued as usual with the following attendance:

Kuron: 14 Top Class;	20 Middle Class;	45 Baby Class ;	Total: 79 learners with 3 female teachers
Matara: 15 Top Class;	33 Middle Class;	107 Baby Class;	Total: 155 learners with 1 female and 2 male teachers

Exams were given to all the students.



**Left:** Primary School boys studying together.

**Right:** New Primary School New Scout Leaders.



## St. Thomas Primary School

The Primary School Scouts spent a day choosing their new leaders for the term. They finished with a celebration and swearing in of the new leaders.

Teachers are busy preparing schools exams for end of term. These will be administered end of Nov. into first week of Dec. AVSI presented a day for **Training of Teachers on Adult Education** for several instructors who will begin these classes next term.



**Left:** The induction of the Prefects was held at the school.

**Right:** Secondary Students studying for exams.

**Below Left:** New Secondary Classroom completed.



## St. Thomas Secondary School

Thanks to the People's Republic of China Embassy a new two-room classroom structure has been completed this month. **(left)**

The Girls Dormitory Extension is finished and has greatly reduced the over crowding for the girls.

The Kitchen and Dining structure has set the foundation and construction begins soon.

A **Field Study Tour** trip was held to Narus where the entire Secondary Student Body spent two weeks sharing, debating, studying, and playing sports games.

As of October there are 6 Teachers and 85 students in Secondary School. There are 23 female students. Senior 1 has 26 students in 2022.



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## *Roads & Infrastructure*

Two river crossings of the road were repaired and modified so that vehicles can pass more easily. ( above )

We continued to buy stones and sand for construction of buildings and road maintenance.



**Above:** Women collect Food-for-Work payments of sorghum at the Food Security Compound.



**Left:** Nurse Simon Thomas prepares a patient for an IV catheter.

**Right:** Nurse Sunday and Lab Tech, Albert check the supplies.



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