

We !Connect

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Note From The Director

I take this opportunity to unveil and welcome all of you to read this maiden edition of WeConnect, our fresh and new internal eNewsletter.

WeConnect becomes one of our internal communication tools which will be at the disposal of all staff to express themselves, learn from, get informed and enjoy entertainment.

The different sections of the publication accord you that golden opportunity to choose a column where you can explore your talent in writing as a contributor. The editorial team will be glad to continue receiving your great ideas and include them in the subsequent editions in the endeavours to enrich the content of WeConnect.

My sincere appreciation to the editorial team and contributors in this edition for doing a good job by presenting us with this product.

Let us celebrate this milestone as we look forward to the publishing of more editions in the coming months.

Enjoy reading as you get informed, educated, entertained and connected.

Karibuni sana!

Tilmann Straub,
Director.

WeTu's WeWater Saving Katito Lives

The Katito Borehole Water Project is funded by the European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovation program and implemented by WeTu in Kisumu county, Nyakach sub county, North Nyakach Division, Agoro West Location, West Agoro sub location West Agoro village.

The Katito Borehole project in Nyakach began as a result of community needs assessment carried out which exposed the lack of safe water crisis faced by the Katito community

The social economic problems associated with water shortage revealed through the survey were water related diseases, high workload and burden of water to women, poor hygiene from primary schools.

In Katito West Agoro village, however, WeTu a Social Enterprise has taken a step towards improving the quality of life for the residents by drilling a borehole, installing a water purification machine and digital water ATM machines where the community can access clean water at 0.12\$/ksh.15.

In a bid to ensure the water is safe we have contracted

Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency for water quality analysis which found the water to be saline and to contain high levels of unsafe minerals. It is this results that led to the installation of a water purification machine to eliminate the unsafe minerals, excess salt and ensure WeWater is safe for consumption.

Residents now have access to clean and safe drinking water. This has improved their health and well-being and saved them time and money initially spent on buying bottled water and fuel for boiling drinking water.

The water purification machine installation has had a positive impact on the local economy; WeWater project has improved the income capacity of farmers and the community's quality of life.

The availability of clean water has improved hygiene and sanitation to the community reducing the risk of waterborne diseases.

Our WeWater project in West Agoro village has been a game-changer for the community. It has improved access to clean and safe water and positively impacted the local economy. We are honored to be working towards achieving United Nations sustainable development goal 6

By Jane Oginga, Water Analyst



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16 operational
water ATM's
serving
communities
in Siaya,
Homabay,
Kisumu and
Migori counties

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Katito residents fetching water at the new ATM during the 2023 WeWater road show

“I've carried both, iron, and rocks, but nothing is heavier than debt. I discovered therefore that life comprises only of two days: Good days and Bad days. So when it is good for you, do not be reckless; and when it's bad for you, be wise.,because both days will expire.”

Fredrick Ochieng', hub staff



Newly branded ATM in Katito coming up soon



Magnet theaters entertaining onlookers at the 2023 Katito WeWater road show

Successfully carried out WeWater awareness road show in Katito on 24th February 2023

My Life with Wemis

I joined WeTu as a hub staff on 28th February, 2019 and got promoted on 1st April 2022 as a Hub Coordinator. My day is filled with several tasks ranging from ensuring there is adequate storage for all products, record keeping by ensuring all new products serial numbers and functionality status are documented and conducting quality control assessment on all products. I also oversee the warehouse operations which involves testing, repairing and dispatching lanterns to stations. We have ensured adequate storage for all products by acquiring more storage units to cater for the growing demand of our Niwa Lago600 Lanterns and WeTu Hunter fishing Lanterns. This is a milestone in our bid to provide affordable and clean energy to our communities.

Our operations have been streamlined by the Wemis software which is a cutting edge software. It has revolutionized the way we report and manage lantern information. The Wemis software makes lantern information easily accessible through a user-friendly application which makes reporting process easy and reduces workload burden

One of the most remarkable features of the Wemis software is that reports are downloadable, which makes sharing information from the application easy. Furthermore, every person has been assigned rights to the application, ensuring they access only relevant information reducing the data garbage crisis.

Wemis has made it easier for us to monitor data from various stations. We are able to keep track of all lantern information under one simple to use application, which has improved our efficiency.



If you can't be a bridge WeMobility to connect people, then don't be a wall to separate them. If u can't be a light we power to brighten people's good deeds then don't be darkness covering their efforts. If u can't be WeWater to help people's crops sprout, then don't be a pest destroying their crops ,"
Fredrick Ochieng' , hub staff

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We intend to acquire 4000 pieces of new WeTu hunter lamps by mid-2023 to boost sales and meet market demands. New lamps will have additional hardware and software security.

We are planning to have a low cost satellite hub in Uhanya to enable us operate 100% on solar energy and introduce weather service to community. We plan to buy or lease land for this project

We are aiming to extend our services and operations to Mihuru beach for wider coverage of Migori County Cell testing is going on in HomaBay in preparation for building battery packs for our lantern in collaboration with external partners

This month on get to know our staff we feature Doreen Ogot.

Doreen is our hub operator based in Mbita who joined WeTu in January 2023. She describes herself as self driven. Working with WeTu has enabled her socialize with WeTu's customers. She has experienced both sides of being WeTu's social media follower, customer and now employee. She loves watching movies, playing ball games and making friends. She looks forward to growing with WeTu and is glad to be part of the team

World Water Day: 22/3/2023

As we celebrated this day we were honoured to be in the frontline working towards achieving SDG 6 by providing clean and safe water to the communities we serve as we accelerate change to solve the water and sanitation crisis.

“Intentionality begets results,”

Sharon Awuor Otieno

**“Never mistake
knowledge for wisdom.
One helps you make a
living; the other helps
you make a life,”**

Sandra Carey

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