

**ENHANCING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND ADEQUATE SANITATION IN TESO NORTH SCHOOLS,
KENYA**

FINAL REPORT



ST. MARY'S OSAJAI PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUDGET: Euro 10.000,00€

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Introduction:

In 2017, COGICHIS – Concerns for the Girl Child Society developed a proposal in collaboration with SOLWODI Deutschland e.V with an aim of improving the learning environment and quality of life, due to access to clean water and adequate sanitation at St. Mary's Osajai Primary School in Teso North. The objectives of the project were:

- 1.** To facilitate access to clean water at St Mary's Osajai Primary School in Amagoro division Teso North Sub County in Busia County by supporting Installation of a water recovery system in the school.
- 2.** To enhance access to adequate sanitation in St. Mary's Osajai Primary School by supporting construction of 2 toilets, 1 wash room and 1 urinal for girls and
- 3.** To empower St. Mary's Osajai community on sustainable livelihood and capacity building. The primary beneficiaries of the project are pupils and teachers of St. Mary's Osajai Primary School and the secondary beneficiaries are the parents and community members. This final report highlights what has been accomplished, challenges encountered during implementation of the project and the lessons learnt.

Summary of achievement:

Objective 1: Facilitate access to clean water at St. Mary's Osajai Primary School in Teso North, Busia County by supporting the construction of a rain water recovery system.

In order to achieve the above objective, various activities were carried out and this entailed consultations with key stakeholders, organizing for stakeholders meeting, formation of a water and sanitation committee at Osajai, carrying out committee meetings etc. All these contributed to stakeholder's sensitization which led to community participation in the project at all levels. Together with the stakeholders, key decisions were reached and a total of 4 tanks, each with a capacity 10,000 litres were installed at the school. The school is now able to harvest 40,000 litres of clean drinking water during the rainy seasons. The school agreed on 2 tanks for the school and 2 for the community. A fee of 3ksh per 20 litres bucket was agreed. The amount collected will be used for maintenance of the tanks.

Objective 2: Enhance access to adequate sanitation St. Mary's Osajai Primary School in Teso North , Busia County by supporting construction of 2 toilets, 1 wash room and 1 urinal for girls.

COGICHIS constructed 2 toilets, 1 bathroom and 1 urinal at St. Mary's Osajai primary School as per the project plan. Due to the nature of the soil in the area, after evacuation of the pit latrine, construction started from inside the pit to avoid sinking of the walls after construction. The completion of the sanitary block has brought a lot of relief to the girls who have been lining up to use 1 toilet in the school. The urinal has brought more relief as it can be used by more than one girl at a go. Therefore the facility has reduced time wastage by girls lining up during lesson and break time to use the toilets. Girls who have been missing school during their menses will now be able to come to school because of the availability of the bathroom and water for bathing, washing etc. A

total of 558 sanitary towels were provided for the needy girls in the school. COGICHIS staff demonstrated the use of the sanitary towels, decomposition of used towels and hygiene matters.

Objective 3: Empower Osajai community in Teso North, Busia County on sustainable livelihood and capacity building.

Communication is power. During the implementation period of the project, a number of meetings were held and in all these meetings, a lot of information was provided to the community. This started with consultative meetings attended by 12 school management committee members, stakeholders meeting attended by 45 people and the regular planning meetings which were held by the 13 nominated committee members on regular basis. The committee members were sensitized on how to manage the WASH Project maintenance of tanks and sanitary block among others. They have the responsibility of overseeing the project and providing information to COGICHIS.

St. Mary's Osajai photos



Stakeholders meeting at St. Mary's Osajai Primary School



A participant presenting during plenary session



Inside view of the Sanitary Block, Consists of 2 latrines, 1 bathroom and 1 urinal for girls.



Inside view of a pit latrine



Inside view of the urinal



Committee members viewing the finished sanitary block.



Side view of the sanitary block



2 Tanks installed at the back of the classrooms



1 Tank installed for use at the sanitary block



1 tank installed at the side of the classrooms with a tap inform for drawing water