

2. Kanam Water Project, Kenya

- Local partner: Armstrong Women Empowerment Centre (AWEC) (#251)
Started in 2016 in Kisumu County, committed to finding sustainable ways of empowering marginalized and vulnerable adolescents, young people, teenage mothers, and adult women in Nyando sub-County
- Project budget: \$1,986 (JWF Fund: \$1,500, implementing organization \$300, beneficiaries: \$186)
- Number of Beneficiaries: 2,800 (600 men, 1,000 women, 1,200 children)
- Background:
Because the only reliable source of water is 10km away, the villagers typically use makeshift wells dug with hoes, leading to frequent shortages. The unreliability of these water sources often forces villagers to make multiple trips or wait for water levels to replenish. This is time-consuming for schoolchildren and adults who need to engage in economic activities. Additionally, the quality of water obtained from these makeshift wells is often poor, causing water-related diseases. Addressing the water access issue is crucial to the development of the village.



Fetching water from a drying water pan



People are traveling to fetch water from the community's water pan.



Local women washing clothes by the community water pan

- Details of the project:
 - Constructing a water stall, a 10,000-litre water storage tank, and a solar pump set on the existing borehole well
 - Providing training for community members on maintenance and management of the water infrastructure
 - Educating villagers on safe water practices and hygiene