



OASIS OF PEACE AND LOVE

HOLY TRINITY PEACE VILLAGE KURON

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Editorial Message

As the world continue to save the world by providing life saving aid to millions of people to fight the pandemic, we in Kuron are not exceptional but we continue to move on by giving service to the community we serve. This pave a way for the newly appointed governor of Eastern Equatoria state to visit the area as soon as he was appointed.

The heavy rain from the month of July to date have destroyed most crops of the community planted during the long dry spell from March to June. Therefore as they plant new crops, we anticipate that there will be starvation in the next three months to come. The road users also suffer heavily by spending nights and days on the 350 km between Kuron - Narus - Kapoeta road. Though we have been repairing the road for the last five years, there is need for continuous maintenance.

Our appreciation and thanks to all our partners in development and donors who amidst the challenges of the Pandemic continue to give a helping hand, to the staff for your tolerance and moving on, to the community for your serenity and to God the Almighty His protection and guidance.

The Peace department visits the kraals and held meetings with the pastoralists. The people in the kraals need more frequent peace sensitization meetings in order to make the message to reach to the youth of different kraals. Meetings in the kraals is in preparations for joint reconciliation meetings with neighbouring communities of Jie, Kachipo and Murle, which will be organized when the corona virus has reduced since it involves people from other states.

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Amidst Epidemic, Epidemic, Pandemic or War. Peace Deserves A chance

Two meetings carried out in the Kraals.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER



Since the learners are few, they are able to produce items like tables, ox-carts and lay cement bricks for construction. VTC continue with learning in (a) carpentry and joinery (b) metal work and fabrications and Bricks laying and concrete practices.

LIVELIHOOD

For time immemorial the pastoralists around Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron have been using traditional method of farming. The women plays the greatest role in the family, from provision of food to the construction of mud huts. For tilling the land, they use the traditional hoe (Emelek) which could not do much. The introduction of the ox-plough picked up very well and the women are happy that now they will have plenty of food for the family and where possible will sell some for other provisions.

Ms Adele Nakwar one of the beneficiaries was very happy and proud saying that with the plough she will have enough food on the table. She continue by saying that after digging her garden, she will dig for others and she will be paid by goats. She urge the youth to make use of the donkey-plough to earn money which can be used to buy cows instead of raiding where lives are lost. Thanks to Caritas Austria for supporting this Project.



The beneficiaries of the animal traction happily receive ploughs and the carts for transporting their produce. Some of them brought in their produce (Bananas) to show that adoption of new crops and agriculture has improved their lives.

THE ROAD

Holy Trinity is the only active Institution based in Kapoeta East county and between Boma State. One of the challenges is the road trips from Boma - Kuron - Narus - Kapoeta. Though we have been maintaining the road for the last twenty years with support from donors and partners, there is need for continuous maintenance. The road is accessible during the dry season but becomes a challenge during the rainy season. Other Organisations use the road to deliver services like food and medicine to the communities in the area but the Peace Village is struggles to maintain the road e.g. filling the potholes and building of earth bridges with gabions within the Kuron catchments. Therefore other areas outside our catchment remains the biggest challenge as shown below. We urge the rest of the Institutions to join hands with Kuron to repair the road which is outside the Kuron catchments.



The road at Morukop and Lokurwa river



The staff of Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron continues with work on damaged areas.

There was extraordinary flood which destroyed most parts of the road especially along the streams which have been constructed with earth bridge and gabions, therefore continuous maintenance is required.

KURON PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE

The centre continue with basic quality health care services to children and adult and pregnant mothers through continuous health education, curative treatment and offering aseptic delivery procedures to expecting mothers at the facility. Patients are attended to by a Clinical officer and where necessary tests are carried out before being dispensed .



Women waiting for their turn up for antenatal follow up



The lab technician taking blood for specimens



A dispenser translating the prescribed medicine and issue medicine to out patients

The community come to the Health Centre willingly and do not now rely on traditional medication.

Kuron Primary Health Centre being the only health service provider in an area of 80 square kilometres, people move for days to reach the service centre. Others are brought on donkeys and other trails the distance under the hot sun for days. Though death on the way not recorded, but severity of sickness is common with far travellers, for with the situation of the distance, it can't be ruled out that others ends up on the way. The health centre needs a major maintenance, therefore we are seeking a

good Samaritan to come to our aid.



← In patients receiving prescribed treatments by the nurse on duty in

The handing over of the first two classrooms with an office and a two stance toilet by UNMISS and the Ministry of Education from the former Kapoeta State to Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron on the 27/08/2020.



Raising of the flag as the UNMISS team, the director of Education and Board members look on.



Handing over of the Keys by UNMISS to the director of education who later hands to the board chairman of the board as other members of board look on.

The Communities, the Ministry of Education, the members of the Board and the UNMISS who Donated this first building for St. Thomas Secondary School, implored God's blessings on the Founder of HTPV Kuron, that God keeps him until this small master seed of St. Thomas Secondary School gives birth to a University in Kuron for pastoralist children and beyond.

Holy Trinity Peace Village administration expressed their gratitude for the construction of the classroom block and toilet facility for the proposed St. Thomas Secondary School Kuron. This is the first Secondary School ever to be built in Kuron area. It is indeed a remarkable contribution to education sector and will go a long way in supporting the community of Kapoeta East and the neighbouring states in order for their children to have access to secondary education.

The administration specifically acknowledged the professionalism shown by UNMISS project team, which ensured successful completion of the project. The support is exceptional to Holy Trinity Peace Village and the Kuron community; as it helps to further our mission of making formal education accessible and acceptable for the girls, boys and adults in this community.

Based on the achievements of this project, the management and Board of Holy Trinity Peace Village requests UNMISS to consider continuing its prolific cooperation in completing the construction to a full secondary school. UNMISS will be remembered in the history of Kuron for its exceptional contributions towards education as a way of improving living standards among children and the communities.

A SUCCESS STORY

MY LIFE AND THE PEACE VILLAGE - KURON



Just like any other young boy coming from the pastoral community of the Toposa, the life expected in a youth is always growing up to take care of the cattle until the adolescence stage. When reaching that stage, you are expected to man up and carry a rifle and go on deadly expedition of cattle raiding. This is an incidence whereby you may raid the cattle of the nearby community by killing the shepherds and driving away their cattle or be killed.

My story is different from that. Sometimes I am puzzled with the kind of miracle that happened to me. I am from a humble family background. My parents have never received a formal education though my father was a catechist and we are ten siblings and I am the only child who went to school.

I studied my primary education in a missionary school managed by the Saint Patrick's missionaries. Thereafter I joined high school in Turkana, Kenya Supported by the same missionaries. After my high school, I got a job at Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron to work in the Peace department because of my knowledge in the native language. Although I loved what I was doing, I had the urge to continue with studies and be professional, but the obstacle was the funding. With the help of the Peace Village administration, the founder and some donors, I enrolled for a three years Bachelor Degree in Peace Building and Development Studies at the Protestant University of Rwanda in October 2017 .

My aim was to work hard and attain the best grades, not only to appreciate the founder, but also to make sure I represent positively the Kauto Community. As I write we are only three University graduates in the whole of Kauto community that has a population of about a million people. After working so hard in my studies, I got a scholarship to study in Duale Hochschule Baden Wurtemberg in Germany for a semester. I completed it successfully and came back to the Peace Village in August 2020 to ensure that I give back the knowledge to my people the community in Kauto. I aspire that my community will be uplifted from their current status.

I give my gratitude and appreciation to Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron, the donors, the staff and to all who made my studies successful not forgetting my parents who gave me chance to study.

The presence of the Peace Village in Kuron is a blessing not only to me but to the Toposa community in Kauto, the neighboring communities of the Nyangatom, Jie, Murle and the Kachipo which the organization is working hard to uplift. I would want to say that my life will never be the same again and this is because of the Holy Trinity Peace Village, Kuron.

I have given my whole self to ensure that the Vision and the dreams of the founder is realized.

God bless you all.

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