

JULY 2022



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## ACTION2DAY

### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- **\$10,000** raised for the women artisans of Tharaka-Nithi through Baskets of Hope.
- **1200+ people** fed with a Christmas meal.
- **200 chickens** bought and henhouse built for St. Clement School in Nairobi.
- **20 organic farming structures** financed at St. Clement.
- **30 goats** donated to the Women's Empowerment Project.
- **3 students** sponsored through the school year.

### DEAR FRIENDS,

As the saying goes, 'great oaks from little acorns grow.' We started Action2Day a year ago, inspired by a vision of sustainability, financial independence, and community development in rural Kenya.

A year later, this vision has brought several new developments: we've welcomed new volunteers, helped build organic farming structures at a local school, and expanded our vision from Nairobi to Tharaka-Nithi County in northern Kenya. I'm excited to bear witness to Action2Day's growth, just as I am excited to share that our progress so far is just the beginning.

Thank you for being part of our story this past year. I hope you'll continue to follow each step of our journey in Kenya, and celebrate Action2Day's victories - big and small - with us along the way.

Warm regards,

Veronica Pintilie  
Founder, [Action2Day.org](https://Action2Day.org)

# WHAT'S NEW: OUR LATEST PROJECTS

## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Last year, more than 1,000 uniquely colorful baskets were handwoven by the women of Tharaka-Nithi. The women saw a return of \$10,000! The community also received 30 goats, rice, oil and school supplies. In December 2021, a Christmas meal was offered to about 200 people in the area.

We continue to encourage school attendance by tackling what is commonly known as "period poverty," and provide the young ladies of St. Clement's School with sanitary pads on a monthly basis.

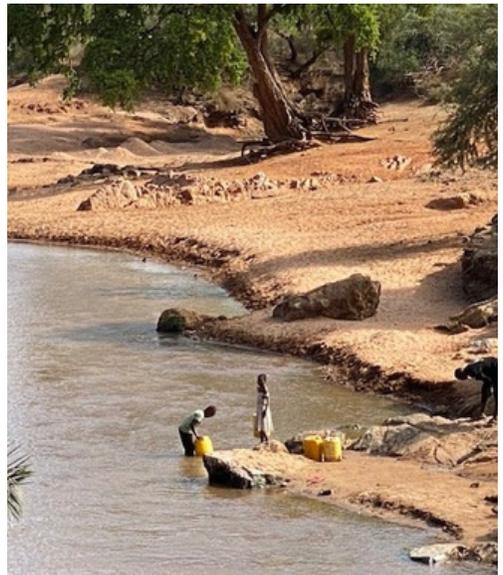


An artisan from Tharaka-Nithi shows her handcrafted Basket of Hope. Last year, these baskets were sold in Europe and the US.

## WATER ACCESS

Agriculture is a way of life for the people across four villages from Tharaka-Nithi County, but their livelihoods, food security, and water access are threatened by the dry seasons and low rainfall of the region.

People are forced to spend about 4 hours a day hauling water from the nearest river 4 km away. Drilling a well, at an estimated cost of \$18,000, would ease this burden. The "Baskets of Hope" project is designed to raise money for a borehole. So far, we've raised around \$10,000.



The river is drained twice a year and supports the local ecosystem.

## FOOD SECURITY

Our volunteers partnered with students and staff at St. Clement School to build 20 organic farming structures.

Last February, we sponsored all students' meals at a cost of \$3,000. We also bought a henhouse and 200 chickens.



Students and Action2Day volunteers planted kale, spinach, beetroot, and 10 passionfruit trees.

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## EDUCATION

David and Waretu aren't your typical secondary school students. They are two young men from Malindi, Kenya who hoped to go back to school but couldn't afford the tuition. Instead of enrolling in classes that could have potentially led to higher-paying work, they were forced to find small jobs to keep afloat and survive.

Action2Day covered their school expenses and accommodation for 8 months this past year. With the support of our donors, David and Waretu have now passed their first year in secondary school.

Our third beneficiary, Nelly, recently lost both parents. Thanks to Bishop Neofitos of the Orthodox Church of Kenya, she was accepted at a boarding school in Nijeri. We were able to secure funding for her first year of boarding school.



Students from St. Clement School in Nairobi.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



We are very grateful to our partners, donors, and community leaders for helping us address education gaps, water scarcity, and food insecurity in Tharaka-Nithi and Nairobi. Your continuous support this past year made all the difference.

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