

Annual Report 2013

Celebrating our achievements in 2013:

- EMAYO finished the new water tanks funded by Help Every Day.
- Volunteer Brent Liddle finished his conceptual design report for the World Elephant Centre project. It is posted on our website.
- We contributed funds with the help of individual donors to support emergency food distribution in the Mkanga area following 3 years of drought.
- The Foundation for Civil Society agreed to fund our new project - Promoting Environmental Conservation and Cooperation (PECC).
- Volunteer James Banks produced a short fundraising video for our Kihembe centre.
- The PAPER team meets in Canada to discuss strategies for wrapping up the project.
- PALISEP celebrates the successful transfer of responsibility for their community forest from central government to the local Forest Trust.
- Accountability in Tanzania [AcT] fund ICAAD - a disability initiative promoting community awareness and empowerment in four districts.

A message from Bruce Downie, President: 2013 in review

Another busy and productive year has passed and the Kesho Trust continues to be very active in a variety of issues and communities. Our program in Tanzania has been extremely active while our Canadian activities are currently more developmental. We continue to follow the concepts we



Photo: E. Ole Kileli

developed in our Nature Child Reunion initiative through working with youth especially with efforts to develop our environmental learning centre in Tanzania and to build a international exchange link with youth in Canada. Such efforts will take time but we are enthusiastic about the potential.

The Tanzania projects have been very rewarding and very successful and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to our dedicated staff – Davis Lumala, Hamidah Mzoa and Peter Millanga – who have typically gone above and beyond to make the work as successful as it has been. They have dedicated much time to overcome obstacles of working with

sometimes difficult and demanding donors and also at long distances from advisors and other support. Thank you very much Davis, Hamidah and Peter for all your efforts!

I hope you will have a look through this annual report and see all the good things that have been happening and at the same time be thinking of ways that you can support the work that is ongoing. We very much appreciate all the continued strong support we have from many here in Canada both in terms of your energy and actions as well as financially. Thank you so much. May your help in 2014 bring even more progress and achievements within our program.

Our Strategic Directions

Vision

A world where healthy, strong communities live in harmony with their environment and are instrumental in ensuring that the protected areas and conservation lands they live alongside are thriving and achieving the objectives for which they were established.

Mission

To facilitate and support community led activities that foster positive relationships between local communities and the conservation of their protected areas. We work with community organizations and individuals to facilitate and enhance their capacity to achieve long term sustainability of community based conservation and development initiatives.

Goals

- To preserve the natural environment in and around protected areas;
- To strengthen communities and build the capacity of community-based organizations by supporting them to identify and carry out local initiatives which sustain and benefit from environmental conservation.

Strategic Aims

In order to achieve our vision of a world where healthy, strong communities live in harmony with their environment, the Kesho Trust will:

- Promote and facilitate positive community development activity that is

compatible with conservation and which allows communities to benefit more fully and directly from their position as neighbours to important conservation lands.

- Form partnerships with local community organizations who share our values and goals and help them find appropriate development strategies, mechanisms and learn the skills needed to improve their lives.
- Promote a belief in the value of community based environmental conservation and help build stronger and mutually beneficial relationships between protected areas and local communities.

Highlights of 2013

Partnership Happenings

We have enjoyed our growing partner relationships during the course of the year and have celebrated along with our partners in the successes and achievements that have been accomplished. Here are some of the highlights from the year.

Saving Africa's Nature (SANA)

SANA is our partner in the development of the Kihembe Environmental Learning Centre. This initiative is linked with Saadani National Park and is intended to serve the communities surrounding the park as well as park visitors. This year the site has been surveyed and the land officially designated for the purposes of developing the learning centre. The village of Mkange, on whose land the centre is located, has been very supportive and are keen to be partners in initiative. We have met several times to discuss the plans and lay the groundwork for construction. Our relationship with the village is growing strong and we will be supporting a traditional community event celebrating the commitment of the land in 2014. We were also able to support an emergency food distribution program in Mkange Ward this year as crops have failed in the area for a number of years running and conditions were exceedingly difficult.



Ereto Maasai Youth (EMAYO)

EMAYO continues to work hard on very pressing community issues especially land rights related to conflict with neighbouring villages and on education. The Kesho Trust continues, through its supporters, to assist in a school food program in Elerai and the support of a number of girls in secondary education. These are long term commitments and we encourage more people to get involved and support these activities. It is especially important in years such as this since like the Mkange area drought has hit Elerai hard and people are struggling. Some very good news out of Elerai this year was the university graduation of their chairperson, Emmanuel Ole Kileli. His commitment to his own education as well as the growth and work of EMAYO has been exemplary and we offer our sincerest congratulations on his success.



Pastoralist Livelihoods Support and Empowerment Programme (PALISEP)

This year we have actively pursued funding support to work with our partner PALISEP on issues related to environmental sustainability and economic development in this Maasai community on the border with Kenya. Plans are in place to be more actively engaged with PALISEP in 2014 and we are hopeful that some funding support through partnerships we have with Canadian universities will bear fruit. PALISEP also celebrated a very major success this year in being granted community ownership over their community forest for the conservation and development according to the relationship of the forest to their cultural traditions. This is a major decision that has been ten years in the making and is the first such decision in Tanzania. Congratulations to all the members of PALISEP and the community of Enguserosambu who contributed to this process!



Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)

We have been in discussions with Sokoine University of Agriculture [SUA] in the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between our organizations and we are in the final signing stage. Our link is specifically with the Department of Wildlife Management and we are looking forward to advancing our cooperation in areas of research and development related to our work especially in the Saadani area and elsewhere around Tanzania.

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Project Updates

We have had the support of both local and international donors for our work in Tanzania and appreciated their commitment to our program objectives. Some of our project work is nearing completion while other projects have just started. Highlighted below is the status of all of our projects for 2013.

Promoting Environmental Conservation and Cooperation (PECC)

Promoting Environmental Conservation and Cooperation [PECC] is our new 2 year project in the Saadani area made possible through the support of the Tanzania Foundation for Civil Society. The project goal is to bring greater accountability, responsibility and cooperation into the relationships between the park management agency [TANAPA] and the surrounding communities. We will work with 6 communities adjacent to the park.

The project focuses on three elements of change: better understanding of the relationship of conservation to community development and livelihood improvement; better appreciation of the role of communities in conservation and their potential participation in policy and management decisions; and better appreciation of and access to benefits from conservation by people in communities adjacent to parks.

The broadly based community engagement led by committees established in each of six communities that is planned within this project will increase the level of awareness about



conservation and its benefits. The facilitated engagement of both community committees and TANAPA staff will also bring about a greater understanding and recognition of the responsibilities of both groups in effectively managing resources within the park region for the benefit of all.

We hired Peter Millanga as the Project Officer for this project and are pleased to welcome Peter to Kesho Trust.

Improving Community Awareness and Advocacy on Disability (ICAAD)



A previous pilot project aimed to develop the capacity of organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) and their members to become more effective community action groups at district and ward level. KT (Tz) staff supported DPOs in four districts Moshi, Hai, Morogoro and Kilombero to carry out a variety of different activities, including action research and community awareness raising, which resulted in an increased appreciation by community members and local leaders of the need to include persons with disabilities in their actions.

Building on the success of the pilot, we worked with DPOs at national and district level and developed a follow on project called 'Improving Community Awareness and Advocacy on Disability' (ICAAD) to enable the work to continue and expand. This project was funded in 2013 by the Accountability in Tanzania Program (ACT).

Through awareness raising activities (like talks with community groups, radio messages and positive news stories) and action research, local groups of persons with disabilities were supported to highlight the barriers they face and to work in partnership with decision-makers and communities to have them reduced. In this way, people with disabilities will come to be regarded as essential contributors to all community development activities and will no longer have to rely on charity.

Kesho Trust (Tz) is committed to using the experience from ICAAD to inform all its project activities. The relationships we have established with DPOs at national and regional level will help us to make connections to people with disabilities in these areas, but as we expand ICAAD we hope to connect more of our current partners and communities to this network. This will mean that in the future, we will be able to include groups of persons with disabilities in our conservation work, enriching and expanding everyone's experiences.

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More Project Updates

Protected Areas and Poverty Reduction Research and Learning Alliance (PAPR)

Our PAPR initiative carried out in collaboration with a large number of partners in Canada and Ghana is scheduled to wrap up in 2014. This year has focused on consolidating the research effort from throughout the project and beginning to develop publications and other communications mechanisms for dissemination of the results of the program.

Some significant activities happened this year in preparation for that including a major gathering at the Congress with representatives from our participating partners in Canada, Ghana and Tanzania. A special session was organized within the Environmental Education program and students and faculty participating in the PAPR presented their results. There was a summary panel involving PAPR participants and advisory committee members which was chaired by our

project officer from IDRC, David O'Brien. Following the Congress the PAPR team convened for a workshop in Tofino to review in detail the progress in the project and to plan the final stages.

Later in the year students within the program who have been undertaking their PhD's focused on research within the PAPR graduated from the university of Victoria. Two Tanzanian's, Alex Kasingo and Enoch Makupa, have now completed their degrees and one more, Masuruli Baker, is still to graduate.

In the preparations for the close of the project, Bruce Downie and Leslie King [KT Directors] are actively involved in the development of a book intended to compile many of the results from the program.



PAPR participants at the workshop in Tofino, Canada

Photo: B. Downie

Final Reporting

World Elephant Centre Progress



Volunteer Brent Liddle completed a key conceptual design document for the World Elephant Centre, finalizing the field work he completed in 2012.

Elerai Water Project - Help Every Day



EMAYO's small water project in Elerai supported by Help Every Day wrapped up and a final report was prepared and posted on our website.

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Financial Report

The Kesho Trust was incorporated as a society in 2005 in British Columbia, Canada and was registered as an International NGO in Tanzania in 2006.

As in the past our projects are only successful because of the individual donors that have provided their support. At the core of our projects of course are the organizational donors who are crucial in the momentum of the projects. This year we appreciated the important support for our project activities from SSHRC, IDRC, CIDA and Help Every Day.

It is important to acknowledge the work of the board and our advisors along with some very dedicated volunteers who really make the workings of our organization a success. They are the strength behind the activities you see reported here and devote hours of their time and financial support to make our work a reality and maintain the partnerships we have with local communities and other organizations.

Thank you!

The Kesho Trust appreciates the interest and support that we have received from individuals and organizations during the year. Our thanks go to:

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Summary of Financial Statements
Fiscal year 2012 / 2013

Consolidated Balance Sheet		
	2013	2012
Assets		
Current assets	\$87,912	\$14,359
Investments [trust fund]	\$5,152	\$5,195
Accounts receivable	\$182	\$4,004
Total assets	\$93,346	\$23,558
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$2,564	\$3,277
Long term debts	\$0	\$0
Total liabilities	\$2,564	\$3,277
Consolidated Statement of Operations		
	2013	2012
Revenue		
Donations	\$15,111	\$23,954
Grants	\$266,251	\$131,870
Other income	\$681	\$156
Total revenue	\$282,043	\$155,980
Expenses		
Program delivery	\$193,500	\$166,866
Administration	\$15,525	\$15,658
Total operating expenses	\$209,025	\$182,524
Excess of revenues over expenditures for the year	\$73,018	\$(26,544)

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