

KSM REPORT

As a result of the visit by Dr. Korich and Prof. Tony Saunder to Kenya in January 2009

PROJECT: Kamwosor water wind mill

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Korich, Prof . Tony Saunder and the area MP visited the windmill site on the 5th Jan 2009. KSM took upon itself to ensure that the wind mill is repaired and be able to supply water to the township to ease labor put on women and children by ferrying water.

BACKGRUND INFORMATION

The present wind mill was installed by the then permanent secretary Mr. Donald Kimutai in 1989 to replace an old one which was installed by the Sirikwa county council before independence. The wind mill stalled in the year 1992 and has never been used to date. The people then opted to other alternative ways to supply water to the town such as:-

1. Use of donkeys
2. Human portorage
3. use of tankers
4. use of bicycles.
5. Rain water collection from roofs.

Ever since, water has been a very expensive commodity in the township. Reliable sources put it that a man operating five donkey carts earns Kshs 2000 per day. This translate to Kshs 60,000 per month. A good business! This among other factors led to the reluctance to repairing the windmill.

KEYYO SOY MINISTRY'S INTERVENTION

In a seminar on the 6th Jan 2009 for leaders from six locations of Keiyo District on water (dams)/ environmental protection at AIC Cheptebo conference center, Dr. Korich requested Mr. Yego to visit Kamwosor and to revive the windmill and ensure that it is restored to its initial function of supplying water to the township.

THE FIRST VISIT

On the 28th Jan 2009, the District water engineer and I visited the Kamwosor windmill site and found that:-

1. The community had formed a water committee through election process with the following bearing the offices:-

CHAIRMAN --- EDWARD KORIR
VICE-CHAIRMAN --- PHILIP KIMETTO
SECRETARY --- WILLIAM CHERONO

TREASURER --- WILLIAM CHEBON

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Samwel Cheruiyot
2. Joyce Tigogo
3. Ismael Chesang
4. Daniel Kiprof
5. Stephen Rutto
6. James Kibos

EX-OFFICIAL members

1. Ismael Kutol – Area chief
2. Jonah – Kimase – Area councilor
3. Jeremiah Chebii – sub chief

2. At a glance, I saw that the pump rod and the plunger was disconnected and instructed the committee to remove the pump for proper diagnosis of the actual problem to enable us come up with a lasting solution once and for all. This was to be done before the 9th of February 2009 when we were to make a second trip to the site.

3. The District water engineer promised to contribute to the repair of the pump, renewal of the fence by use of angle bars instead of wooden posts which rot and use of chain link to keep off animals and other intruders into the spring area.

4. The water engineer also offered a new 3 inch G.I pipe to replace the old one which had rusted and bent. He also offered transport to and fro to ferry materials and the KSM engineer to the site. He had earlier played a key role in the formation of the water committee.

NOTE:

The visit by Dr. Korich, Prof. Saunder and the area MP motivated the community to accept and participate in the restoration of the wind mill to supply water again to the township