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**UNBEATEN- Kakuma United FC BREAKS Football Kenya Federation RECORD!**



# Fact Sheet

1. LWF retains Partnership to run UNHCR programs in Kakuma Refugee Camp for the next 4 years.
2. 5,842 pupils sit for the 2018 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education in schools managed by LWF across Kakuma and Kalobeyei.



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# THE UNBEATEN KAKUMA UNITED FC

Kakuma United FC was formed in early 2018 at the heart of Kakuma Refugee Camp. The team brings together the crème de la crème of the football talent selected from the Kakuma Premier League and is perceived to be the “face” of football in Kakuma. **Inclusion** and **Participation** being one of LWF’s Core Values, Kakuma United FC brings together diverse young talented players from 20 different nationalities both from the refugee and host community i.e. Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Congo, Somali, Sudan and Burundi among others.



Sponsored by **UNHCR**, the team was enlisted to play in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) run National Division 2 League – Western zone 2018 that has just come to an end. The team made history by breaking FKF’s record to emerge the 1<sup>st</sup> team in the league to finish unbeaten having played 20 matches: won 17 and drew 3.

The most compelling element is that the team played 17 matches away from home and only 3 matches at home (in Kakuma) and still emerged victorious amid the challenges of travelling long distances of up to over 400 kms. In some instances over bad roads and playing in rain soaked pitches in the months of March - June at the height of the long torrential rains.

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Sports in Kakuma is managed by the Kakuma Sports Association (KSA), which is a community based association run by volunteers and was initiated by LWF in 1992 at the inception of Kakuma Refugee Camp. It has transcended the general objectives of mentoring, equipping and empowering the youth of Kakuma through sports. KSA is at the forefront towards realizing the mission and vision of empowering young people to actualize their dreams amid adversity and achieve better livelihoods and better lives based on their capabilities and not vulnerabilities.

LWF seeks durable solutions particularly for refugees in the camp and shares the dream of many young players - to play for the greatest clubs not only in Kenya but the world.





## TABAN'S READING PASSION.



Meet Otito Taban, a 10 year old boy from Sudan who arrived in Kakuma Refugee Camp in the year 2016. Taban is a separated minor living with his uncle Mr. Denis Olo in Kakuma-1, who also lives with 8 other fostered children in the same house. Taban is in class 2B at Fashoda Primary School located in Jabel Mara Zone in Kakuma-1, one of the schools managed by LWF; the lead implementing agency in education for the UNHCR.

TUSOME being a program funded by UNICEF and implemented by RTI in collaboration with LWF looks into improving literacy skills in early grades in both English and Kiswahili. This is achieved by provision of instructional support to teachers through classroom observation and support, trainings and provision of TUSOME materials to teachers and learners.

TUSOME is a success and has managed to provide text books to pupils in the ratio of 1:1. Reading fluencies, writing skills and comprehension have significantly improved in grades 1, 2 and 3 which has also led to an increment in enrolment and significantly curbed absenteeism in these grades.

Ms. Kimono, Taban's class teacher states that when the program started she discovered Taban would always remain behind with the books even after the lesson was over, school hours and that during the lessons he always wanted to be the first to read out loud. She went ahead and highlighted there was great improvement in Taban's reading ability ever since the inception of the TUSOME program, and that he emerged number 1 from a class of 57 learners.

With no books of his own at home, Taban reads the bible out loud every night to his family and that is how his fluency in English came about, that then translated to his excellent academic performance in school.

Taban's uncle greatly supports the program that sensitizes on literacy and reading skills not only in schools but both the host and refugee community encouraging learners to take advantage of the **TUSOME program**.

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Taban's passion is reading and during his free time he teaches other children in his neighborhood to read and encourages them to enroll in school because education is the key to success. Taban's dream is to one day become a teacher so that he too, can impact change in the community and help the less privileged children in society.





# Pictures Speak; Events Of The Month!



[BPRM Project Launch 2018]



[BPRM Mission Photo]



[Kakuma United FC Luncheon]



[Lokirima Peace Celebration]



[Child Protection Training]



[Printer Donation from ELCA]



# LOKIRIAMA PEACE ACCORD CELEBRATIONS 2018

The Lokirama Peace Accord is a peace treaty between the Turkana people of Kenya and the Matheniko of Uganda signed in December 1973 as a commitment by both communities to peacefully co-exist. The accord derives its name from Lokirama, a remote town in Turkana County, North Western Kenya that is inhabited by the Turkana. A symbolic monument for this accord is situated at Lokirama on the Kenya – Uganda border. It is believed that elders from both Turkana and Matheniko buried instruments of conflict, guns, spears, knives, honey, milk and traditional brew in a pit over which the monument was constructed. In addition, vulture’s feathers were buried as it is believed by the two communities that they are connected to the omen of war, floods, famine and raids.



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Celebrations to commemorate the accord were done on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Lokirama. In attendance were government dignitaries including; Turkana County Governor, H.E. Josephat Nanok, MPs from Turkana West, Turkana Central and Loima constituencies and government officials from Uganda and South Sudan. Their collective presence at the event sent out a strong message towards affirming and upholding of the peace accord.

Apart from the Turkana and Matheniko communities, the commemoration brings together the Ateger Cluster, which comprises of diverse communities from the Eastern Africa regions i.e the Karamojong and Jie of Uganda, the Toposa of South - Sudan and the Nyang’atom of Ethiopia.



**Middle. [H.E. Josephat Nanok - Governor Turkana County]**

Leaders from Ateger Cluster made resolutions to affirm the provisions of the Lokirama Peace Accord and of other peace agreements that have sustained peaceful coexistence among the bordering communities. They requested that the Lokirama Peace Accord and any other peace agreement made amongst the bordering communities be recognized by the national governments within the frameworks of existing East African treaties, IGAD protocols and bilateral operation agreement. The Governments and development partners are therefore expected to commit adequate resources and support sustainable implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of inter-communal peace agreements including the Lokirama Peace Accord.



# DRIP IRRIGATION TRANSFORMING LIVES IN LOKIPOTO



Lokipoto community is a center within Turkana West Sub County, 78 kilometers from Kakuma town along the Kenya-Uganda border. Being adjacent to Uganda, it receives more rainfall compared to other parts of the county. Food insecurity is as a consequence of poverty, displacement and the effects of climate change. The unpredictable climatic patterns especially in the arid and semi arid land parts of the country like Turkana make agricultural production difficult.

LWF in pursuit of livelihood diversification and contribution towards sustainable food production for the host community in Turkana West launched projects to support the host community at Lokipoto by introduction of

Climate Smart Agricultural techniques (CSA) for food production through irrigated and rain-fed agriculture. The projects are programmed to develop market driven objectives in a bid to ensure active engagement and increase the household income of the target beneficiaries.

In 2015 LWF through support from **Dan Church Aid**, sunk a borehole within Lokipoto community with discharge of 25.5M<sup>3</sup> /hr. The borehole was equipped with solar powered system, 3.2 kilometers water pipeline network installed to convey water to 3 water tanks of 50M<sup>3</sup>. (Ferro cement and plastic tanks) were constructed on an elevated site for gravitating water to tap stands and cattle troughs within the village. Through the intervention of installation of a complete water supply system, community members are able to access 20 liters of water per person a day for domestic use. LWF trained community members on building resilience for enhanced agricultural development to use available water for irrigation for farm produce.

LWF supports the farming households in Lokipoto with irrigated vegetable production in a bid to improve the household food security, income and nutritional needs. Drip irrigation kits were installed in an acre piece of land and trainings conducted on operations and maintenance. The target farmers are supported with farm inputs for intensive vegetable production under the drip irrigation sustainably in an organic way. This ensured production of high value vegetables like spinach, kales and cowpeas.



The farmers have been linked to various markets within the Sub-county including the LWF cafeteria and some vegetable vendors in Kakuma who provide a ready market for the harvested vegetables. During the initiation of the project, trainings on crop husbandry, production and agribusiness were conducted to compliment the hands-on skills gained during the farm management cycle. The mature vegetables are being harvested and supplied on weekly basis to the established markets.





# Know Your Colleague



## **This month we focus on Bizimana, your colleague from the MEAC Sector LWF – Kakuma**

Bizimana Jeanne- Claude is a Burundian refugee based in Kakuma Camp, married and blessed with four children. He arrived in Kenya in the year 2010 due to political instability and tensions caused by conflict in his country of origin. Bizimana is currently pursuing a certificate course in Community Development at Scotts Christian University in Machakos County: Distance learning mode. He did his primary and secondary school education in Bujumbura and later on enrolled for Judges and Administration course at ESTA (Ecole Secondaire Technique D'Administratio Institute. The course' significance enabled him secure employment at LWF as an Incentive staff designated as Accountability Focal person at Kakuma-1, Zone-1; Block-2. Having proven competent in case and complain handling, he was promoted to a counterpart position still under the Accountability unit and has been involved in major Accountability trainings like Core Humanitarian Standards, CBPS trainings, Investigations which he ascertains have made him grow his career profile. Since then, Bizimana has thrived as a hardworking committed and determined staff.



### **1. What is a day at work like for you?**

My typical day at work starts from 8am to 5.30pm collaboratively planning my day, and making sure that the most urgent work gets done first. The most interesting thing about my job is that there is “no typical day” at work. One day I would be fully engaged in the office and the next day I am out in the field.

### **2. Do you find your work fulfilling? Why?**

Yes. Due to the passion I have in humanitarian work and accountability, there is great fulfillment as it gives me an opportunity to serve and give back to the community.

### **3. What or who inspires you?**

Inspiration is everywhere – from the words of your favourite writer to the blooms of and leaves on your morning walk. You just need to open your eyes then breathe it in. My colleagues have been a huge source of inspiration. They motivate me each and every day and push me to do better.

### **4. What is your favorites quote?**

Martin Luther King, Jr: “Even if I knew the would world go to pieces tomorrow, I would still plant my apple tree today’





**5. What is your favorite family tradition?**

Eating together every single meal and unwinding the long week through our traditional dances as a family every weekend.

**6. What is your favorite sport?**

Basketball.

**7. What animal best describes you? Why?**

Elephant: Because it is so big and strong but it doesn't dictate, bully or intimidate other animals. It is humble.

**8. What do you love doing during your spare time?**

Reading: The Bible and newspapers.

**9. What languages do you speak?**

Kiswahili Chinese Burundi English French.

**10. If you were to tell a person "Thank you for helping me become the person I am today who would it be and what did they do?"**

My wife Gregoni. You are not just my partner; you are my love and mother to my children. You are not just my companion; you are my confidant. You are not just my wife; you are my life and I thank God for you.

Thank you for everything!

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