DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Paul Kaufman, Director
East Africa Programmes

As the New Director for East Africa, it is only fitting and right to recognize the great work my predecessors, Scott and Claire Rumpsa accomplished by setting up an amazing program and by training such exceptional staff. Without their hard work and sacrifice, this program would not be what it is today. Thank you Scott and Claire for all you have done. We are excited to continue growing what you have started.

The Aqua Clara Kenya program has succeeded on so many levels that Aqua Clara International is now replicating parts of this program in other countries as well. International organizations have contacted Aqua Clara and asked for information on the program, how it works, and what makes it so successful. You truly have done an exceptional job in 2012

I believe 2013 will also be exceptional, as it will bring new products, new clientele, and with it, new challenges. Aqua Clara has been hard at work continuing to develop new products that will not only provide clean water for people, but also revenue for local entrepreneurs. We are excited to expand our capabilities this year, and provide new and innovative products to all of our friends, family, and neighbors in Kenya.

With all of the changes and new initiatives planned for 2013, it is vital that we do not forget why we do what we do. Every year, thousands of people die from water borne diseases, especially children. It is this reality that continues to fuel our passion for bringing clean water to people around the world. With this to spur us on, we hope you will join us, and continue to support Aqua Clara as we tackle one of the greatest challenges on earth today, access to Clean Water.

With Thanks,
Paul Kaufman
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HAPPY NEW 2013!!

The Aqua Clara Kenya Team takes this opportunity to wish all our CDEs, CHPs, Partner Schools and all other collaborating Organizations a prosperous 2013. We acknowledge and appreciate your contribution in 2012 and hope that this continues as we look to improve our community even more.

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CDE OF THE YEAR, 2012

Jones Arabu (pictured) is the CDE of the Year for 2012. Jones, who hails from Kenyoro Primary School in Nyamira, installed 106 filters in just over 5 months. We at ACI are very proud of the work Jones has done and wish him all the best in 2013. Congrats!

We would also like to recognize Peter Moindi from Kegwanda Primary School for being Senior CDE of the Year. Peter carried out more than 10 community trainings and was very helpful in supplying materials to our partner schools while still managing to install 80 filters in 2012. Congrats!

Congrats are also in order for Jane Oburi and Joash Momanyi who installed the second and third highest number of filters.

ACHIEVEMENTS, 2012

8,000 liters of safe water per day for Ekerubo

Ekerubo CCF Primary School was the lucky beneficiary of a Sand and Microfiltration (SAM) system, the first of its kind to be installed by Aqua Clara International in Africa. The system has the capacity to filter 8,000 liters daily, which will benefit the school and the surrounding community.

2nd Annual Field Day

For the second year running ACI organized a very successful field day in September where more than 3,000 people attended and were trained on water, hygiene, sanitation, agriculture, entrepreneurship

16 new partner schools

ACI partnered with 16 new schools in April 2012 two of them in Eldoret, 3 in Bomet, 3 in Nyamira, 3 in Nyamache and 1 in Suneka among other areas. All these schools have received Biosand filters, hand-washing facilities, Water and Hygiene Clubs and are slated to receive Rain Water Harvesting Systems in 2013.

ACI wins at the Kisii ASK Show

In July 2012 ACI participated for the first time in the Agricultural Society of Kenya show in Kisii winning in the 'Best NGO' category and taking the 3rd Prize for 'Best Overall Exhibition'.

Target of 1,000 filters achieved

By December 2012 ACI had managed to exceed the 1,000 Biosand filter installation target that had been set in January. Congratulations are in order to all the CDEs for their tremendous effort and hard work that made this possible.

TARGETS, 2013

2,000 Biosand filter Installations

Our Target this year is to double our installations from 2012. In 2013, we hope to intensify our marketing, reach out to CBOs and other community groups, and benefit more from our partner schools to reach the target of 2000 filters.

Sustainability Projects

In line with ACI's overall vision, the Kenyan programme will be making a number of adjustments in order to become sustainable. 2013 will mark the beginning of many new projects and the end of some old ones ultimately streamlining our programme, making it more efficient and sustainable.

3rd Annual Field Day

ACI will hold the 3rd Annual Field Day at Rigoma. This year's Filed Day will showcase new products, train on new techniques and provide a platform for other organizations within the community to showcase their products.

New School Partnership Model

ACI will introduce a new school-partnership model to replace the existing one. The new model will be time-bound and have a specific timeline of project implementation. It will also include an income - generating project that will ensure that all projects started at the school are sustained over time.