

Greetings from Nairobi

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Mother & Child Health Project Kenya GG#1642555

Dear Team,

Atlanta was very enjoyable for those who attended the convention. Our booth in the House of Friendship was a melting pot of cultures and friendships.

This bulletin is prepared by me (Jim Dowler, RC Sun City West (D5495), Global Grant International Primary Contact) in conjunction with our Host Contacts Patrick Muchemi and Eric Kimani of RC Nairobi Muthaiga North. My wife Marcia and I have been in Kenya for over a week enjoying the hospitality and sharing grant-related adventure into rural Kenya with them and other Rotarians.

I report that things are well underway regarding GG1642555. Initial equipment deliveries were made to all three benefiting county-owned hospitals (Kiambu, Kangema, & Karatina) while we have been here. More equipment is scheduled for delivery in the next week and formal training is scheduled for soon thereafter.

We are now 3 months into a nationwide public health nurses strike which has impacted many things. Private hospitals and the midwife industry have experienced a resultant increase in traffic while birthing at public (County-owned facilities providing free services) hospitals has ground to a halt. All of our recipient hospitals are in the public hospitals.

We returned last evening completing around 3,000 kms of travel. We went to the three above designated recipient facilities. We also visited three additional candidates more remotely located for possible inclusion should we launch an anticipated Phase 2 Global Grant. These three candidates are located in Isiolo, Kisii, and Narok Counties. The Narok site that we visited was the smallest. It is located in a very remote village named Olchorro. The hospital there services a population of around 10,000 Masai tribal members.

Look out for Phase 2- Would you like to take part?

Pictured below:

Equipment delivery at Kiambu; existing delivery bed in Isiolo, Masai children in Olchorro.

Yours in Rotary service,

Jim Dowler, Patrick Muchemi & Eric Kimani

