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Vehicle Report | April – October 2019



Vehicle Report Vital Statistics

Donor: Fondation Eagle, Switzerland

Donor's reference: FF460

Date of acceptance: 3rd September, 2018

Date donation received: 21st September 2018

Amount of donation: A one off donation of \$35,000 USD

Date of delivery of the vehicle to the Milgis conservancy:
4th November, 2018

Length of project: We estimate the vehicle will serve the community for the next 10 years

Estimated number of beneficiaries: Approximately 50,000 people within the community as the vehicle is used to support and water and family planning projects, wildlife conservation & numerous health projects, which benefit thousands of people both directly and indirectly.



MEAK Eye Mission – Masikita 2019



Recently we conducted an eye mission in partnership with MEAK, whom have conducted four other eye missions with us in the past. The Vehicle was critical towards the success of this eye mission! We were able to cover an area of approx. 4000 square kilometres, reaching more than 30 communities. Stretching from south of the Ndoto's, North to Mount Ngiro and West to Baragoi. This exercise is a conservation effort as much as it is a humanitarian one. All of these communities are living in biodiversity hotspots and co-existing with the resident wildlife. As the saying goes, 'You can't talk conservation until you have dealt with the basic needs of the people' – meaning that restoring eyesight among communities is a big step towards mitigating the everyday life struggles which are known to increase poaching, deforestation and degradation of natural resources.

Without the extra support from this vehicle, we would have struggled to reach people who live in the difficult terrain. We were able to cover hundreds of kilometres on broken ground and reach communities all across the Milgis area.





The vehicle, which covered more than 1400 kms, had the following specific roles:

- Transporting staff to remote locations for the pre-screening exercise, which is used to identify people who need to be operated on.
- Picking up personnel and supplies at the beginning of the mission
- Collecting identified patients and bringing them to the site of the eye mission – in Masikita.
- Returning patients to their families after they have been operated on – distances of up to 80 kms, (160 km round trip)
- A several hundred kilometer 'round trip' to do a follow up on all patients after the mission.

In total, the mission carried out 136 cataract operations, 11 tracoma operations and helped more than 150 other cases. Without the vehicle support, we would not have been able to carry out this mission!

A particular success was a man who Dee came across near mt Ngiro. He had fallen in the fire Several times and had severe burns which were on the verge of serious infection. We were able to get him to the clinic and Nargis, Dee & team facilitated his full recovery – He also had his bi-lateral cataracts sorted out which will improve his mobility hugely.



Emergency Medical Cases

Since the April report there have been many cases which the vehicle has helped us deal with, including collecting people from their homes, taking them to hospitals and returning them home afterwards. Here are some of the most recent cases:

Nolkewal Lesaana

This lady was included in the April report when we first started dealing with her case. She has since had an operation to remove the tumors in her neck. Sadly they were only able to remove one of the tumors – the second tumor was too difficult to remove. The vehicle took her down to Kijabe for her operations and also returned her back home afterwards. She is in much less pain and we are trying to help her manage the complications of the second tumor.



Lmanteri Lenaimalda

Lmanteri is from Nkwe Eltome. We took him to Nanyuki after he started showing extremely painful lymph nodes and fevers. He was treated for extremely high blood pressure, and also for a severe infection. He recovered quickly and was returned home – he now has to monitor his blood pressure and has medication to do so.





Leparsanti family

There is a man who was hit by a car on his motorbike - he was unable to reach a good hospital. He had broken his arm in several places. The arm was not set properly and nearly 3 months later we found him in a lot of pain! Worried that infection would set in we rushed him to Nanyuki and he was able to see a specialist. Fortunately he is able to wait until November when there will be a MEAK clinic in Marsabit who will have the expertise to help him. We will be taking there.



Namae Lewongu

Namae came to us very worried because she had a large growth on her shoulder. We were able to get her to Nanyuki cottage hospital, we also brought her son to accompany her. Fortunately it was a benign growth which was removed with a simple procedure. After a short recovery she is back at home and living a stress free life!

2019 Family planning | Ndoto region



At the end of 2019, the Milgis trust partnered with CHAT, who specialize in Family planning (FP) services. We set out to deliver a widespread FP program across the Ndoto region. The program consists of quarterly 2-week mobile clinics, travelling more than 450 kms per clinic. The clinics are aimed at supporting the government in successfully providing access to FP services even in the most remote locations. We also have field based personnel who conduct a door-door strategy. The vehicle has been helping this program reach remote areas—the vehicles roles are as follows:

- ▮ To deliver FP goods and medicine to healthcare facilities across the Ndoto regions.
- ▮ To carry personnel and camp and equipment for 1300kms of mobile clinics annually.
- ▮ To carry out monitoring and evaluation exercises in the field.
- ▮ To help deliver health and reproductive education across schools
- ▮ To mobilize our mobile cinema team who use videos to educate and engage communities in FP and conservation.



Water Projects – Maintenance & Implementation



Water is the biggest problem in Northern Kenya, it is not uncommon for people to walk two days to get to a water source. Apart from relieving hardships among the communities, our water projects are an extremely effective conservation strategy. Area's that do not have water projects rely on hand dug wells in the sand. These are shared with the wildlife which leads to a lot of human wildlife conflict - elephants cave these wells in on a daily basis and livestock become easily predated. Our water projects have separate outlets for humans, livestock and wildlife. This reduces spread of disease as well as eliminating human-wildlife conflict.

The vehicle has been contributing hugely towards the maintenance and implementation of these projects – some of its role include:

- ▮ Mobilizing borehole services and equipment for digging wells and boreholes.
- ▮ Conducting water surveys
- ▮ Working on 2 new water project sites in 2019
- ▮ Ferrying personnel and equipment for the ongoing maintenance of 14 water project sites



Dam Unit – Field Support



We have a backhoe tractor that travels to communities in need of water. The tractor digs pan dams of different sizes depending on the catchment potential and local population. To date we have dug more than 43 dams. These dams are critical during the wet season and catch enough rainwater to last several months into the dry season. As well as people, the local wildlife benefits hugely from these dams!

The vehicle plays an essential role in the day to day operations of the Dam building team:

- ▮ Mobilizing the communities and site surveys
- ▮ Moving camping equipment, fuel and site equipment from one site to the next.
- ▮ Bringing service equipment and maintenance teams to the site
- ▮ Regular fuel, water and food deliveries to ongoing sites



Vet Programme – Canine Inoculations



Rabies has been an ongoing issue in the region – affecting both domestic animals and wildlife. Five years ago we set up a vet team to try to control the scourge of rabies in the area. We began vaccinating, de-worming and spaying the dogs on a large scale. The Area is vast, and the challenge has been to try and reach the widespread and remote populations of dogs. The vehicle has been used to cover these great distances over rough terrain. Each dog needs to be vaccinated annually and ideally de-wormed every six months. Without a vehicle it is near impossible to reach these targets. Thanks to this initiative, rabies has been greatly reduced and is under control. The vehicles main role has been:

- | Delivering veterinary personnel and camp supplies to the field
- | Carrying cool boxes for vaccine storage
- | Mobilizing communities and their dogs



Conservation – Monitoring and response unit



Our conservation team is covering approx.. 6000 square kilometres. There is a large transient elephant population that moves hundreds of kilometres every few weeks. We have scouts strategically placed, however it is such a large area that any foot response can take hours. Monitoring these animals and preventing poaching requires vehicle support. The vehicle has been supporting our ground teams in the following ways:

- Delivering supplies and ranger equipment to the field
- Collecting scouts and taking them to community meetings
- Mobilizing teams to apprehend poachers
- Collecting tusks, confiscated illegal wildlife products and wood
- Darting, Treating sick/wounded elephants and other wildlife
- Mobile conservation education initiatives and mobile cinema

Last week the vehicle helped rescue a baby elephant which had fallen down a well. After a struggle to get it out of the well, the team were successful. It was later transported to a nearby Elephant orphanage.

