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M.E.A.K - Report for Fondation Eagle: April 2022 – October 2022

Project: MEAK / Milgis Community Vehicle, Milgis Trust,
Samburu County, Kenya

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

(3,540,600.03KSH at the exchange rate of 1 Kenyan shilling to 0.0099
US dollars)

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

Duration of project: We estimate the vehicle to service the
local community for the next 10 years

Estimated number of beneficiaries: Approximately 50,000 people
within the community as the vehicle is used to support water projects,
conservation projects, anti-poaching, family planning, education, rabies
vaccinations, medical emergencies and supports our dam unit.

Conservation Operations

During such a difficult dry time, the vehicle has helped a huge amount with all of our programs on the conservation front. It has been very busy with large movements of people and livestock coming and going, resulting in an increase in human wildlife conflict. The desperate times are also accompanied by an increase in poaching threats. Even more worrying is the pressure on natural resources including water, pasture and the biodiverse forest pockets found in the area.

Sadly we have seen a large amount of fires in the dry forests – the vehicle has been an absolute savior when it comes to mobilizing the teams that follow up these fires. As soon as smoke is spotted on the horizon, we have been able to mobilize our people closer to the fire. Their role is to help communities contain the fire, but more importantly they are responsible for analyzing the cause of the fire and dealing with the human dynamic of the issue.

Furthermore the vehicle has helped us monitor the progress of 32 elephant friendly wells along the milgis lugga. The idea is that by incentivizing warriors dig ramps into their wells, wildlife is able to safely drink during the night without falling in and drowning.



A fire in the southern Ndotos



A routine check up on an Elephant friendly well

Elephants

Unfortunately this year we have had a huge amount of elephant incidents. Luckily most of these are natural deaths due to the drought. (mostly young babies who's mothers are unable to produce enough milk).

The vehicle has played a big role in following up on abandoned calves, and collecting ivory from deceased adults.



A young one that couldn't deal with the drought



Small pieces of ivory recovered with help from the vehicle



Large tusks taken to KWS by the vehicle



Pulling a baby ele out of a well with the car

Desert Giraffes

We have recently set up a team who specialise in keeping track of some very rare giraffes that remain hidden in the desert. Their objective is to monitor their progress and to keep them safe from poachers . However, the desert. Is a big place and it is not easy to mobilise the team. The vehicle has been critical in supporting the team when the giraffes move into the least accessible areas of the desert!



Water Projects

The past two quarters the vehicle has done more than 1,000 km's with the water projects team. This work has mainly entailed the repairs and delivery of materials to various water projects. Below is some information on the water projects that heavily relied on vehicle support for maintenance:

Marti Lepareu Upgrade

This project required 9 rolls of piping to be delivered along with lots of fittings and equipment such as spades. The outcome was 800 metres of pipeline being replaced and repairs carried out on the community standpipe, dispensary and school water tanks.



The vehicle collecting sand for concrete



Supporting the pipeline installation

Signposts

A large part of our ethos is to utilise water projects as vessels of education. Every project has its reason for existence, and we do our very best to ensure that the visitors of each project are well informed on water conservation, livestock management and sustainable utilisation of resources (particularly water)! One of our most effective forms of messaging is through colourful signposts at each water project. The vehicle has helped transport these to various sites, as they cannot fit on the back of Muko's motorbike.



Fabrication

All of the water projects require heavy duty fences, panel frames and other metalwork. These are all transported by the vehicle, including the welding equipment and generators, fuel etc.... These past two quarters the vehicle helped with solar installations in Kasipo and Keleswa water projects.



Dam Unit

Our dam building team have been very active, trying to put in as much water storage as possible. The drought has meant that the dams are empty – which creates a window for de-silting and rebuilding weakened dam-walls. You will recall in the previous report that we had to take the main bucket of the tractor all the way to Nanyuki. It was repaired and had to be transported back up by the vehicle. We were also fortunate to get a brand new JCB – the vehicle helped transport the new machine to site and brought with it the service team and equipment needed. It has also helped with regular fuel & water deliveries to the sites.



Escorting and unloading the new JCB



Fuel and water supplies delivered to the dam unit



Unloading the newly repaired bucket

Ramat e Losho

Our Ramat e Losho (REL) program has been doing very well. REL means, “ Preservation of the society”. The agenda is to create a more sustainable future for the Samburu people. The primary activities are Education on fires, plastic, family planning and land degradation. Our team have been very busy working across a number of locations. The vehicle has provided them with the perfect mobile base. Carrying all of their equipment, projectors, food etc.



A packed stadium in Nkurnit



The mobile projector screening onto the side of the vehicle



Our REL coordinator , Leisido, cleaning up plastic with local



Our Family planning team discussing with Rendille women

Food Relief

The drought has really effected pastoralists who depend entirely on livestock as a livelihood – in fact many families are on the brink of starvation. In April/May we partnered with an organisation providing food hampers. Our role was to coordinate the distribution of 200 tons of food – a daunting task. The vehicle was incredible useful here as you can imagine – thousands of kilometres of deliveries, and needless to say, a very very grateful bunch of people.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM US ALL!!!

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