

### ITC Education

OI Pejeta wants to support students to learn computer skills. This year, we have supported WiFi internet, projectors and tablets in 8 schools around the Conservancy. In addition, we have hired a trainer to ensure school teachers know how to use the new computer equipment. We hope the new technology will boost the quality of education in the community, and prepare students well for the future. In April next year, we hope to add another 8 schools.

*Partners: Vulcan, Mawingu.*



### Health

In July 2016 OI Pejeta held a free dental camp at Matanya Primary School. This aimed to provide dental care to those who could not afford it, as well as raise awareness about dental hygiene. Hundreds of community members from Njoguini, Chuma, Mirera, Marura and Sweetwaters communities came to receive the free services. In addition to the free dental camp, OI Pejeta routinely carries out bi-weekly clinics in the northern communities.

*Partners: Consolata Mathari hospital and Nanyuki General Hospital.*

### SMS Contacts

OI Pejeta recently launched an SMS number. This allows community members to directly contact OI Pejeta's Community Department for information and feedback.

The number is for SMS only and NOT phone calls.

- For general community enquiries, please contact 0790889940
- To report cases of human-wildlife conflict or to contact the OI Pejeta control office, please call 0723312673



### Helping Farmers

The Full Basket Initiative is a project that aims to improve food security and secure livelihoods in communities around OI Pejeta. It promotes drip irrigation technologies, greenhouse farming and rainwater harvesting in Tigithi and Lamuria.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2016 OI Pejeta facilitated a successful field day in Lamuria, where hundreds of farmers gathered to exchange ideas and learn about new methods to improve yields. During the event farmers interacted with staff from; Equity bank, Bisashara Sacco, Ministry of Agriculture, OSHO, VegPro, Wakulima Biashara and Sygenta. Also present were various leaders including the, D.O Lamuria Joel Nyaga. The Lamuria and the Tigithi Chiefs and the Mutaro Assistant Chief. We also had our community representatives from Tharua, Ngobit, Chuma, Riachu, Mwakinya, and Weruini. Over 128 people attended this successful day.

*Partners: British Airways, Flora & Fauna International.*



# OI PEJETA CONSERVANCY



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Artificial Insemination: Stress Free Farming

Mr. Samuel Gikunju is a young livestock farmer from Withare area. He used to think that dairy farming was only for rich farmers. In 2011, he learned about the affordable fee OI Pejeta was charging for artificial insemination. He decided to give it a try, and is now reaping the benefits. The indigenous breeds he used to have produced just 4 litres of milk a day. Now, with the 2 dairy cows he has from artificial insemination, he gets 40 litres of milk per day. He says he has saved money on disease-treatment, and has also started using the zero-grazing method. This reduces environmental degradation around his home and also minimises losses during a drought.



## Education – The OI Pejeta Bursary

OI Pejeta Conservancy and partners provide full academic scholarships and part-bursaries each year. Currently we have 57 students. We recruit new ones as soon as the seniors graduate.

### What is the difference between full and part-bursary?

A full bursary is available at the start of each year for very needy students in our various communities. It covers all school fees for the student for their entire high school education. It DOES NOT cover transport, school materials and uniform expenses which parents and guardians are expected to cover.

A part bursary is given out once every year. This is a small amount intended to help needy students struggling with fee balances.

### How Can I Apply?

At the start of every year, forms are available from OI Pejeta community representatives and are dropped off in schools. OI Pejeta also sends out an SMS to everyone in our contact database informing them that the forms are available. There are limited spaces, and bursaries will only be given to those most in need.



### The process:

- #1 Ask your OI Pejeta community rep to provide you with a form
- #2 Fill out the form with all the relevant information
- #3 Return it ONLY to your community rep
- #4 Write a text to the OI Pejeta number provided with your name and location
- #5 OI Pejeta will receive the application from the community representatives and pick the most qualified.

### Our expectations:

- #1 That the community will help us select the most qualified and genuinely needy cases.
- #2 The students MUST submit their result slip to the community representative at the end of every term
- #3 The students must be available for an academic review of their performance with their parents and OI Pejeta Staff during each holiday.
- #4 OI Pejeta reserves the right to withdraw the bursary should the student fail to maintain adequate academic performance and discipline.

