



Annual Report 2021

Global Health Connections

A group of people, including men and women, are working together in a rural field. Some are bent over, possibly planting or weeding, while others stand nearby. The background features a building with a corrugated metal roof and lush green trees. The text "Together We Can..." is overlaid in the center.

Together We Can...

Welcome to Global Health Connections

We are, an organization unlike no other, that is in the pursuit of promoting health education and economic empowerment in Western, Kenya.

We are focused on an entirely new way of providing assistance--we don't give or do, rather we teach and empower communities to solve both current and future problems. We respect people and believe in. In short, we help people help themselves. their capacity to build up themselves and their villages.



Our Mission

To connect, engage, and empower individuals to improve the health and economic sustainability of their community.



A group of people, including men and women, are gathered in a rural setting. In the foreground, a man in a light blue shirt is bent over, using a wooden hoe to dig in the dark brown soil. Several other people are standing around him, watching. In the background, there are more people, some wearing blue shirts, and a line of trees, including banana trees. The scene is outdoors, with natural light.

2021 At A Glance

Number of Villages with Community Health and Empowerment Clubs (CHECs):

9

Number of Villagers Currently Enrolled in a CHEC:

900

Number of Sustainable Economic Projects Started:

12

Number of Kenyans Impacted by CHECs:

Over 10,000

Our 9 Villages...

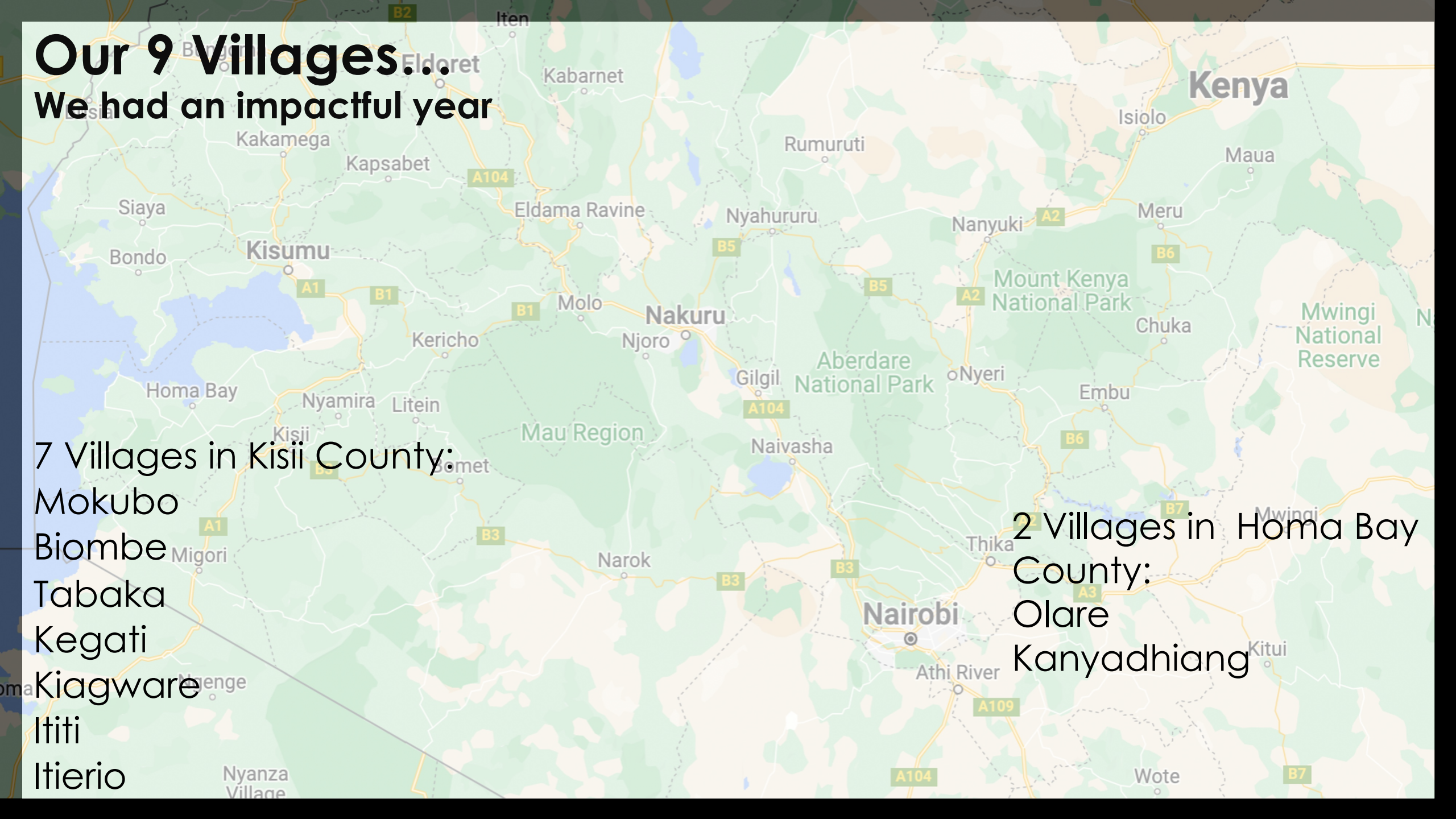
We had an impactful year

7 Villages in Kisii County:

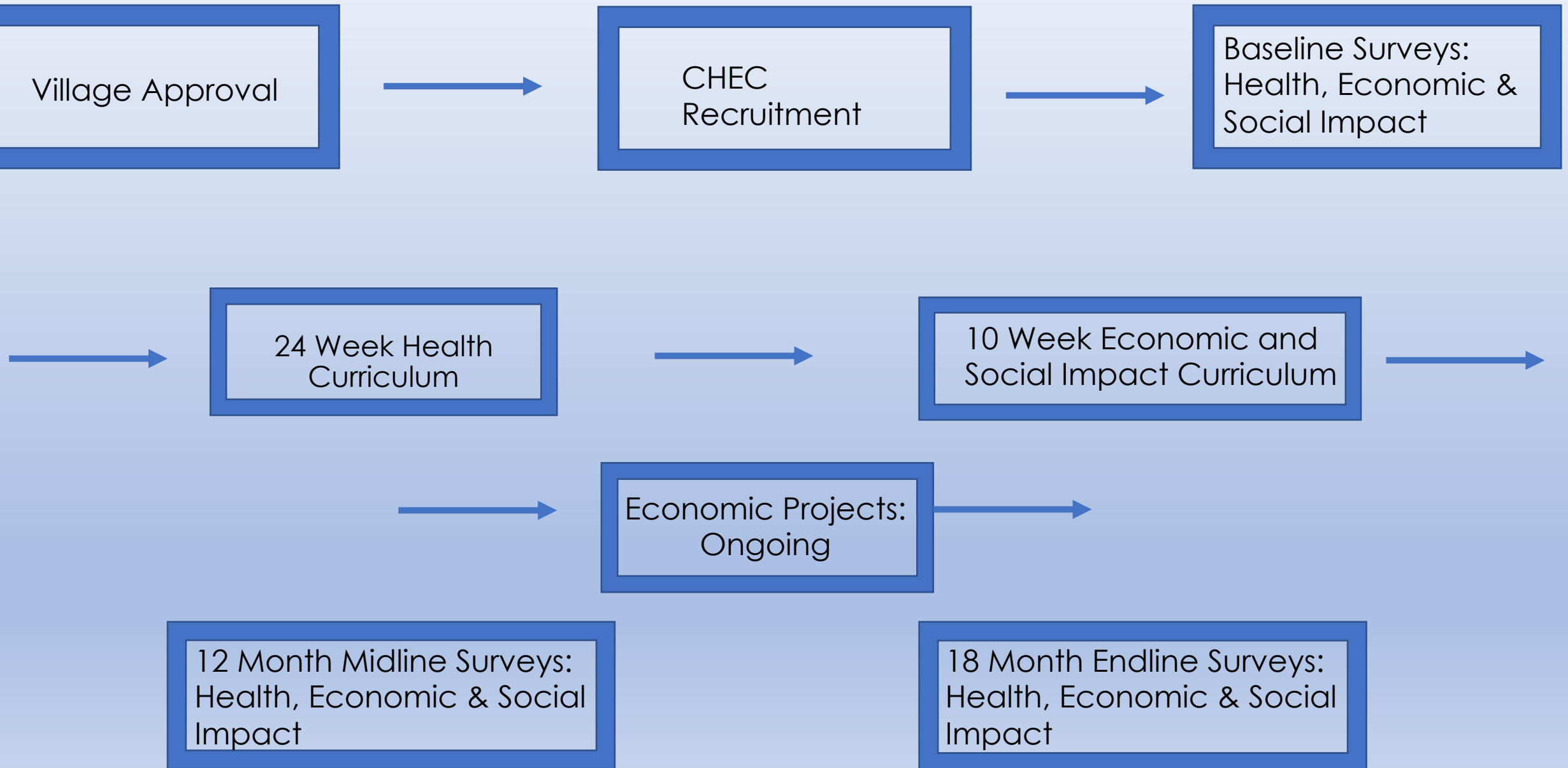
- Mokubo
- Biombe
- Tabaka
- Kegati
- Kiagware
- Ititi
- Itierio

2 Villages in Homa Bay County:

- Olare
- Kanyadhiang



Our Programmatic Strategy



Program Details

24 Week Health Curriculum

Our 24 Week Program includes such topics as WASH, Nutrition, Disease Prevention and more.

We train CHEC members on the importance of sanitation and hygiene, given that health only gets better when all of these factors improve. We also spend time on building kitchen gardens, latrines and wash stations.

10 Week Economic and Social Impact Curriculum

Our 10 Week Program includes such topics as Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy and Business Financing.

Every village has unique needs and resources. Our team takes into account existing conditions, terrain, and population as we determine which economic programs will best serve each individual community. This means a variety of different projects—beekeeping, soap making, millet farming, and more—are implemented.

Village Highlight

MOKUBO

Mokubo Village, in Kisii County, is where it all started for Global Health Connections. We began our first CH&EC in December 2020 and graduated 145 members, 80% of whom were women, in July 2021 from the health training program.

125 of these graduates went on to complete the 10-week Economic Empowerment curriculum and 119 members are currently involved in one of many economic projects.

The Soap Making Group has repaid $\frac{1}{4}$ of their loan in cash thus far. They have become a registered business in Kenya and have opened their own bank account, giving them the option to sell soap anywhere in Kenya. They were just awarded a contract to supply soap for the year. They were just awarded a contract to supply soap for them for the year.

Each member was also able to purchase a chicken from their own savings.

Pre-GHC Garden



Post-GHC Garden





Successes

MOKUBO

The Napier Grass Group, comprised of 12 women have surpassed all expectations. With the money from the first two harvests in January and April, they were able to buy 8 goats. Their 3rd harvest will be in July and with this money they will pay for the land lease for next year plus buy 4 more goats for remaining members. They are truly an inspiration.

Successes

MOKUBO

The Soap Making Group, comprised of 13 members, has repaid $\frac{1}{4}$ of their loan in cash thus far. They have become a registered business in Kenya and have opened their own bank account, giving them the option to sell soap anywhere in Kenya. They were recently awarded a contract with the Mokubo Secondary School to supply soap for them for the year.

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Village Opportunity

BIOMBE

Biombe, a village comprised of 6000 inhabitants, is Global Health Connections 2nd village. We recently decided to make Biombe Village our model Beekeeping community. This region of western Kenya is densely covered with vegetation and has the perfect climate for raising bees. There were also many CHEC members with existing knowledge about bees, thus providing the perfect environment for GHC to start an apiary.

We teamed up with KARI - Kenyan Agricultural Research Initiative – to help assist and provide expertise on beekeeping, apiary construction, and honey and wax extraction. We hired a local KARI expert to help us full-time train the members and manage the apiary as well.

We currently have 80 beehives in the apiary and will start collecting honey and wax for processing this summer.

Operations

GHC's mission is focused on empowering individuals from a health, economic and social perspective. From day one, we've relied on generous private donors to fund our operating expenses. It hasn't been easy, but it's an approach we believe in deeply. And our commitment to maintaining this inspires support from passionate donors, enthusiastic fundraisers, long-standing clubs, and loyal volunteers—a community that believes, as we do, that teaching and empowering is the way towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

Highlights include:

- Awarded a \$75,000 Rotary Grant at the end of 2021
- Working towards promoting our Adopt-a-Village program
- Teaming up with Mediqe Group for a Village Makeover television show





Our Board

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Our Team

Our team is small, but mighty. We are comprised of intelligent, generous, hard-working people who are committed to changing the world together.

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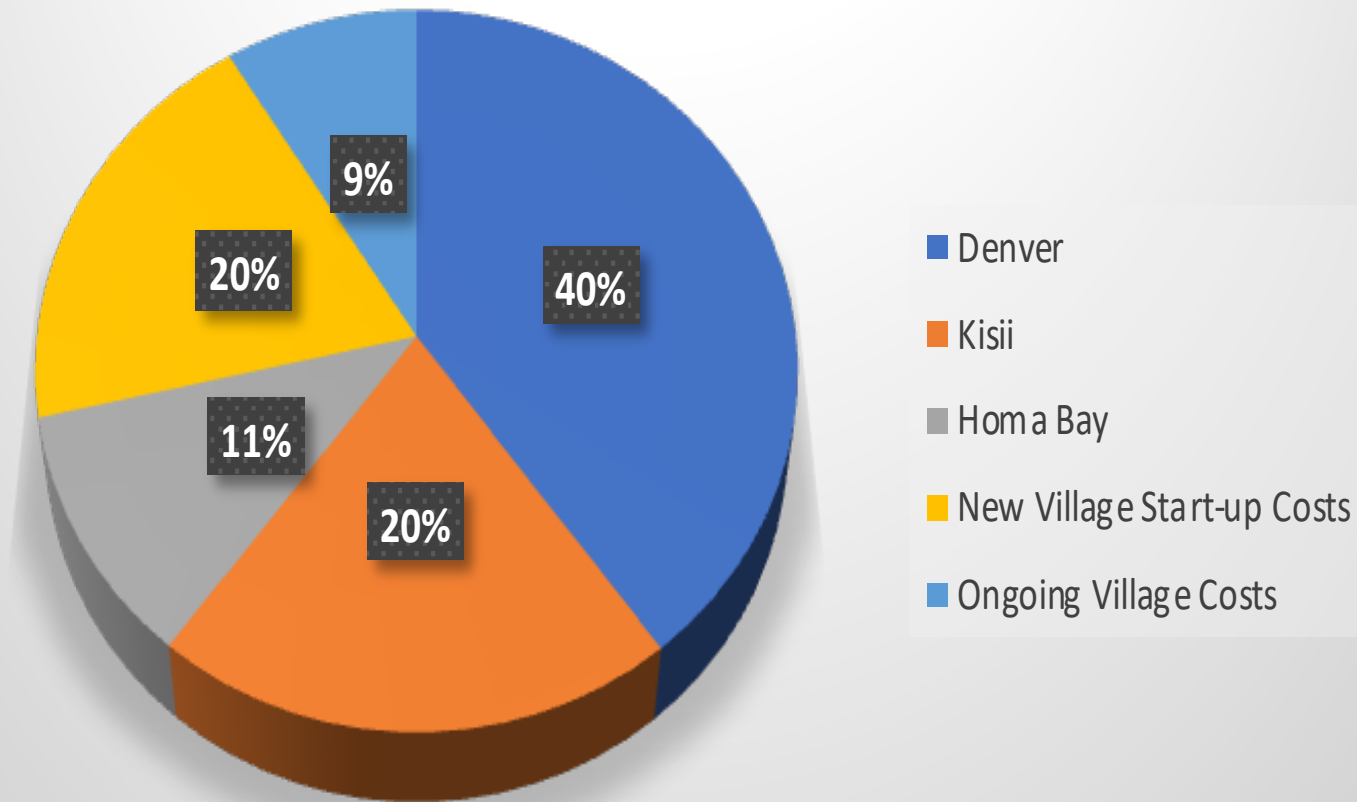
Salome Nyariro,
CHEC Project
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Financials

We are currently a small operation, with big dreams and plans to expand. From day one, we've relied on generous private donors to fund our operating expenses. It hasn't been easy, but it's an approach we believe in deeply. And, our commitment to focusing on empowering individuals from a health, economic and social perspective inspires this support. From passionate donors, enthusiastic fundraisers, long-standing clubs, and loyal volunteers, we have found a community that believes, as we do, teaching and empowering is the way towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

GHC Annual Budget: 2022



Financials

TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2022: \$ 129,383

We do our best to keep our operating costs in both Denver and Kenya as low as possible. Operating costs in Kenya include the extensive surveying we do in all our villages and the data analysis that goes along with it.

We were recently awarded a \$75,000 Rotary Grant and 100% of it will go towards funding new villages and ongoing village costs. We will also use part of it to purchase honey processing equipment.

GHC Has Big Plan for the Future.

We want to expand into more villages in Kisii, Nyamira and Homa Bay Counties in western Kenya.

We want to expand our beekeeping endeavors into more villages and have a central processing center to extract honey, wax and other products.

We want to continue developing our Adopt-a-Village program to attract more donors.

We want to teach more Kenyans and provide opportunities that lead to more healthy, financially stable and empowered lives.

