

# N2K WALK 2013

## Community Upliftment Project in Northeast Kenya

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## COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT PROJECT: NORTHEAST KENYA

### OVERVIEW

In December 2013, individuals from around the world joined the N2K Team to walk from the Holy City of Najaf to the land of Karbala during Arbaeen 1435 to raise funds for The World Federation's 'Community Upliftment Project in Northeast Kenya'.

This initiative is a joint venture between The World Federation and Africa Federation which aims to provide long-term, sustainable solutions to uplift communities in Kenya's drought affected areas and take them out of poverty.

The N2K Team raised almost £40,000 GBP of the £60,000 allocated for this project. The project comprises 9 different initiatives. This progress report provides an overview of the first initiative - 'Education and Community Development Conference' workshop organised for students, which was held on 1st and 2nd March 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The World Federation takes this opportunity to thank each and every member of the N2K Team for supporting the Community Upliftment Project in Northeast Kenya and all of the donors who so generously contributed to their fundraising efforts.

### COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT PROJECT - NORTHEAST KENYA

PROJECT	DETAILS	TOTAL COST (£GBP)	STATUS
1. University Courses	To sponsor deserving students for university courses	£6,667	<i>in progress</i>
2. Construction of Classrooms	To build additional classrooms in schools in Wajir	£14,815	<i>in progress</i>
3. Greenhouse, Irrigation & Farming System	To set up a greenhouse, irrigation and farming system in AliKune village (Garissa County)	£8,889	<i>in progress</i>
4. Kitchen Gardens	To develop 100 kitchen gardens in Wajir County	£7,407	<i>in progress</i>
5. Tree Planting	To plant 5,000 trees in Wajir	£11,111	<i>in progress</i>
6. Water & Sanitation Projects	To build water and sanitation projects in schools	£3,333	<i>in progress</i>
7. School Books	To provide books to schools in Wajir	£3,333	<i>in progress</i>
8. Desks	To provide desks to schools in Wajir	£3,333	<i>in progress</i>
9. Conference	To organise a conference for students - 'Education & Community Development'	£1,111	<i>completed (March 1 - 2, 2014)</i>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		<b>£59,999</b>	

## CONFERENCE: 'EDUCATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'

As part of the nine initiatives that comprise the 'Community Upliftment Project in Northeast Kenya', a 2-day conference was held on the 1st and 2nd of March 2014 with the theme - **Education and Community Development** in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Conference was held at the Nairobi Jaffery Sports Club where 30 participants attended. Participants included students and alumni, academicians from various universities in Nairobi, senior managers of NGOs and members of the public.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

The event was officially opened by Professor Charles Omwandho, the Dean of Medicine at the University of Nairobi who advised students to be humble and to remain focussed on community service as they pursued their studies. Other speakers included:

- Professor Mohammed Karama (Kenya Medical Research Institute) - spoke on the importance of education and encouraged students to network, excel beyond their core education, and uplift themselves and their communities
- Mohammed Abdinoor (Catholic Relief Services)
- Dr. Steve Nigel (Medical Society for Action) - emphasized the importance of community service and demonstrated the high potential of major impact giving
- Dr. Duncan Matheka -(Young Professionals Chronic Disease Network) - spoke on the role of young professionals in development and demonstrated the capability of youth in positively changing societies
- Miss Sophie Lo (expert on Diplomacy and International Relations) - shared her experiences in community service
- Taseer Firoz (Muslim Students Association of University of Nairobi)
- Dr. Muhsin Sheriff (Centres for Health and Education Programmes) - outlined various community projects undertaken by the students and encouraged them to excel in their studies as well as develop an attitude of service



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### STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

The conference provided an opportunity for students to present and discuss various projects where ideas for viable community service initiatives were generated. As well, discussions were held with representatives from different organizations to explore the possibilities of partnerships and collaborations.

More than ten presentations were made by the students on a variety of interesting community projects which they themselves had undertaken. These presentations included:



STUDENT		AREA OF STUDY & INSTITUTION	PRESENTATION TOPIC
1	Noel Mudibo	Bridging Program - <i>Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology</i>	"A campaign to restore the vision of thousands of blind people"
2	Luqman Mwinyi	3D Animation - <i>Newbreed Academy of Digital Arts</i>	"Computer training as a means to combat social challenges in the youth of Kawangware slums"
3	Fatma Khalid	Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery - <i>University of Nairobi</i>	"Educating the youth to fight poverty"
4	Ali Adan	Animal Health - <i>Ministry of Livestock Development</i>	"Animal welfare in Wajir County at Giriftu district"
5	Linzy Nyamboki	Masters in Developmental Studies - <i>University of Nairobi</i>	"Household energy use in rural areas and its implications on the environment"
6	Abdihakim Osman	Bachelor of Arts - <i>University of Nairobi</i>	"Placement of refugee youth in private adult language schools in Eastleigh suburb of Nairobi.
7	Khadija Ahmed	Bachelor of Law - <i>University of Nairobi</i>	"Educating the girl child in North Eastern Province as a means of bringing development to the community at large"
8	Katra Dahir	Bachelor of Science - <i>University of Nairobi</i>	"Tree plantation to improve the environment"
9	Yusuf Nur	Nutrition and Dietetics - <i>Kenya Institute of Developmental Studies</i>	"A longitudinal study of food insecurity on obesity in preschool children"
10	Abdulrahman Abubakar	Bachelor of Law - <i>University of Nairobi</i>	"Education as a beacon of hope to the youth of Kawangware"

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### AWARDS

Certificates of participation were presented to all attendees. At the end of the event, 4 awards were presented to reward and motivate students. Winners included:



	WINNING STUDENT	CATEGORY	WINNING PROJECT
1	Abdirahman Abdullahi Abdi	2013 Best Academic Performance	For scoring 10 A's, 2 B's and 1 C in his first year of study
2	Katra Dahir	2013 Best Community Service Project	Tree planting project in Garissa
3	Noel Mudibo	Best Abstract Award	For his campaign to restore the vision of thousands of blind people
4	Fatma Khalid	Best Oral Presentation	"Educating the youth to fight poverty"

### EVALUATION

Participants completed an evaluation form at the end of each day of the conference. Recommendations and feedback included:

1. The conference to be an annual event
2. Should be open to students nationwide
3. Publish presentations in an academic journal
4. Support of presented projects to grow and impact on community
5. Invite more professionals and academicians
6. Facilitate discussion of ideas and possible community projects and solutions for community problems
7. Allocate more time to Q&A after presentations
8. More interactive activities and sessions
9. More topics of discussion
10. Creation of a social media fan page or group

### FEEDBACK FROM ATTENDEES

- *'I am leaving the conference today, a rich woman full of ideas of writing professional documents'*
- *'This conference and workshop should be held annually'*
- *'Things were done as per schedule. That was fantastic. Quality of presentation was superb'*
- *'I liked the various ideas and the community projects the students came up with'*
- *'I liked the organisation (of the conference) in terms of time management and, more importantly, the workshops'*
- *'Organising of the conference, being the first, was very impressive'*