

Setting up a Healthcare Center in Kasemeni, Kenya.

Our goal

Our Saidia Kwale Foundation aims to improve the living standards of several communities in Kwale County, Kenya. We can achieve this by co-operating with the local population to help them become more self-sufficient. The Saidia Kwale Foundation invests in sustainable projects and the education of the local population. We work directly with the local community and without costly overhead.

Kasemeni is a village in the southeast of Kenya with 800 inhabitants who struggle daily collecting food and water. In Kasemeni and nine neighboring villages the death rate is high mainly because of the absence of any medical facilities. In total 7500 people are in urgent need of a small healthcare center (known as dispensary) as there is not such a facility within a 1-day travel distance for them.

To help realizing this, is one of the most important goals of our foundation for the coming years. Below we'll explain a little bit more about it.



High death rate

In a town meeting earlier this year, a mother shared the following:

'Last year alone, in Kasemeni on top of the 'normal' dead, eight people died: three women died in childbirth, two children died of typhoid, two because of malaria and one because of a snakebite'. All people present from the village immediately knew the names of the eight

victims and some silence was needed for the emotions. One of the consequences of the high death rate amongst women is that girls seldom are able to finish primary school.

These cases could likely have been avoided, if there would have been a simple medical facility (so-called dispensary) nearby. But because people have to walk for **a day** to reach the nearest hospital they die before reaching a doctor or nurse.

The eight death cases in Kasemeni are known cases, representing 1% of the Kasemeni population of 800 inhabitants. If the 1% can be extrapolated to the 7500 inhabitants of all villages, it would mean approximately 75 unnecessary casualties in a year.

Dispensary

By realizing a dispensary the people will have access to basic medical treatment such as:

- Medicine
- Vaccination
- Antenatal services
- Family planning
- Delivery services – giving birth
- A basic laboratory
- Growth monitoring and nutrition assessment
- Public health services

Cooperation between government, inhabitants and foundation Saidia Kwale

Not only our Foundation Saisia Kwale, but also the government and the local community have an active role and will contribute to making this medical center possible. In our preparations we made already significant progress:

- The government will make a technical engineer available to make all designs and manage required governmental approvals;
- The local community will make 5 acres of land available for free and they will make it ready for construction ;
- All relevant senior stakeholders from the villages and the tribes should sign an agreement that they support;
- The government will take care of medicine and other healthcare supply on on-going basis;
- The government will take care of the required staffing (a doctor and a nurse).

However, the financial means for setting up the facility are locally not available. And this is where our foundation aims to be the facilitator. And where your support (small or major) for such investment will be of great importance.

What is needed and what will realized

For the indicative budget of € 85.000 a dispensary can be realized that consist of a treatment room, a laboratory, a medicine room, a delivery room and a bedroom. In addition to that, we aim to build a small house for the doctor and one for the nurse, toiletries and water and septic tanks and solar power energy provision. A preliminary breakdown of the budget is: € 45.000 for the core dispensary, € 20.000 for the houses of the doctor and the nurse and € 20.000 for the septic tanks and the public toilets.

If you would like to support this project, or have additional questions, please contact Hendrik Stegenga (email: hendrik@saidiakwale.com, tel: +31 6 5321 5384)
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Your donations are much appreciated.

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