

## HILL START WATER REPORT APRIL 2026

As at now Hill Start Water is up and running. We have had several meetings about the proper running of the water project and everyone has been given roles to play ranging from meter reading, following up for leakages and looking for more people to connect.

At present we have 47 people connected to the system and we see that the number will grow when the rains reduce because as at now there are rains and people get water from rains abundantly.

In the end of month of January we collected KES 18000 and that is the period we had collected more monies than any other period, this is believed to be the aggressive awareness campaign we undertook so that people pay for water

In the month of February rains came earlier than we anticipated and more water from rains got stored by the people and so the water usage went down,

All though the usage of water went down, there has been some little money coming on from sales of water at Kodada center and money from metered homes.

The total amount that we have collected from the beginning of the year is around KES 67000 and we hope that when we push further with connection plans we shall be able to collect even more fees.

There are a lot of requests to extend our lines farther but we do not have the capabilities so we require something to do with KES 325000 to add to the money we have collected to so that we extend the lines farther to capture a bigger area and this will in turn improve on the revenue. We ask the Fok that it is possible we could build this initiative for one last time.

Our intention is not for fee collection but it is a way for saving for eventualities and also bringing water near to our community. More likely that people are abandoning going far to look for water than use the one that we have brought closer to them.

Our water has also been becoming clear and clearer as time goes by, its salty tastes is within ranges and has also improved a lot.

### CHALLENGES

During this rainy season people are preparing their farms for crops and some of the places that we have passed our pipes are interfered with because some are not sure where to reach when digging with oxen and they end up ploughing out the pipes since we have to pass through peoples' boundaries.

Because we use plastic pipes known as PPR there is another problem of the big rats underground that bite the pipes and it takes us time to notice since water evaporates underground and also sending quantities of soil into the pipes making blockages.

The other is tree roots that grow bigger by the time, as we pass through boundaries of peoples' farms there are sorts of trees that are grown or growing, when this happens the roots tamper with the pipes and this is some sort of a problem, straining and further breaking pipes and subsequent water losses.

The one major problem is that of Water account. This has brought some confusion because the authorizes think we are doing some business in water and they have come up with a lot of requirement that we must pass for them to register new account number, the account that we have got has some of our money and we cannot use them.

We are now trying to have an approval by the social welfare in charge of registration but since the office has been missing the one in charge of approvals as we do not know what problem is. We were to told to check in two weeks again.

We are happy that however payment is slow but it is actually happening in bits and we together with the people will make it happen.

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