

# MWITU NA WATU CHARITABLE TRUST

## END of YEAR REPORT - 2014

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*“Mwitu Na Watu Charitable Trust is dedicated to raising funds for support of underprivileged adults and children in Kenya, as well as for the conservation of wildlife. We are supporting Community Wildlife Conservation as a means for landowners to earn revenue from wildlife living on their lands, principally through tourism.”*

*Mwitu na Watu, its trustees Robyn Boyd & Michel Laplace-Toulouse, are working in association with African Latitude, Community Camps & Flying 4 Conservation.*



[View of the Loita Hills](#). Kone School is below us on the plateau

# 1- Project Report

## a) Loisiijo footbridge, Shompole Group Ranch

The bridge at Loisiijo is now an integral part of the Shompole Group Ranch Community. It's constantly in use as the Ewaso Ngiro River fluctuates with the rains. The river divides the seasonal grazing grounds & thus seasonal homes of the local Maasai. Due to the arid conditions at Shompole on the floor of the Rift Valley, the local Maasai must have extensive grazing options.

'Bridging the Gap' has waived half of the remaining money owed by the Community for the construction of the bridge, so the funds could be used to pay legal fees for a court case over the Shompole land. Mwituna Watu also refunded kshs50,000- to 'Bridging the Gap' on behalf of the Community. This was funded by Community Camps Ltd.



Aerial view of the Ewaso Ngiro River, 1 km upstream from the bridge

Loisiijo Lodge generates much needed revenue for the Shompole Community through bed night fees, Conservation and Community fees, from tourists visiting the Shompole Area. The importance of the lodge as an employer is vital to the Community as well as to the conservation of the wildlife in the area. The area is rich in wildlife including elephant, lion, leopard, & eland just to name a few. Mwituna Watu is dedicated to supporting Loisiijo Lodge by raising funds & collecting donations.

			BRIDGING THE GAP- SGR		Amt Ksh
04/10/2011	Loisiijo Bridge building SGR Share	50 000,00		Contribution to BTGA	200 000,00
12/12/2013	Bridge building SGR Share 580\$ part of 600\$ internet donation	50 000,00			
10/12/14	Payment to SGR lawyers on behalf of Bridging the Gap	50 000,00			
12/12/2014	Balance C/Fwd( Due to BTGA)	50 000,00			
			BRIDGING THE GAP- Mwituna Watu		Amt Ksh
<b>Date</b>					
03/10/2011	Sand & Ballast -Part Payment	38 000,00		Contribution to BTGA	419 070,00
14/10/2011	Part Payment Sand & Ballast	27 000,00			
14/10/2011	Braided PVC Hose	8 640,00			
14/10/2011	Bridge Building Assistance	8 000,00			
20/10/2011	Bridge Building Assistance	600,00			
20/12/2011	Bridge building( Donation by Rochat Dominique B.T.Gap)		83 000,00		
24/12/2011	Bridge building( Donation by V.Gesser paid to B.T.Gap-18/02/2013)		120 000,00		
31/12/2012	Admin Expenses	760,00			
12/12/2013	Part of Internet donation 600\$		1 600,00		
17/12/2013	Payment to Bridging the gap (F4C)		48 000,00		
10/12/2014	Payment to Bridging the gap (Community Camps Ltd))		50 000,00		
12/12/2014	Balance C/Fwd( Due to BTGA)	33 470,00			



# 1- Project Report continued

## b) Kone Primary School at Morijo in the Loita Hills

African Latitude and Mwituna Watu have been supporting several Loitan schools by setting aside funds collected from each of our visitors to the area. This means that on our Loita Hills Walking Safari from the edge of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, all the way to the floor of the Rift Valley near Lake Natron, five primary schools plus the Shompole Group Ranch will receive funding for designated projects.

We have been involved with Kone Primary School for many years, and contributed to its building a few years back. With 300 pupils today, this school is without electricity or running water as most schools in the area. We are currently working on rebuilding the school toilets with the help of Momposhi Ole Rerente, one of our local guides from the area. Funding is through donations raised by Kristen Groessl from Chicago, USA. Currently materials have been purchased and the construction will take place during the Christmas school holidays over the next few weeks.

Expected cost: kshs150000-.





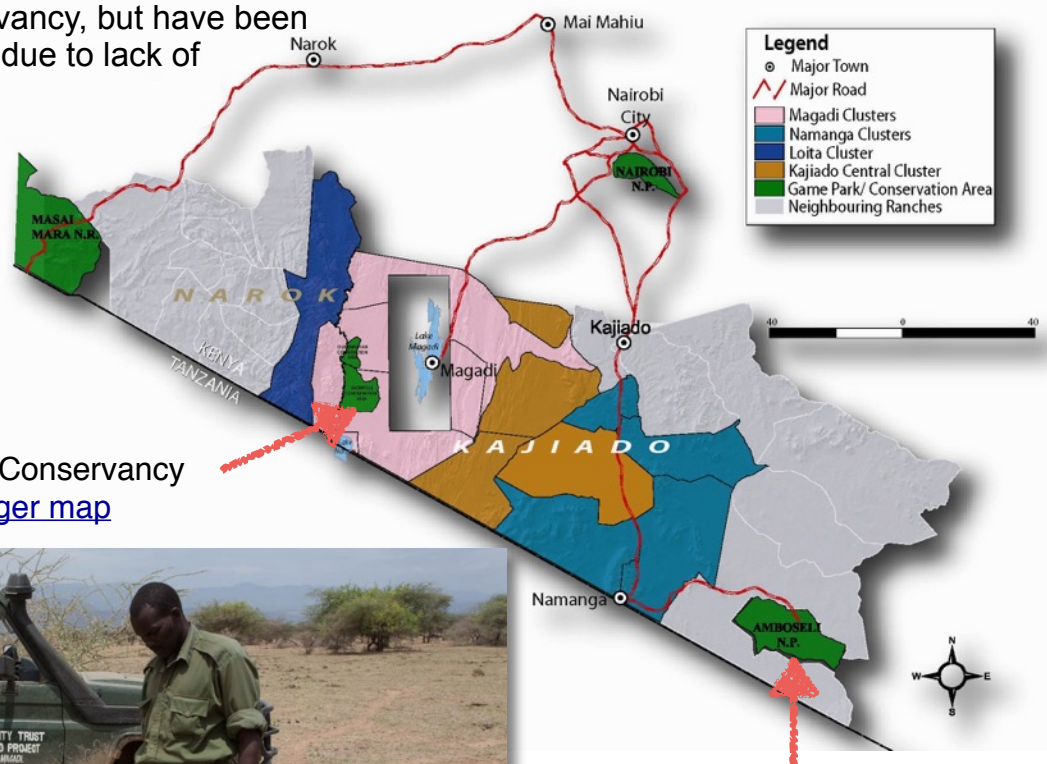
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## c) Shompole Wildlife Scouts

The 25,000 acre Wildlife Conservancy run by the Shompole Community still remains a management challenge. There are large numbers of wildlife living in this area, such as elephant, lion, giraffe, zebra, and eland just to mention a few. Surrounded by the forested Nguruman escarpment & Loita hills on one side, & the soda lakes Magadi & Natron to the east & south, the area is a migratory corridor between Amboseli National Park & Maasai Mara Game Reserve. The Game Scouts patrol and prevent poachers from entering the conservancy, as well as assist in lion and herdsman conflict resolution. They are part of an early warning system under the guidance of Guy Western's lion project in the Shompole and (neighboring) Olkiramatian Group Ranches. Guy, a scientist based in Olkiramatian, has over the years established a map of the main predator passages and territories. This information assists to advise the local people which areas are best avoided for grazing their cattle, thus minimising predator/human conflicts and avoiding potential retaliation from the herdsman who would be wanting to kill the lions if their cattle were harmed.

The Rangers are a vital part of the Shompole Wildlife Conservancy, but have been reduced to just 5 this year due to lack of funding. Mwituna Watu paid the salary of 1 Ranger this year, while others were under the umbrella of the African Conservation Center.

Shompole Wildlife Conservancy  
[Link to bigger map](#)



Amboseli National Park



2014 has been a difficult year for the wildlife, mainly due to a [prolonged drought](#).



[Monitoring a collared lion at sunrise](#) in Shompole

# 1- Project Report continued

## d) Siloam Orphanage

Situated in [Kibera](#) Nairobi, the [Orphanage](#) currently takes care of 64 resident orphans and over 478 day students from the Kibera slums.

The project to relocate the girls to the countryside near Bungoma, Western Kenya, has moved ahead this year with the help of other organisations. The new orphanage now has seven rooms built, 16 beds purchased and the dormitory area has been fenced. Stephen Munyolo, their 'father' has been very busy on the project and is hoping to find more funding for the completion of the work.

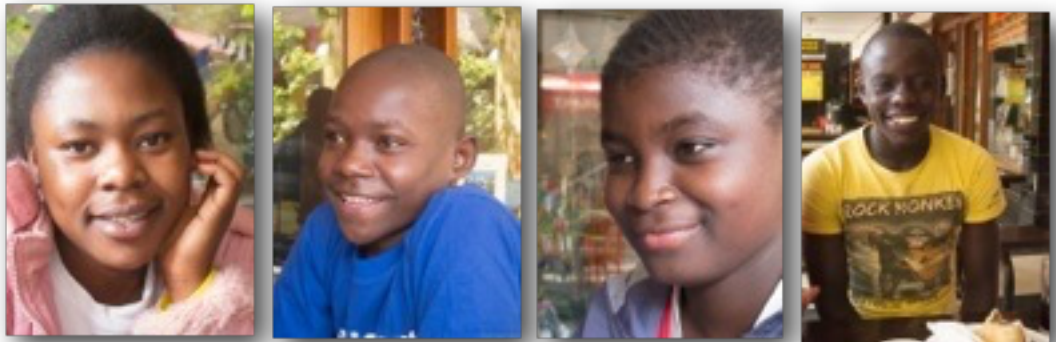
On our side as in previous years we have been supporting the orphanage by supplying them with basic food items like maize & beans on a regular monthly basis.

We are also paying the Kenya School Examination fees for the orphans.

You might remember these four children.

The girl Neema has now finished Form 4 and waiting for her results hoping to enter college. The two boys Kevin and Edwin will join Form 3 next year here in Kibera, while Violet is now in Bungoma where she will join Form 3 in 2015.

[Check this link if you want to know a little more](#) about these 4 Kibera kids.



Here are some images of the new Bungoma Orphanage.

The main funding for the orphanage came this year again from the Trust ["Insolites Batisseurs"](#) in France, and Dianne & Bruce Wilson in Australia.



[More images of life in Kibera.....](#)



# 1- Project Report continued

## e) Independent Education Projects

- 1) Daniel Lochomin is a Village Chief in the northern area of Turkana and is very committed to his community. He has been involved in great efforts of conflict resolution between the Turkana people and the Dashanesh tribes of Ethiopia over grazing lands & access to water. He is currently following a Diploma course on



[Herdsman near Todonyang Lake Turkana](#)

'Conflict Resolution' at the University of Lodwar and will complete in March 2015. This course has been paid by Mwituna Watu Charitable Trust on last year's account. This year Daniel has undertaken a [Bachelor of Development Studies](#). Mwituna Watu assisted this year by paying for one semester's fees. His new skills are going to be needed in [Todonyang](#).

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**Mount Kenya University**

School of Social Sciences  
Department of Social and Development Studies  
PROVISIONAL RESULT SLIP

Name of Student : Daniel Ekal LOCHOMIN      Reg No. : BDS/2014/67784  
Programme : Bachelor of Development Studies  
Academic Year : 2013/2014 - May/Aug

Unit Code	Unit Title	Academic Hours	Marks %	Grade
BAF1101	Financial Accounting I	42	53.0	C
BED1101	Introduction to Microeconomics	42	53.0	C
BED1102	Foundation of Culture and Development	42	60.0	B
BED1104	Introduction to Sociology	42	70.0	A
BAJ1103	Introduction to Philosophy	42	59.0	C
BUCU001	Communication Skills	42	62.0	B
BUCU003	Development Studies	42	76.0	A
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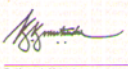
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RECOMMENDATION  
PASS: Pass

KEY TO GRADING SYSTEM

A	=	70 - 100	Excellent
B	=	60 - 69	Very Good
C	=	50 - 59	Good
D	=	40 - 49	Pass
F	=	0 - 39	Fail

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- 2) Robin and Carl Laarson of Illinois USA, have supported Jonathan Njapit's schooling since 2013. We received [his second term results](#). Jonathan's grades have improved immensely, he is now 5th out of 58 in his class. We hope that the Laarson's will continue to help Jonathan and Mwituna Watu will continue to monitor his studies.





# 1- Project Report continued

## e) Independent Education Projects

3) Francis Kipelian, another young man from the Loita Hills, has just completed a study on 'the impact of change in land tenure system on wildlife habitats in the Maasai Mara eco-system'. This research was to complete his 'Diploma in Wildlife Management' for which he obtained a Credit. Thanks to donations from a group of Australian visitors [trekking in the Loita Hills](#) early this year, Francis was able to complete his studies which required him to travel to remote areas interviewing local communities, visiting wildlife conservancies and county authorities to record their views on the issues concerned.



[The edge of the Masai Mara Game Reserve](#)

Now in 2015 Francis will commence his Degree in Wildlife Management with the University of Eldoret.



*Francis Kipelian in the Loita Hills with the generous Australian sponsors*

EDUCATION PROJECT					13 980,00
Deposit	02/26/2014		Donation-Carl& Robin Larson - Sch Fee J.Njapit yr 2014	-39 928,25	-25 948,25
Cheque	03/01/2014	93	Jonathan Njapit-Yr 2014 School fee	34 000,00	8 051,75
Deposit	03/12/2014		Donation Draper&Bagnall for Francis Kipelian	-51 100,00	-43 048,25
Cheque	03/14/2014	96	Transport Mara ( Francis Kipelian)	18 000,00	-25 048,25
Deposit	03/14/2014		Donation Sue Huckson - Francis Kipelian	-14 600,00	-39 648,25
Cheque	04/13/2014	GP2	Francis-Cash for Bks& Flash key, 2Months Acc,Gas bottle&Phone/Internet	26 000,00	-13 648,25
Cheque	04/14/2014	GP3	Francis Extra Cash for Transport Mara-Nbo & Food.	18 500,00	4 851,75
Total EDUCATION PROJECT				-9 128,25	4 851,75

# 2- 2015 Projections

## a) Shompole Group Ranch

- 1) Still owing to Bridging the Gap for Bridge construction ksh 83,470- ( 800 €)
- 2) To pay Rangers salaries in the Shompole Wildlife Conservancy  
ksh 20,000- x 12 months = ksh 240,000- (2400 €)
- 3) Funds needed to migrate Loisiiyo Lodge to higher ground and avoid flooding ksh 8,000,000- 80000€

## b) Education Sponsor Projects

- 1) Daniel Lochomin  
BA Development Studies tuition fees at Lodwar University ksh 360,000- (3600 €)
- 2) Jonathan Njapit tuition fee at Loita High School ksh 40,000- (400 €)

## d) Siloam Orphanage

- 1) Food for Orphans:  
Monthly minimum needed currently is ksh 30000- X 12 months = ksh 360,000- (3600€)

- 2) School Examination registration cost  
Estimated in 2015: ksh 75000- (750€)

### 3) Relocation of Girls Orphanage to Bungoma, Western Kenya

Siloam have succeeded in building one dormitory, a kitchen and a storeroom. Esther Munyolo, the wife of Steven, is taking care of the girls relocated there. In the long term the boys' orphanage will also move to the new location.

They are currently looking for funds to:-

Complete bore hole in Bungoma	ksh 600,000- (6000€)
Complete toilets/washrooms at Bungoma	ksh 180,000-(1800€)
Complete fencing at Bungoma	ksh 150,000-(1500€)
Clear the toilets and renovations in Kibera	ksh 600,000-(6000€)

[A few images from Bungoma Orphanage](#) (Western Kenya)



Dreaming of another life



# 3- Documents - Annexes

a) [Mwitu Na Watu end of year accounts 2014](#).

b) Sponsors 2014

- Bruce and Diane Wilson
- Catherine Joseph
- Carl & Robin Larson
- Jamy Gourmaud
- Kristin Groessel
- Robyn & Michel Laplace-Toulouse
- Roland de Siebenthal
- Stephane Jobert
- Tony & Ruth Williamson
- Fondation Bâisseurs Insolites
- African Latitude Ltd
- Rajni Shah & Co