

## Kakrao prayer update – April



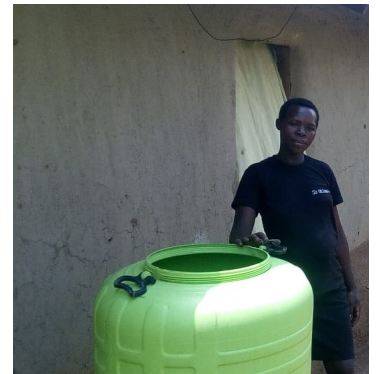
Dear Friends,

In these uncertain times, I wanted to bring you some good news. I've been speaking with Sylvia, who's been comparing how things were at the start of the project, with how things are now that the project is coming to an end.

### Here are some figures:

- 97% of women are involved in decision making
- 94% are no longer stigmatised due to their status. Mind sets in the community have changed
- 60% are now confident that their farms can provide adequate food and an income for them

Sylvia says that the families look healthier now that they are eating well. Many are eating a good range of food and more than two meals a day.



Water was once an issue for them, but not now. With the techniques learnt during this project, Electa (in the photo by her water-harvesting tank) told us: "I now have clean, safe drinking water throughout the year and I do not need to go to the stream for drinking water."

Sylvia's team has been working with the community to ensure that they will be in a good place once they graduate from the project in September. Farmers have been telling her that they feel confident they can continue working without the presence of Send a Cow as they now have strong community structures in place.

We had no idea how important these structures would be, but now we have the fear of the coronavirus spreading across Africa, these structures could prove to be lifelines.

The Send a Cow team are still able to provide training, in very small groups and within government guidelines. They've been installing tip taps at as many water points as they can, with posters explaining about Covid-19. The Kenya government has asked our team to help coordinate health interventions!

**We ask that you would continue to pray for those on the project and all our projects, asking that God would protect them from the coronavirus. Please pray that he would use the Send a Cow team to provide information that will save lives.**

The project itself finishes in September when we will have completed a three-year programme with them. Through the prayerful and financial support of churches like yours, we have been able to watch families and individuals in this community grow and flourish. We

have joined with them through the ups and downs of life. We are truly blessed to have you, supporting our work. Thank you for the encouragement you have given to us here in the UK by choosing this project and helping to support a community to work their way out of poverty.

I had hoped to be able to send you another update before the project officially finishes but these are unknown times and we don't know how the end of the project will play out. But we do know that right now, the community is thriving and they have the resources to keep washing their hands.

**I have also attached a proposal for a Mission Partnership in Kenya, which we hope to start in September (all being well). I hope that as the Kakrao Project finishes you will consider supporting this new project and being part of transforming another community in rural Africa. The focus is on widows and orphans. If you would like more information about this, please do get in touch with my colleague [Emily.lynch@sendacow.org](mailto:Emily.lynch@sendacow.org) and she will be able to help you, as I will be on furlough throughout May (possibly longer).**

Thank you for your continued support and I pray for God's blessing on you at this difficult time. I really hope to be in touch again soon!



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