



### Commissioning of Oliorum Water Project

In July KELC officially commissioned the site of the Oliorum Water Project in Kajiado Parish. Over the last 2 years, leadership in the parish and the head office have worked diligently to complete this water borehole project to bring clean water to Kajiado, a rural and arid region of our church.

The original project plan was to create a borehole to serve the Oliorum Primary School, however, the water yield of the borehole was high enough to also support the water needs of several surrounding communities. Now, in addition to the 200 students at the primary school, over 250 families are benefiting from the access to clean, affordable water and improved sanitation facilities.

The beneficiaries are already experiencing tremendous benefits from access to clean, affordable, and reliable water. Women and children used to walk over 5km to fetch water, requiring several hours each day to complete this task. Now fetching water takes only a few minutes. Children are able to spend more time in school, and women are able to engage in other household or economic development activities. Additionally, the water facility has a trough for livestock. Most men in the region are cattle and goat herders, and they can now water their animals at this convenient location in their community, rather than traveling long distances to find water. Families are able to spend more time together because of the borehole.

We are grateful to our JMCK partners for their financial support and faithful accompaniment as we struggled to successfully complete this project. We ask for God's guidance as we continue work toward ensuring access to clean, affordable, and consistently available water for all people in our congregations and throughout all communities in Kenya.



Community members gathering to fill their water containers.



Officials checking the water at the Oliorum Primary School.



Community members, government officials, and church leaders gathered for the official opening of the borehole project.

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