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## **Grace Impact makes donation to the Waithaka Community Library (AMREF) and Empowerment Center in Dagoretti (Nairobi)**

**In July 2019**, Grace Impact made a generous donation to the Waithaka Community Library (AMREF/Fying Doctors) based in Dagoretti County (Nairobi). The grant will be used to purchase five laptops, a photo copying machine, and also pay for the Wi-Fi connection installation. Most importantly, the grant will pay the salaries of the professional librarian and an intern librarian for the time period August 2019 through December 2019. Grace Impact would like to **thank Dr. med. Ronald Beyer of Munich, Germany for his very generous donation to Grace Impact** and for making this first step in supporting the Waithaka Library a reality.

Grace Impact **has also made a pledge to continue supporting the Waithaka Community Library and Empowerment Center in 2020 and beyond** to ensure that the library stays open on a full-time basis and to support its activities for the community. We will issue a new press release in early 2020.

The Waithaka Community Library, the only one in Dagoretti Sub County, has been serving the Dagoretti community since 2010. Although the library is an important resource to the community, it has not been in use for many months per year. This was primarily due to the lack of a librarian to run the library/center as well as the lack of necessary resources, such as computers and books, required by the users. It is for this reason that Grace Impact felt compelled to donate funding to hire staff to energize / revitalize the center. Without a librarian and its intern, the library was not used by the community as originally planned.

**Patricia Kwamboka, Project Manager – Child Protection and Development Centre at Amref**, wrote, “The grant from Grace Impact has injected fresh impetus in services provided to the users. The grant with technical support from Rotary Club of Lavington has also supported in enhancing the library’s operations.” With this current grant and future grants to be dispersed in 2020 by Grace Impact, the Waithaka Library will support Amref’s efforts to rescue, re-habilitate, re-socialize and re-integrate vulnerable children and their families.

### **About the Waithaka Library**

The Waithaka Community Library, constructed by Amref Health Africa in Kenya, provides children and youth with a safe place to carry out their studies, to learn through out of curriculum interactions and to participate in essential programs and services such as career guidance, life skills, etc.

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Funding and staffing is the main constraint coupled with the desire to provide and maintain high standard of user experience.



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