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PRESS RELEASE

Grace Impact makes third grant to Men and Traditions Against Aids (“MTAA”) in Kenya

27 April 2020 - Grace Impact made its third grant to MTAA in March 2020 to finance the **installation of a solar water system** for MTAA’s new resource center. The grant will allow MTAA, an NGO based in Shianda, Kenya, to acquire a 5,000 liter tank, a complete water pump with accessories and a water tower to hold the tank.

As a next step, MTAA will also build a water kiosk to help them generate revenue and income from the neighboring community. Grace Impact hopes to support MTAA with this new sustainable project during 2020.



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MTAA's New Resource Center

With a very generous contribution by **MTAA Netherlands**, a resource center and office space was built during the last quarter of 2019. The resource center is primarily used to hold critical workshops carried out by MTAA to its members who include adolescents with their respective caregivers, young couples, widows, HIV discordant couples and old men. An average of 1,000 people attend these workshops each year. These workshops, held in April, August and December of each year, are essential since they help MTAA closely monitor all participants so as to improve their drug adherence and academic performance. These very important and effective workshops have yielded a significant drop in HIV/AIDS infections since their inception.

“These workshops have contributed much to the reduction of self-stigma and denial among adolescents living with HIV. **As a result of the workshops, last year (2019) one of the adolescents who had given up on his education due to his HIV status sat for his National secondary examination (Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education) and scored a mean grade of C that will allow him to be admitted in a tertiary college to pursue a course in electrical wiring and achieve his dream.** This happened following various counselling sessions during the workshops and follow-ups in collaboration with other key players; Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.”, cited Teresea A Owino, Programs Coordinator at MTAA Kenya.

The resource center building also has two conference halls which will be rented out for local functions and conference to help MTAA generate income for self sustainability.

About MTAA and Grace Impact gGmbH

MTAA is a non-profit organization that provides support and resources for people living with HIV/AIDS. It was founded in 1998 and has since then grown into a leading organization in the field. MTAA's mission is to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS and to provide comprehensive support and resources to people living with HIV/AIDS.

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