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The Samburu Project makes a Big Splash for Clean Water

On October 16th, The Samburu Project, a Kenyan NGO and partner of Airkenya, held their annual gala in the virtual space for a second year in a row. The two hour live show celebrated the organization's 15 years of providing clean water to the Samburu community while raising funds for the drilling of 5 more wells and additional programming. The event was streamed live on YouTube and a fundraising platform where viewers could bid on silent for live auction items and make donations.

The event began with a review of the organization's growth over the past 15 years including messages of congratulations by friends, stakeholders, and celebrities like Eliud Kipchoge. Throughout the gala, videos made in Samburu

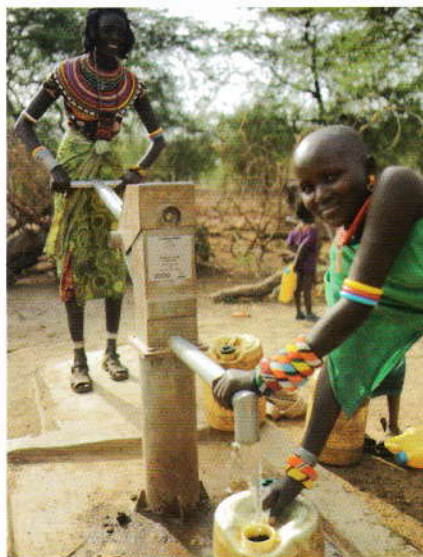


From top: TSP Executive Director Linda Hooper in Samburu; Eliud Kipchoge, Madhvi Dalal of PadMad and Airkenya pilots Cynthia Njoroge and Sokhi Akash



Clockwise: TSP well; Womens Workshop at Naupa Nkuriki and Well Signage with AK logo

were shown to a global audience to illustrate the life-changing work The Samburu Project is doing in Samburu county. Supporters met the health workers at Lengusaka Health Clinic, the beneficiary of solar panels and a rain catchment system. Girls from the Wamba Girls Secondary School shared their story of how water has impacted their lives and offered them the opportunity to go to school instead of collecting water all day. Women from Napau Nguriki told stories about the well that was installed in their community in 2019 and the workshop that The Samburu Project conducted on the importance of education and the harmful effects of FGM. The story of Mary Lenkupae was a crowd-pleaser. Only because she has access to water is she able to support her family from the fruits and vegetables she grows on her compound. The highlight of the evening was meeting Julia Lejade to see how clean water has impacted every aspect of her and her family's lives.



You can watch her story on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAv4wAFHEqs&t=3s>) Or stream the entire event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spikYpWi--0&t=4678s>

The night was an amazing success with people tuning in from around the world to raise funds to drill five more wells in drought plagued Samburu. AirKenya is a proud sponsor of The Samburu Project and congratulates them on 15 years and 133 water wells in Samburu.