

ENHANCING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER IN WESTERN PROVINCE – KENYA

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2011.

Introduction:

In the month of January 2011, Concerns for the Girl Child Society continued with activities as planned. More focus was on discussing survey reports, getting permits from the ministry of water and irrigation for drilling boreholes, getting quotations from possible companies/persons who drill boreholes and shallow wells and drawing contracted ready for the work to begin.

Survey reports:

We discussed all the survey reports in all the project sites. The committee members and community at large agreed with the findings except for Namwesi where roof catchment was recommended. The community members argued that rain water may not sustain them and requested for another option of shallow well in one of the community members land around the school.

Permits:

Permits were delayed because the schools did not have land title deeds. However, the people who had given land to the schools provided letters stating they had given the lands to the schools and mentioning the land title deed numbers. Area chiefs also gave their consent to the project. Applications were then sent to the regional water offices for consent.

Quotations:

We managed to get 3 quotations and settled for one. We settled for 450,000 and 480,000 for the two schools. We also managed to get quotations for the shallow well - Sirisia Mal primary School at Kshs. 279,000/=

Contracts:

We managed to give contracts for the work to start.

Namwesi ACK Primary school:

Second survey to be done in February for that we can identify the possible point for a shallow well. This will be done in the neighboring plots nearby as recommended by committee members.

Next steps:

Drilling of boreholes and survey.