

ENHANCING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER IN WESTERN PROVINCE – KENYA**ACTIVITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2010****Introduction:**

In the month of November, 2010, Concerns for the Girl Child Society continued with activities as planned. More concentration was on committee planning meetings and community sensitization in Western Kenya. Below is a detailed report on activities carried out during the said month.

Planning meeting

Planning meetings continued in all the project sites in Western Kenya. The groups are now cohesive. They have put their documentation in place e.g. their rules and plans.

One of the key issues in planning that came up was getting a permit for drilling boreholes. The committee member's task was to get to the relevant water authorities and apply for the permit. The representative of the ministry of water in the planning committee in collaboration with the school head teachers will facilitate the process.

Survey for water points:

2 Geologists were identified during the month of November. The quotations for the water survey in the four schools were given as follows;

Geologist A – 40,000 per school x 4 =Kshs. 160,000/=. He later reduced the amount to Kshs. 35,000/= per school. This will then amount to 140,000

Geologist B – 35,000 per school x 4 = Kshs. 140,000/=. He gave a discount of 5,000 per school. This will amount to Kshs. 120,000/=.

There are drilling companies that drill water without the survey report. The committee members felt that they could do a shoddy job.

The quotation for drilling will be done once the survey is complete in December.

Water drillers:

The identified drillers said their quotation will depend on the water depth per site. One recommended company said they drill at 4,000 per meter. This is usually based on geologists report.

Planned activities for December:

Follow up on permits

Survey on water points by geologists in the four schools

Continue with committee meetings.

Comments:

- By mid of January, we should be ready for drilling and by end of February 2011, at least two school should have water.
- We did not have a budget for survey but it is very important.

Recommendations:

- We should have a disbursement of half the amount for drilling by end of January.
- Under line items we may have saved, I request that we use it for survey.