



TGUP Project Summary

Water Tanks

Meru, Kenya



Project Name:

Water Tanks

Project Location:

Meru, Kenya

NGO Partner:

(CIFORD) Community Initiatives for Rural Development

Project Cost:

\$300 per tank

Needs Assessment:

- * District has erratic and unpredictable rainfall and is often in drought conditions.
- * Each tank will benefit multiple families within the Meru community.
- * The beneficiaries pay $\frac{1}{3}$ the cost of each tank so every 3rd tank installed funds a 4th one.



TGUP, in partnership with Community Initiatives for Rural Development (CIFORD), will supply 3,000-liter water tanks to the Meru community. CIFORD is a community-based organization working in Meru, North District of Eastern Province, Kenya. The organization was formed in July 2002 and registered with the National Ministry of Sports, Gender and Social Services.

Each tank is shared by multiple families but also benefits the entire community. When it is dry and water is scarce, the beneficiaries use a donkey and cart to fetch water from the river to store in the water tank.

The water tanks allow for increased crop production, provide water for home use, minimize time spent fetching water, and reduce the incidence of water borne diseases.

The community has organized into support groups that are used as focal points for support and training on water use and conservation. The selection of tank placement is done by the group members.

Each tank will collect rainwater from roof tops as well as be supplemented by local river water. The \$300 covers the water tank and gutter system installation.

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