

## CIFORD REQUEST FOR PLANTING SEEDS

Preamble:

In the last three planting seasons, the people in our target community have harvested little and in the last season there was a total crop failure. The families have had difficulty times as most of them are depending purely on rain fed agriculture. The families have no food and no money. This is a situation which has left the families with no food and many children have dropped out school in search of casual labor.



The pictures above show the situation in the area. These are two different primary schools,

### **The Situation.**

The target area is dry, windy and bear with water scarcity being high. The women walk for long distance in search of casual labor and water. Due to the situation in the region, casual labor is difficulty to come across and this leaves the families desperate. The livestock are dying due to lack of food and there are no people willing to buy these livestock as there is no cash follow in the region.

Many families have been depending on food from well-wishers and CIFORD was not left out in supporting the families and schools with food during this hard economic times. CIFORD with support from friends and partners has supported 13 schools with food for school feeding program and has supported over 1250 families with food. This is not enough but the little given can help sustain the families. The families are still hungry and need food, they are preparing the land and need seeds for planting. With the very tough situation CIFORD with stakeholder have been discussing how best they can support the families with little seeds for planting where we considered having 3 kgs of beans and 2kg of Maize costing a total of Ksh 1800(Approximately USD 15). This is important because if they don't plant the vicious cycle of food insecurity continues.

### **Total Group members working with CIFORD:**

CIFORD Kenya works with over 3000 beneficiaries who are facing this challenges, They have made enormous request for the planting seeds during this time. The have expressed the failure to plant if no intervention and provision of planting seeds.



### **Vulnerable Families**

Since this is a large number we have done mapping and come up with 312 families which are vulnerable and with no intervention they will just sit and wait for no harvest as they won't have planted. These families mapped are those families of elderly guardians caring for children, the sickly and the young mothers with young children.



Elderly and physically challenged persons will be considered



### OUR APPEAL

We are requesting for support to enable us purchase planting seeds for the 312 vulnerable families who without the assistance they will not plant and this will just leave the family with the same problems. We believe by supporting these families they can plant and it will greatly impact on the lives of the families.

**Budget**

Number of families =312.

Amount per family =USD 15

Logistical/administrative support USD 300

**Total Amount Requested : 312x15= USD 4980.**

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