



Sustainable Rural Initiatives August 2017 Newsletter



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SRI awards top students

SRI in partnership with Solomon Kokiro (Ranjira Secondary school principal) and 4 local primary schools organized a joint examination contest and awarded the best performing students. This is in readiness and preparation for the fourth coming Kenya Certificate of Primary Education scheduled for November 2017. The schools have a total of 141 registered students who will sit for KCPE (Nyakakana - 30, Ranjira- 37, M bega 25 and Okana 49.)

The award giving ceremony which took place at SRI grounds on the 23rd October 2017 was attended by teachers and students from participating schools. SRI was represented by Archilles Nyakwaka, George Ochuka and Paul Ologo. Mr Dickson Awuon-



da, Ranjira primary head teacher and SRI's board member also attended the event. Ricardo Vallado who is a volunteer also attended the event. The event's guest of honour, Mrs Rita Otema, deputy principal Ranjira secondary school wished the candidates success and also assured them that the exams would go on as planned despite the prevailing political situation in the country.

Awards were given to various schools and individual students. In the school category, Mbega primary emerged the best with a mean grade of 281.12 followed by Ranjira 274.98, Okana 244.50 and Nyakakana 216.28. At individual level, Polycarp Ouma of Ranjira emerged the best with 411 marks out of 500. He was followed by Okanas Rolex Ouma who scored 399 and Ranjira's Peter Kisia with 397 respectively. The best girl award was given to Okanas Caren Akinyi who scored 339 marks. Also awarded were best performers in every subject.

SRI wishes the 2017 candidates success in their exams and also in their future endeavors. We also thank Ricardo Vallado for offering to sponsor some best performers in the 2017 KCPE exams. SRI remains committed to support the various educational activities and programs in our partner schools.

Phase 11 Pavilions Construction in progress

The construction of the Second Phase of the SRI pavilion is on progress. The building houses a cafeteria and bakery units. Also under construction is a septic tank. Late this month they already constructed beacons and a septic tank.

Volunteers arrive at SRI

Sustainable Rural Initiatives is privileged to have 4 volunteers who will help with the construction of the Phase 2 of the Resource Centre. Every volunteer had something to say.

I'm Ricardo Vallado. I am an architect from Mexico. I live in the southeast of Mexico in Cancun city.

I came from Mexico, I arrived to Kenya one month ago and I am learning all sustainable activities that SRI offers. I am also learning a lot about working with the community under the philosophy of community empowerment. I hope to take back all this knowledge to Mexico.

It has been a great experience till now learning about the people, their culture and their ways of life.

I am Kathrina Kohlroser from Austria in Europe. We are constructing the Bamboo roof structure, building the pavilion walls, at the end of December we want to trace the building waterproof roof.



I'm born in Austria, but currently living and working as an architect in a small architecture office in Berlin Ger-

many. I would like to gain more experience on construction site and face the problem that come up when you make the step from design to actual built on site. I would like to get in touch with and gain experience more knowledge with local materials like bamboo and work together with other people and form a great team.

I am barely one week here .I really enjoy time here at SRI. We had really nice welcoming from every one.

I'm Itair Epelde. I'm from the north of Spain, Basque country. I'm an architect who is living in Amsterdam for almost four years. I'm going to be in Okana for three weeks.

I'm from north Spain but currently I live in Amsterdam. I'm an architect and I come to Okana the 25th October, so I just spent I week on the site .i expect to learn about the construction especially bamboo structure but I'm always curious about sharing and chatting locals to under the culture.

Last week I had really nice time. I learned a lot about bamboo construction but the nic-

est thing is to share experiences with the local people.

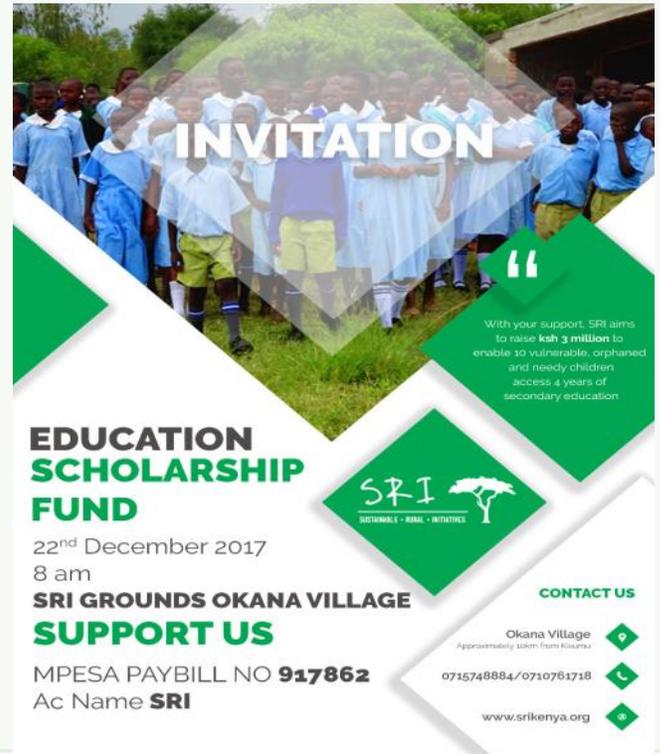
Ellen Rouwendal, one of the main architects of the pavilions also arrived at SRI on 25th October 2017. She will oversee the construction activities .

Education scholarship fundraising.

SRI is organizing a fundraising to support poor and vulnerable students who will sit for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education in 2017 to access secondary education next year. The event will take place at SRI grounds in Okana village. Date- 22nd December 2017. We request members of the public to

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SRI offers education support to bright but poor and vulnerable students and through its sponsorship program a number of students are able to access secondary education



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