

SUSTAINABLE RURAL INITIATIVES

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ANNUAL REPORT

Foreword



Sustainable Rural Initiatives (SRI) is a visionary non-governmental organization working in Western Kenya to improve the quality of life for rural communities. The focus of our activities is mainly in Okana Community of Kadibo Division. We adopted a theory of change that integrates priority focus areas in our efforts to transform the livelihoods of the community members. This is also guided by the peculiarities of the rural context in which we work. The program areas on which we focus our interventions include: Agriculture and Environment; Education, Skills & Entrepreneurship; Community Health and Youths in Action.

In 2021 we continued to record several achievements and developments in our areas of focus and even beyond. The details of these are summarized in this report. These achievements have been through partnerships and collaborations with various partners, both local and international. I thus take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to our stakeholders and partners for their continued support. I deeply appreciate the efforts of SRI Board Members, staff and the Okana Community for the successes attained in 2021. As we begin to get out of the devastating impacts of the COVID 19 Pandemic, we hope that we will achieve even more in 2022

Ms. Verah Atieno Owiti
Executive Director

About SRI

Sustainable Rural Initiatives (SRI) is a visionary non-governmental organization working in Western Kenya to improve the quality of life for rural communities. SRI applies an integrated approach to community development and poverty alleviation. We work with rural communities to unveil and enable them use their potentials and opportunities amidst them. We do this by leveraging our collective talents, resources, knowledge, capacities and networks to encourage societal transformations. SRI focuses on supporting community groups to benefit from their potentials and opportunities amidst them. We thus implement our innovative activities in collaboration with local communities, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), local and international institutions and partners. We mainly rely on knowledge exchanges, innovations and partnerships to transform rural societies in Western Kenya.

Mission

To contribute to social transformations in rural villages in Western Kenya by investing in, supporting, connecting and celebrating community groups, social entrepreneurs and the innovators who help them solve chronic and pressing challenges.

Aim

To develop community groups and social entrepreneurs, who are society's change agents, creators of innovations that disrupt the status quo and transform poor rural societies for the better. Our desire is to create a brighter future and meaningful change for underserved rural societies. Our ultimate goal is to inspire rural communities to take their future in their hands to enable them access the critical goods and services they need so that they can make choices for themselves and realize their own human potential.

Vision

A sustainable world devoid of poverty and suffering but with new possibilities and opportunities arising from local potential, partnerships, and knowledge application to local challenges

We pursue our goals through four program areas: Agriculture & Environment, Community Health, Educational support, Skills Development & Entrepreneurship and Youth Activities. SRI maintains a Secretariat of core staff to support, coordinate and facilitate programs that aim at improving the quality of life for rural communities. The SRI headquarters are at Okana, some 12 kilometers away from Kisumu-Ahero town road. SRI's geographic focus is the larger Kadibo Division and extended Lake Victoria regions. Improving the quality of life and empowering different sectors of this community is a key focus of SRI.

Report of Implementation of Activities

The annual report presents, through a balanced scorecard, the position of SRI and the in tandem services we are delivering. The timing is set so that our Performance Advisor (PA) can recommend our funding for the next quarter. This report summarizes achievements, challenges and the way forward for the period under review.

Agriculture and Environment

In agriculture, SRI continues to work with the community to promote garden kitchen concept within the community. We realize this through involvement of community women in vegetable production and management, a practice which starts from SRI farm. Through SRI personnel in-charge of Agriculture, the willing women are taken through seedbed preparation and management. In the first quarter of the year, SRI managed to distribute thirty seedlings of Kales per household to Five (5) women. Out of these, one household did not manage her share properly therefore, they all died! SRI undertakes tree planting campaigns especially with the school going children from the partner schools and community groups. For the year under report, SRI managed to distribute over Five hundred (500) tree seedlings to three partner primary school. Monitoring report showed that the seedlings did not do well due to poor state of school perimeter fence and lack of watering due to water scarcity in the area.



Education and Skills Development

The strategic goal of this activity is to equip youth, women and other community members with employable, technical and vocational skills for improved livelihoods. During 2021, the SRI Carpentry & Joinery Program attained accreditation to offer the trainings in carpentry & joinery up to Level five (5). Similar accreditation was attained for Tailoring and Computer training programs. Our new trainees Bright Odhiambo & James Juma enrolled for the carpentry training and are already progressing well. Bright is a young person living within Okana Community and has developed interest in carpentry skills. This was attributed by close relationship with his late father who was a renowned carpenter in the village. He now wants to follow the footsteps of his dad by acquiring useful skills and competency required in the labor market.



Bright Odhiambo trying out new carpentry skills



Building a reading culture through the community library

SRI runs a community library targeting community members especially children. The library has become an important information resource centre and community learning space for the community. It operates a fruitful collaboration with the Kenya national library services, Kisumu branch. The community library now has over nine hundred (900) books and other online resources. The library continues to register new members especially school going children. In the ended year, twenty two new members were registered.



Youth in Action

SRI runs a number of activities for community youths. We participated in Kisumu County Budget Economic Forum (CBEF) Training held from 3rd and 4th February 2021 in Kisumu, Kenya. SRI was represented in the two day event by the Projects Coordinator and ICT Officer. The event was organized by the County Budget Economic Forum and supported by Practical Action. The theme of the forum was 'Enhancing Synergy and achieving results towards the Budget Cycle and its implementation contributing towards an equitable development of Kisumu County. The event was graced by Kisumu County Deputy governor Dr. Mathews Owili, who encouraged young people to be proactive and take advantage of opportunities in the county.

Miguye FC wins SRI Annual Tournament 2021

The Annual SRI tournament was held at the Okana Primary School grounds in December 2021 bringing together eight (8) local football clubs namely, Miguye FC, Kahawa FC, Okana FC, Bungu FC, Mbega FC, Nyakakana FC, Kamiyog FC and Centiball FC. The theme of the 2021 tournament was "Sports for Healthy Wellbeing" with the aim of using sports to enhance healthy living in the community. SRI used the opportunity of the tournament to present sessions of healthy living and well being. Miguye FC emerged the winning team and was awarded Kshs: 15,000.00 plus a trophy. The 1st runners-up, Kahawa FC got Kshs: 10,000.00 and the 2nd Runners up, Okana FC got Kshs. 5,000 courtesy of SRI Board Chair Dr. James Jowi, Nelson. From the chief guest, Miguye, Kahawa and Okana FCs got Kshs. 10,000, 7,000 and 3,000 respectively courtesy of Orowe Jakobura. The event was graced by Mr. Willis Orowe Jakobura as the Chief Guest in addition to Dr. James Jowi, the Patron of the tournament.



Other Activities

SRI hosted Mr. Wilson Muguro, an architectural student from the University of Nairobi whose stay at SRI in February 2021 was due to his interest in the architectural design of the SRI Resource Centre. The aim of the stay was to contribute to the finalization of his 6th year studies in Architecture. He was pleased with the architectural design and was toured around the resource center as per our custom. Mr. Muguro equally visited the ongoing irrigation project at the community irrigation scheme (equally key for his study on putting up dikes).

Visitors from Kiota Children's Home

Mr. Herman Mwangi and Mr. Daniel Kyao, from Kiota Children's Home in Thika, visited SRI on 10th February 2021, to learn more on SRI pavilion's general development and operation of SRI as an organization. The duo came to benchmark on SRI pavilion architectural work for adoption in their place.



PROMOTING VISIBILITY

Y-Act project in the verge of promoting visibility and meaningful youth engagement supported SRI with donation of bags and T-Shirts. This will go a long way in spreading our advocacy work amongst the youth in Kisumu County and by extension Kenya as a whole.

Partnership Forum

SRI works in Partnership and Alliances with County Government, National Government and like-minded CSOs. It is through this partnership that saw SRI join Kisumu Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-natal, Child and Adolescents Health (RMNCAH) Technical Working Group (TWG) and other like-minded CSOs in strengthening Coordination of (RMNCAH). SRI among other partners will join Adolescents, Youth, Sexual, Reproductive and Health Rights (AYSHR). Equally, this involvement will add to success of Y-Act project currently undertaken by SRI as an organization.



Kids Toy Design Project

The SRI Kids Toy Design project got into its second phase from January 2021 with two organized design workshops in which the kids to develop their creative and potential to develop design related skills. Nineteen kids from the community participated in a design process where they made prototypes of toys using locally available materials. The kids have so far made a prototype of a car, building and bridges during the design activities. In this workshop, the kids were challenged to design building structures. This is a collaborative project between SRI and TuDelft University.

The project included several activities including video shows with guiding questions for the design processes for the workshop. This was about 20-25 minutes' session that involved question and discussion with the kids based on the design manual.



The session involved collection of the materials to be used for making the designs. Clay is locally available material that the kids collected for making the building. During this stage the kids were made aware to know the purpose of their building, who is going to use it, how it is going to be used, where it is going to be located and what is it going to look like. Finally, the kids presented their designs to their peers and got their feedback to improve the designs.



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For the year ended 31st December, 2021

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Notes	2021		2020	
		Kshs.	EUROS	Kshs.	EUROS
Income	2	2,869,962.85	22,876.41	2,881,985.00	25,812.67
		2,869,962.85	22,876.41	2,881,985.00	25,812.67
Expenditure					
Administration (project)	2	2,671,672.18	21,295.84	2,649,352.91	23,729.09
		2,671,672.18	21,295.84	2,649,352.91	23,729.09
Surplus/Deficit		198,290.67	1,580.57	232,632.09	2,083.58

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		Kshs.	EUROS	Kshs.	EUROS
Assets					
Non-Current Assets					
Property, Plant & equipment	1	13,538,280.01	107,913.35	14,890,193.05	133,364.92
		13,538,280.01	107,913.35	14,890,193.05	133,364.92
Current Assets					
Bank balances	5	198,290.67	1,580.57	232,632.09	2,083.58
		198,290.67	1,580.57	232,632.09	2,083.58
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	3	82,911.20	660.88	30,000.00	268.70
		82,911.20	660.88	30,000.00	268.70
Net current assets		115,379.47	919.69	202,632.09	1,814.89
Total Assets		13,653,659.48	108,833.04	15,092,825.14	135,179.80
General Fund					
Property Fund	6	13,455,368.81	107,252.47	14,860,193.05	133,096.22
Reserve fund	4	198,290.67	1,580.57	232,632.09	2,083.58
		13,653,659.48	108,833.04	15,092,825.14	135,179.80

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Statement of Cash Flow

	Kshs.	2021	2020	
		EUROS	Kshs.	EUROS
Cash flow from operating actives				
Receipts for the year	2,637,330.76	21,022.11	2,609,172.35	19,912.79
Expenditure	(2,671,672.18)	(21,295.84)	(2,551,635.91)	(19,473.68)
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	(34,341.42)	(273.73)	57,536.44	439.11

Increase/(Decrease) in cash

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Movement in cash & cash equivalents

Opening cash balance	232,632.09	1,854.31	175,095.65	1,336.30
Decrease/increase in the year	(34,341.42)	(273.73)	57,536.44	439.11
Closing cash balance	198,290.67	1,580.57	232,632.09	1,775.41

Management Board

The SRI Management Board is responsible for the strategic direction of the organization, policy formulation and ensuring that activities are implemented. It is composed of ten members. The Board meets four times a year. The board now has committees under the 4 main activity areas of the organization. These committees co-opt members from the community. Below is a list of management Board.



*Dr. James Otieno Jowi
BoD Chair/Founder*



*Belinda Nyakinya
Vice Chairperson*



*Verah Owiti
Executive Secretary*



*John Otura
Treasurer*



Wangu Mutua



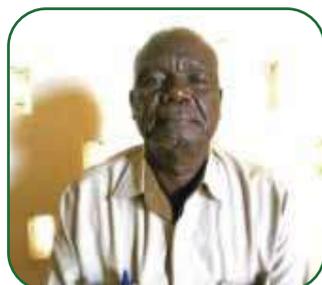
Paschalia Ndungwa



Richard Kameda



Mr. Dickson Awuonda



Elija Ajode



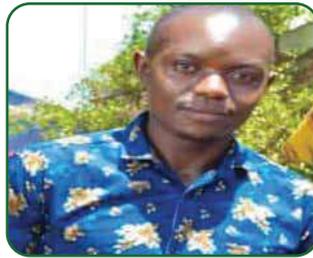
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Staff

SRI Secretariat is composed of Nine staff who are responsible for the daily management of the organization and for implementation of activities as approved by the Board.



*Verah Owiti:
Executive Secretary*



*James Odhiambo
(Program Manager)*



*Archilles Nyakwaka
(Project Coordinator)*



*George Ochuka
(Logistics Asst)*



*Richard Ogutu
(Security)*



Kennedy Omondi (ICT)



*Gordon Odhiambo
(Catering)*

Partnerships and Collaborations

In the spirit of unity is strength, SRI has been also welcoming different views and efforts from either individual or corporate bodies to ensure that we achieve set target. SRI has been working with the following organization.



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