



Update from John Lokeno and Amos Limo Liang'or December 2021

Greetings! We hope you all are well. The Pokot communities of Alale are doing fine through the mercies of our loving Lord Jesus Christ. Hereby is the report for the entire Pokot project from April to June 2021.

Health Centre

Our Health facility had been busy for the last two months of the quarter, attending to clients with different cases of illnesses; Most were diagnosed with malaria, fever, typhoid, and pneumonia. Our staff and clinic's commitment to quality care and excellence attracts many clients from different parts of the Pokot community in Kenya and neighboring communities in Uganda.

Our aging ambulance, which requires a lot of maintenance, was busy rushing patients for referral to either Moroto in Uganda or Kapenguria county referral hospital in Kenya. Thirteen key trips were made this quarter which saved the lives of patients. We continually strive to manage this resource as best as possible to make it usable, sustainable, and available to respond to the needs of critical referrals.

Our clinical medicine and surgery student, Elijah Yego, completed his final year of study and his medical internship at Kapenguria Referral Hospital. Now he has been assisting the clinic as he waits for his official graduation at the end of the year as a clinical officer. Elijah has demonstrated great love, competency, and commitment to serving patients. It is the committee's prayer that the government will employ him and second him to serve people here in the clinic. As we work to achieve our dream to move the clinic to a full district health center, we need a Clinical Officer like him. We thank the RCA for the Pokot Scholarship fund which supported Elijah. Currently, Henrico Moruu and Titus Metiach are being supported in their nursing training via this fund.



Field Intern Elijah Yego serving patients in the consultation room at AIC Alale Health Centre. Elijah is a Clinical Medicine and Surgery student sponsored by the RCA Pokot Scholarship fund in his final year of studies.



A photo of the ambulance when it returned from a trip to Moroto. The ambulance transported a patient for specialized treatment. Through the money which patients pay for this service, the ambulance has been maintained and serviced regularly.

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STATION

The station site is running well under the steering management of the station committee. The steering management team of the station committee has been charged to register the station's water source with the Kenya Water Resource and Management Authority (WARMA). They are waiting for the official certification of ownership of the Nabelat spring to be completed so we may be able to implement our plan to begin charging the community and various institutions established around the station for the use of water, which has been free since it was completed in the early 1980s. The strategic water points that will operate as commercialized water kiosks and payment centers are being set up. We have completed water points at Elie, Locharegan, Chepkukai, AP camp, and Kokwomuro. At numerous public meetings, the communities have responded positively to the need for better management of our water system so we may eventually be able to replace the existing worn-out pipes. In the above photo, a plumber is working on the leaking pipe. Once this water system management plan is fully implemented, we will be able to sustain the servicing and maintenance of it.



A plumber working on a leaking pipe at the Mission Station. As soon as the water charges are instituted, this water project will be able to sustain its servicing and maintenance and also earn income to the Station.

In July, after holding a public meeting with the county government physical planning team and the community to correct the map that was drawn wrongly without the involvement of the community, we were able to take a physical planner around the mission to a number of the acreage and properly map the mission station. This was necessary to open the way to obtain permits documents for official ownership.

COMMUNITY

The Pokot communities of Alale are doing well as the population grows yearly. There is high demand for land. The Pokot people have come to value the land as an asset. Some have begun to sell portions of land for money to pay their children's school fees and others have entered into business.

More Pokot people are learning and growing to become good farmers. For the last three years, we have not needed relief food during times of drought. In our traditional way of living, most Pokot were depending on animal products such as milk and meat for food. Now, we have moved from practicing pocket farming to commercial farming. The Alale community has been ferrying maize and beans to Kapenguria town to sell. Unfortunately, this year things will be reversed because there will be a poor harvest in the entire community. This is a result of rains coming very late and only raining once on June 2, 2021. Many farmers did not plant their farms in time and others were disappointed completely and did not plow or plant anything. Now, most people are doing gold mining activity in Naruoro. People are getting into the pits of about 8 to 12 ft down to get good alluvial soil while others survive in explosive mining.

SCHOOLS

The school calendar in Kenya was affected by COVID-19, for the usual time like this in Kenya, it was supposed to be the holiday for the second term so that the third term will begin on September to November. But now the

pupils are in schools for the first term. Our two secondary schools have admitted 20 students to AIC Alale Mixed Day School while Alale girls have admitted 34 students so far. This is to say the parents who are not able to pay the boarding school fee have been given the chance to take their children to the new AIC Alale Mixed Day School which is not expensive like boarding secondary school. Just imagine boarding school fee is paid up to Ksh 60,000 per year while for day school you need Ksh 15,000 per year. This has relieved at least the burden of fee payment to an able family. Though the school is a new, young school, they have three classrooms. The students have not moved to the site since there is a need of constructing three toilets, a kitchen, and one class to complete.

Alale girls are growing rapidly with the number of girls increasing from 250 to 300. This has made the board of the school think about constructing a dormitory through mobilizations funds from parents and the ministry of education, which funded the project to completion. The school board with the Alale church leaders commissioned the building to be used for the glory of God on June 24, 2021. The students have moved from the temporary iron sheet dorm to a new one, however, the school needs some more structures like a library, administration block, and dining hall for the school to meet the standards of being called a center of excellence.

With these few highlights, we thank our dear friends for their prayers and support of the Pokot project. Receive warm greetings from us all.

Yours in Christ on behalf of the Pokot Project,

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Pastor Mary Lodiog'ole shared the Word of God with students, parents, and teachers during the consecration ceremony of the dormitories at AIC Alale Girls' Secondary School in June 2021. This project was funded by the County Government of West Pokot.