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THE NEW VILLAGE MOVEMENT: Nation building

Many people doubt the possibility of lasting local development because they have never seen it in operation. A Human Development Project (HDP) demonstrates people's capacity to change their lives and shape their future. The villages look together at their hopes and dreams, discern underlying contradictions and create timed actions to deal with the contradictions. Corporately they do these plans, discovering new community pride, accomplishment and collegiality.

KAWANGWARE-KABIRO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In 1975 the first Human Development Project in Kenya was initiated in Kawangware on the outskirts of Nairobi's west side. Over the past six years, local people with the public and private sectors have made great strides in developing their community. Some of their accomplishments include:

- * **Comprehensive Health Programme:** Clinic staffed by two full-time nurses, a part-time doctor and fourteen community health caretakers.
- * **Pre-primary and Primary Self-help School:** 400 children, school staffed by local residents.
- * **Adult Literacy Classes:** 150 people, taught in conjunction with the Ministry of Adult Education, is one of the largest literacy programmes in Kenya.
- * **Community Centre:** Being constructed as a demonstration in low cost building and roofing materials in cooperation with the University of Nairobi and the Building Research Establishment.
- * **Family Planning Programme:** 75 families are participating in this programme staffed by health caretakers and special youth workers who reach the young people in the community.

KAMWELENI HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In 1978 the Kamweleni Human Development Project in the Central Division of the Machakos District was established as an extension of methods used in Kawangware into rural areas where the need of local self-development is so much more dramatic. Over the past three years the following has been accomplished:

- * **Nursery School and Primary School:** New facilities constructed; 150 children attend classes through Standard VI; staffed by the residents and the



The community helped construct the Kabiro Clinic



Kamweleni is the site of staff training and planning

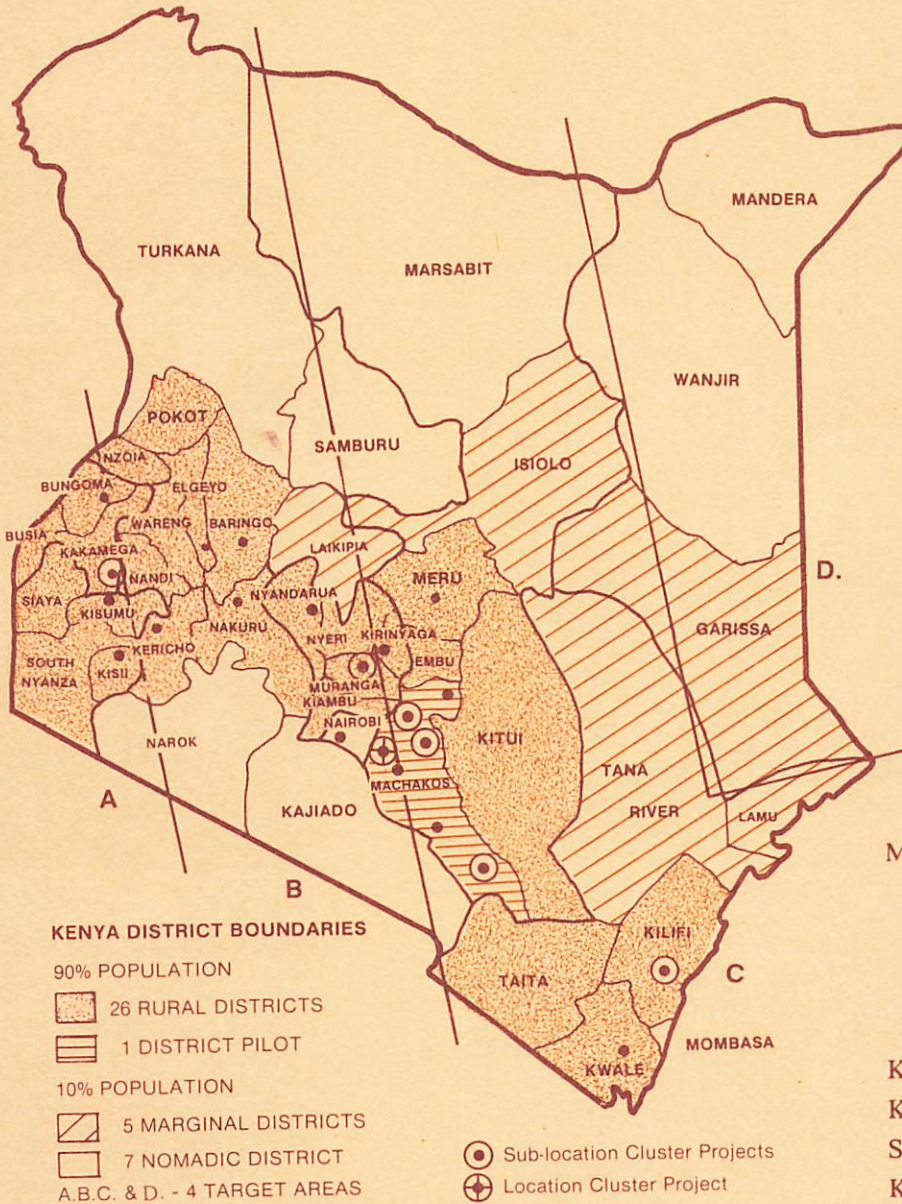
- Ministry of Basic Education.
- * **Road Construction Programme:** Roadway cleared and water drift built. Mbooni Division connected to the Machakos-Kitui road through Kamweleni.
- * **Local Agricultural Programme:** Land terraced and improved plowing employed; new seeds and chemicals used to increase yield; cash crops: cotton, tomatoes and sorghum-introduced.
- * **Comprehensive Health Programme:** Trained health caretakers with monthly visits by the mobile clinic.
- * **Local Water Supply:** Most houses provided with water jars made by trained local people; 25,000 gallon water tank constructed to provide water for the village.
- * **Local Business Expansion:** Three dukas and one tea shop opened, owned and operated by Kamweleni residents.

through village Harambee spirit

Cast a stone in still water and ripples spread in ever-widening circles. When a model for local self-development works in one community, it can be shared with others; this process done systematically is replication. The success of the Kawangware and Kamweleni Human Development Projects led to the creation of a replication plan for spreading human

development throughout the nation. The current phase, 1980-84, involves at least one project in each of the 27 districts in the 90% population belt and one project in a nomadic area. The present district projects are now moving toward extending structures of comprehensive development to neighbouring villages in locations and sub-locations through cluster projects.

KENYA REPLICATION SCHEME



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

Kawangware-Kabiro	Nairobi
Kamweleni	Machakos: Central Division
Ulutya	Machakos: Yatta Division
Kilisa-Kyamue	Machakos: Eastern Division
Kyuluni-Kivalusa	Machakos: Northern Division
Maiku-Muthungue	Machakos: Kibwezi Division
Muuni-Mwanyani	Machakos: Makueni Division
Kitandi	Machakos: Western Division
Kipsianan-Koisamo	Nakuru
Kalwani-Shamalogo	Kakamega
Nguluku	Kwale
Chororget	Elgeyo-Marakwet
Kusa	Kisumu
Gatuto	Kirinyaga
Kituni	Bungoma
Vwevvesi	Kilifi
Samutet-Chemabei	Kericho
Matindiri	Nyandarua
Kaongo	Meru
Nyakoora	Kisii
Eldume	Baringo
Mugumoini	Murang'a

CLUSTER PROJECTS

Muputi Location Cluster Project
 Muputi Sub-location Cluster
 Kaani Sub-location Cluster
 Kivandini Sub-location Cluster
 Kitunduni Sub-location Cluster
 Kiima-Kimwe Sub-location Cluster
 Kimutwa Sub-location Cluster

Kizingo Sub-location Cluster	Kilifi
Kakuswi Sub-location Cluster	Machakos
Senende Sub-location Cluster	Kakamega
Kamwala Sub-location Cluster	Machakos
Thange Sub-location Cluster	Machakos
Giathaini Sub-location Cluster	Murang'a

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

Villages create development plans based on all of their unique needs and potentials. They implement these plans out of their own capacity for change. This releases local wisdom, creativity, resolve and involvement which often accounts for astonishing accomplishments within short periods of time.

These projects were initiated through one-week consultations in January 1981. The following represents some of the accomplishments achieved by the villagers during the first six months.



The hydrolift dip-pump in Samutet-Chemabei efficiently and inexpensively provides a clean water supply for the cattle dip.



This demonstration seed bed in Kalwani-Shamalago, similar to the one in Kaongo, increases the variety of food crops available in the village.



In Mugumoini the villagers and government officials are working together in a new way.

SAMUTET-CHEMABEI: Kericho District

- * Installed a hydrolift dip-pump in cooperation with the Division Agricultural Officer.
- * Opened a Maendeleo ya Wanawake duka for funding the women's activities.
- * Dug 100 toilets and compost pits.
- * Began a nursery school with 70 students.
- * Held two adult literacy classes.

KAONGO: Meru District

- * Planted a vegetable demonstration farm in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture. Vegetables are sold to residents at a reduced rate and funds go to other villages activities.
- * Built new living facilities with local materials.
- * Constructed a coffee collection shed.
- * Initiated a health caretakers training programme taught by the dispensary nurse.
- * Registered 100 people for the adult education classes.
- * Began training of health caretakers and construction of a clinic.

MUGUMOINI: Murang'a District

- * Enlarged three springs.
- * Constructed two wooden bridges.
- * Graded major pathways with the cooperation of the councillor.
- * Initiated adult literacy classes.
- * Cleared the land for two community farms.
- * Started a youth group which does community work as a team.

"People are just different after participating in the projects. In Machakos and in Kakamega they are now interested in development. Kamweleni used to be a desert and now it is a developed place with a centre, schools, and a complex which makes it a real village."

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