

## KISIMA TRUST

MULTIFACETED SOLUTIONS TO TACKLE POVERTY



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT



BRICK MAKING PROJECT



HENS FOR EGGS PROJECT

# NEWSLETTER



## Great Things Are Taking Place

The months of March-April have been very busy, rewarding but also challenging. Before the start of the rainy season it was imperative for us to prepare the 10,000 bricks to be burned in the kiln. The goal here is to build a number of small buildings and save money on rent elsewhere. The rainy season has brought many days of heavy rains and thunder storms. In the intervals between the rains planting is absolutely essential. Alongside this we were busy running day to day activities: Art Projects for Kids; Widows Support

All our projects come with a training so our members can take away life skill and use them in different areas of their everyday lives.

Group; sourcing chicks for our hen project and seeds for various planting and farming projects.

## It's Planting Season!

We have started our medium scale farming projects. The month of April marks the start of much needed rains which make the soil extremely fertile. Our aims are to plant enough so that all the charity members have no need to worry about their food security throughout 2016. While the surplus of the harvest will be either given to others in need or sold to raise funds which will be used to fund other activities.

We have planted a wide range seeds into the soil. The main seeds planted (90%) are maize and various beans which form staple part of the local diet. They are both nutritious and healthy. We also had a number of training days to teach our members how to diversify their harvest - plant new things. The training mainly focused on kale and tree planting. Both are particularly important because, kale is known for its excellent nutritional qualities. While the tree planting when done correctly can be used to harness the power of nature as large variety of trees (orange, mango, lemon, etc) grow in this climate. The training focused on various aspects. One such was seed germination process which we covered in depth to give our members high success rate when it comes to planting. We also covered issues such as soil erosion and how to prevent this (see the bottom picture on the right).

Off course this is all extremely hard work soil covering large areas have to be prepared first, weeds have to be taken out, soil overturned. At the same time we are undertaking environmental sustainability work in the local area, planting hundreds of new seedlings.

