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## 40 YEARS OF OVERSEAS AID

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### *Dear SMOAT supporter*

I don't think any of us imagined at the beginning of the pandemic in the early part of 2020, that it would still be having as much impact on our lives as it is. This is being felt all over the world and overseas aid has been hit hard by its impact.

Once again, we have not been able to hold the fund raisers that we would have and it is mainly down to our regular givers that we have been able to support any projects this year. That is why it is so important to us to make our Christmas Appeal as successful as possible. This year we have two wonderful projects, which feel very much 'grass roots' SMOAT, and which have been put forward by two organisations who are old SMOAT friends.

#### **Village Water – Safe Water and Sanitation for All**

Through the years, Village Water has reached over 370,000 people with both improved WASH facilities and the understanding to protect their families from preventable waterborne diseases, but today 42% of people still don't have access to safe water and only 12% have decent toilet facilities, compromising both their health and dignity.

The Christmas Appeal project is based in the Manica province of Mozambique and will reach approximately 1,200 people. Local field staff will deliver hygiene promotion sessions covering sanitation options, good handwashing techniques and other measures to mitigate the COVID virus. Village Water will also provide lifesaving materials such as soap and disinfectant and support government efforts to address fears and encourage vaccine take-up. Each village is currently taking water from an improved source and the project will ensure they have a functioning, protected borehole.



The project has even wider benefits: Without the need to chop down wood to boil unsafe water, around 383 tonnes of CO2 emissions are saved per village per year, equivalent to energy use in 90 homes. Living conditions improve as dangers like scalding, burning and respiratory disease are reduced, thanks to improved air quality, not to mention the time saved collecting water and wood.

Expected results include:

- 80% reduction in waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea, skin & eye infections.
- Reduction in daily time spent collecting water & wood.
- 100% pump functionality & water certified as fit for human consumption.
- 383 tonnes of CO2 emissions saved per village per year.



### **Advantage Africa – Improved Incomes for Disadvantaged Families in Rural Kenya from Goat Rearing**

The project will take place in rural communities around the town of Kibwezi, Makueni County, Eastern Kenya. This is a location largely neglected by other development programmes, where many families live precarious lives because of the semi-arid climate and severe lack of employment opportunities. The low and unreliable rainfall means arable agriculture has a high failure rate and economic hardship can be extreme, especially since COVID-19 restrictions have further limited opportunities for casual work. The infrastructure is poor and piped water, electricity and paved roads are scarce in rural areas. In this context, the consistent request heard from poor and disadvantaged families is for assistance to start enterprises which can provide an income to enable them to become self-reliant and meet their basic needs such as food, school fees and medical care.

In this project, Advantage Africa will provide training for disadvantaged people to begin Gala goat rearing as a small-scale domestic enterprise. The beneficiaries will have their existing local knowledge of goat rearing strengthened with four days of training in all aspects of animal husbandry, including feeding practices, health and immunisations, housing, security and using manure for horticulture. They will also be taught the principles of local marketing and simple record keeping. After the training, the beneficiaries will receive two female Gala goats each and a plastic water storage tank for watering the livestock and family water storage. The project team will then monitor and support the establishment and running of the new livelihoods through advisory home visits and a programme of ongoing immunisations for the goats and their offspring. We are aiming to help 12 families at a cost of £273 per family.



As I said earlier, these are very 'grass roots' SMOAT projects but providing safe water and sanitation and giving disadvantaged people a chance to be self-sufficient is as important now as it ever was. It is just sad that the need is still there at all but that is why supporting SMOAT is so important. We make sure that every single penny that is donated goes to the projects that we are supporting and together we are making a difference to people's lives by giving them a chance. We hope you will feel able to support us.

On behalf of the SMOAT Committee, I wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

*Barbara Perkins, Chair*

### *The gift of giving this Christmas*

*Giving the gift of livelihoods through goats, and clean water through sanitation, will make a huge difference to the poorest communities in Kenya and Mozambique this winter.*

*We invite you to make a donation to the SMOAT Christmas Appeal as a Christmas gift for your loved ones.*

*Please email Barbara, our chairman, on [chair@smoat.org.uk](mailto:chair@smoat.org.uk) to request a specially printed SMOAT gift card. You can send this to your friends and family and it will explain that this Christmas, you have chosen to donate to our Christmas Appeal projects in their name.*

*The minimum suggested donation for a card is £20 - please let us know how many cards you require by December 5th so that we can get them to you in time to post before Christmas.*

# SMOAT Christmas Appeal 2021

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