

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT: 1ST QUARTER REPORT FOR 2016

In our Journey to becoming a more sustainable tour and travel operator, this year we started on a high note in our CSR & Sustainability projects. We try and stay conscious to the 4 C's of sustainability: Community, conservation, culture and commerce. It is our aim to integrate our projects with our business values to enable us meet our sustainability policy, through commitment integrity and our humanitarian conscious.

OUR PROJECTS:

1. Conservation

In line with our sustainability pillars, in February 2016 together with African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW), we sponsored 5 teachers from Nanyuki, who teach at Kalalu Primary and Secondary, Umande Primary and Ndemu Primary. The teachers went through a conservation and wildlife course that AFEW run. The idea behind the course is that the teachers would then take what they have learnt and implement some strategies in their schools which then the students would adopt and engage in. As a follow up to the course, the teachers were then taken to for a site visit to a school in Ukambani that had best practises for sustainability and conservation projects.



Planting trees at Kalalu Secondary School

In April, 2016 the head teachers of the above schools were also sponsored for the same course by AFEW and us, so that when their teachers were creating and implementing the new sustainability strategies, the head teachers would also stand at a point to offer support for the new projects by the teachers.

In a debrief with the teachers who had gone through the course, we Uniglobe Let's Go Travel committed ourselves into giving an incentive by sponsoring a bus load of school children for a field trip to OI Pejeta Conservancy for the school which would have most outstanding projects come end of the year.

2. Travelife and Sustainability Trainings

From last year we became a Travelife engaged partner, with us having gone through the first stage of being certified, we filled in the online evaluation, and are currently being evaluated. We have now had 4 staff undergo full Travelife training as well as have 2 staff go through the Sustainable Travel and Tourism Agenda

training facilitated by STTA Kenya. In February 2016, we also had a Sustainable talk given to all our staff. We believe that if we all (staff) understand our sustainability agenda then we will work more cohesively in realising our sustainability goals.

3. Education



Donating computers at Umande Primary School, Nanyuki

In March 2016, a team of 5 visited the Nanyuki schools that we support. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the teacher's conservation course, as mentioned above but as well as to donate computers to the schools which could be used in the schools computer labs. We donated 4 computers to Kalalu Secondary, and 2 computers each to Ndemu and Umande primary schools respectively. The computers donation was in conjunction with our Technology partners, Amadeus East Africa.

4. Livelihood and Keep Her In school

In addition to donating the computers to the schools, we were also donating sanitary towels to the girls at Kalalu secondary school. In 2015, the ladies of Uniglobe Lets Go Travel (ULGT) started a project called **Keep Her In School (KHIS)**. The project's main agenda was to make sure that the girl remained in school even through her periods. In previous times we had learnt that girl's school attendance was lower than that of the boys because at a specific period of the month they would miss school because they could not afford Sanitary towels. This is how KHIS project came to life. This year over 120 girls in Kalalu secondary became beneficiaries, with us handing them with a 3 months' supply whilst on our visit to the school in March, 2016. The plan is to donate a supply of sanitary towels for every 3 months that make up a school term and hopefully organise a health talk to the young women powered by Zana Africa Foundation.



Presentation of Sanitary towels to the girls at Kalalu Secondary School

We also visited **Body of Christ Home (BOC)** in Limuru. BOC has been a constant in our livelihood projects. In March 2016, they also became beneficiaries to the KHIS project with 25 girls being given 3 months supply of sanitary towels. In our livelihood projects we usually visit homes that we support. In Limuru, we have the feeding project which is run by Pat Dixon; she gives food rations every fortnight to the aged in Limuru. The portions she gives are to cater for 2 weeks food supply for the elderly people. We also support Limuru Children Center and BOC.

We also purchased new **paper shredding machines**, where once we have printed on both sides of the paper, we shred it then it is collected in sacks, taken to Limuru (at Pat Dixon's home), where it is then made to create Charcoal briquettes, which are then handed out as fuel briquettes to the elderly people in the Limuru feeding programme, as well as to Body of Christ home.



A visit to the Body of Christ Home, Limuru

Uniglobe Lets Go Travel has also partnered with **One Horizon Kenya**, which is an organisation that does humanitarian projects in Africa. We decided that it was time to promote trips that were more than just a safari, but lifelong experiences. The One Horizon trips are called Happy Projects on our website, where you combine a safari and a humanitarian project. For sample itineraries please see [HAPPY PROJECTS](#).

CONCLUSION:

We are happy to say that all our projects are now being realised through team work and our understanding of sustainability. In line with our sustainability mission, it is our objective to support sustainable and responsible tourism through our society and sustainable trade practice.