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## Participate Now! Project Proposal

**Project Name:** \_\_Kendwa Water Project **Project Date:** \_\_November 2008 to April 2009\_\_

**Listen and Learn: We listen and ask questions in order to understand the needs of the community and then learn how to get those needs met.**

We have listened to the villagers in Kendwa who have only 3 wells and would like to have water taps so that the women don't have to walk so far to fetch and carry water. The villagers have talked amongst themselves and decided that the best solution would be to install water pipes from the main government water line. The obstacle would be to find funding – some hotel owners are interested in funding a project with the village but they do not have the time to assess the situation fully. The assumption made is that the hotel owners will assist the village in attaining a solution to their water problem.

**Create and Plan: We communicate, share, and explore ideas, which evolve into the definition of a project and a clear, flexible plan of action.**

The village appointed a manager of the project – who drew a map of the village and the locations of the existing wells and locations of proposed water taps. The village brought in a local fundi who works with the Ministry of Water in Nungwi. He measured the area from the main water pipe to the villages and made up a material list. Our fundi advisor noted that it was important to use good material for the water taps such as cement and galvanized pipes so that the taps will not break and have to be replaced in the near future.

**Collaborate: We collaborate on many levels through peer mentorship and the building of linkages within the community and with external stakeholders.**

The villagers themselves came up with this idea. They first asked to have a pump for one of their wells but this was not a viable solution that would benefit all of the villagers from the four different areas. The villagers, the sheha, and local consultants were involved in the planning process. We have contacted a local hotel owner who is interested in helping the village and possibly funding the project. Mentorship has been provided on a number of levels – Kathryn Sutton mentored Suleiman as the project manager. Suleiman has then mentored the village manager as to what steps are needed for the villagers themselves to be accountable for the project.

