



2024

ANNUAL REPORT

10 Year Anniversary
Expanded access to clean water,
Community Football tournament,
Impact numbers, highlights
and more!

**10 Year
Anniversary
Edition**

 **HumanNeeds**
PROJECT

Message From

Our Founders

Fourteen years ago, a **simple request for water from the community** sparked something bigger. What began as a water project became **Kibera's first-ever community center**, built on ownership and self-sufficiency. We remember interviewing young, talented Kiberans—full of potential but with limited opportunities. Today, we are incredibly proud that most of our original team is still with us, with many growing into **leadership roles as Managers and Directors**.

Before opening our Town Center in Kibera, we spent four years engaging the community, building confidence and skills so the team could lead independently. Today, our center celebrates 10 years of resilience and impact, proving that real change starts from within.

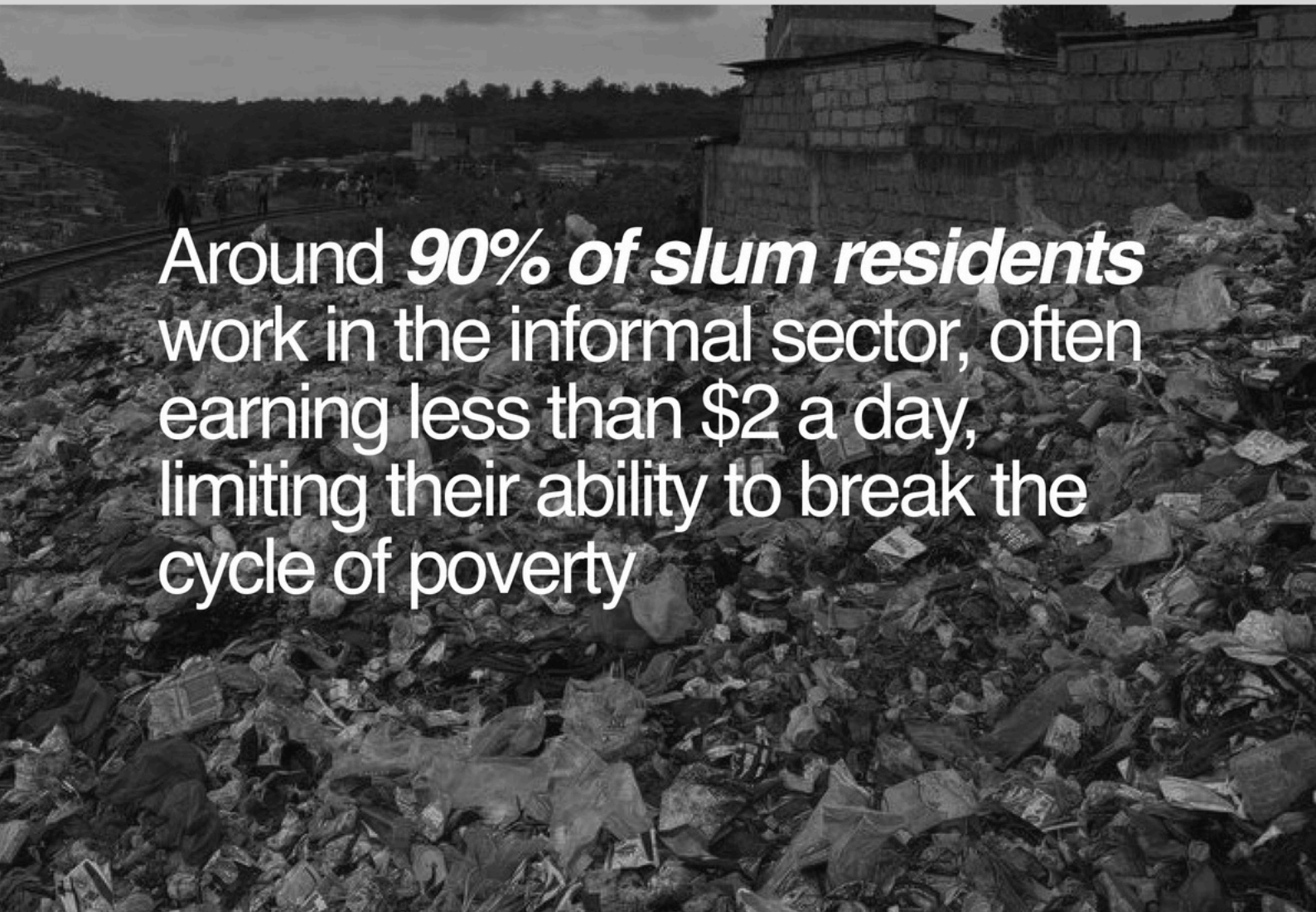


Our Town Center has been a **catalyst for other infrastructure projects**, bringing safety with solar streetlights, food security through innovative greenhouses, and an ecosystem of water points in Kibera. What keeps us going is **the belief that sustainable change comes from within the community itself**. We are deeply proud of what has been built—not just in infrastructure, but in opportunity, dignity, and hope. Thank you for being part of this journey.

With gratitude,

Connie Nielsen, Actor, Philanthropist
David Warner, Builder, Innovator

There exists no blueprint that city governments can follow to provide sustainable infrastructure and ensure decent standards of living for slum-dwellers.



Around ***90% of slum residents*** work in the informal sector, often earning less than \$2 a day, limiting their ability to break the cycle of poverty

Problem

Slums are full of talent and potential, but daily survival struggles often hold people back. Without opportunities, creativity and entrepreneurship take a backseat to simply getting by. Real change takes more than just meeting basic needs like water—it requires tackling the deeper issues of poverty. Too often, well-meaning projects provide essential services **separately and in scattered locations**, creating reliance on aid and adding to **time poverty**. As a result, people are forced to walk long distances to access water, laundry, sanitation, and other services—spending precious hours each day just to meet their basic needs.



Solution

That's why our approach is different; it's holistic. Our **"community center"** model serves as the nucleus of empowerment, with water as the foundation. Our model offers a comprehensive range of essential services in **one centralized location**. These services are tailored to community needs, from toilets, showers, and energy to internet access, education, job linkages, healthy food, and even a music studio for artistic expression. Moreover, ***we break the cycle of poverty and foster a shift in mindset*** by empowering residents through fair charges, ***promoting ownership and self-reliance***. This shift not only encourages self-sufficiency but also enhances financial longevity of the project.

Programmatic Pillars



Our mission is to build prosperity through **infrastructure development**



Clean water and sanitation play crucial roles in our program initiatives

Our programs are fully **community-run**, promoting local ownership



We equip talent with **skills and job connections** to pave a path out of poverty

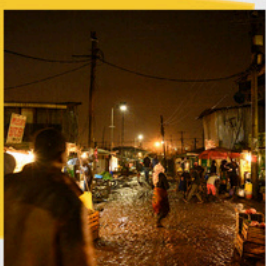


We aim for **financial sustainability** of our operations



Financial literacy and access to credit are at the foundation of our mission

We create **access to energy** through robust solar systems and street lighting

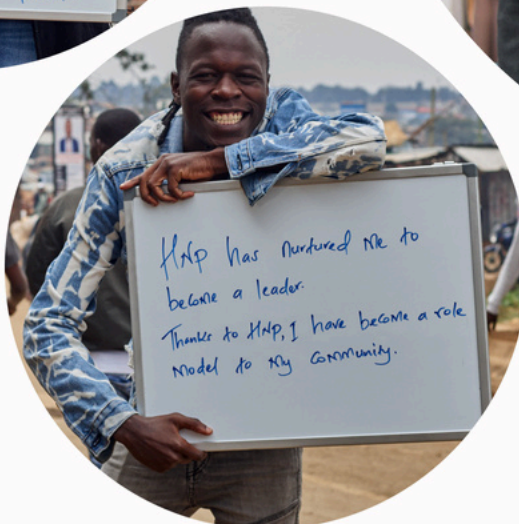


We foster **peace building** by ensuring the inclusion of all tribal communities



2024: Celebrating 10 Year Anniversary!

2024 was truly special for us as we celebrated **10 years of impact in Kibera!** On July 25, 2014, we marked a historic moment—the Grand Opening of our Kibera Town Center. Over the past decade, we have worked tirelessly to empower the community, providing essential services, opportunities, and hope to thousands. Let's take a moment to reflect on everything we have achieved together over these remarkable 10 years!



10 years in Numbers

- Liters of water distributed: **326,138,080**
- Students trained: **6,149**
- Students places in Jobs/ Income Opportunities: **60%**
- SACCO loans distributed: **Ksh 46,000,000**
- SACCO members: **947**
- Customer transactions total: **4,060,284**
- Kg of produce harvested: **34,381**



A DECADE OF IMPACT IN KIBERA

In 2024, HNP built its first community center in Kibera, the largest slum in Africa. Prior to designing and constructing the center, the Human Needs Project dedicated four years to engaging community leaders and residents in comprehensive training, equipping them with the necessary skills to operate the center independently and foster community ownership. The Kibera Town Center (HNP Gatwekera) is managed by 30 individuals from Kibera who embody the values of self-pride and independence. We thank everyone who helped make this dream a reality.



2024 Impact

11,418,800

liters of clean drinking
water distributed

CLEAN WATER

The Human Needs Project center is equipped with a commercial-grade filtration system, delivering the highest quality, great-tasting water to the community. We take pride in providing clean, safe water that prevents waterborne diseases, improves health, and fosters socio-economic development.

2,895

laundry services
provided

LAUNDRY

Access to laundry facilities at the Human Needs Project center frees up women's time, allowing them to pursue income opportunities, education, or family time, boosting their empowerment and well-being.

56,956

toilet uses
documented

TOILETS & SHOWERS

Clean toilets and showers provide slum residents with the ability to maintain essential hygiene for work while preventing the spread of disease. These facilities help individuals start their day feeling refreshed and confident, empowering them to pursue employment and income opportunities with a strong sense of readiness.

67,343

shower uses
documented



2024 Impact

320

**students trained in IT,
business, photography,
and more**

EDUCATION

In the slum, education sparks empowerment and progress. Our programs offer individuals the skills and confidence they need to break free from poverty and build careers in areas such as IT, business, entrepreneurship, graphic design, music, and more.

7,790

**kg of fresh produce
harvested through
our urban farming
program**

URBAN FARMING

Our urban farming program empowers residents to grow fresh produce, enhancing food security. With training and support, participants cultivate nutritious crops in small urban spaces, promoting self-sufficiency, environmental sustainability, and income generation.

36,491

**healthy meals
served**

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria at the HNP center serves nutritious, affordable meals, offering a healthy alternative to the common unhealthy food options in the slum and promoting better eating habits for residents.



2024 Impact



LIGHT UP KIBERA

PHASE II

Expanding access to education, safety and economic opportunities with solar streetlights since 2023

In 2019, we partnered with the **Rockefeller Foundation**, which funded the installation of **45 solar streetlights** in Kibera, enhancing safety, education, and economic opportunities. Seeing the impact, the **Livelihood Impact Fund** joined us in 2023 to add **55 more lights**, bringing the total to **100**. The lights were successfully installed last year.

We are proud of this achievement because HNP has always recognized that real change requires more than just one service—it **demands investment in infrastructure**. Today, over **100,000 residents** benefit daily, making Kibera safer and more vibrant.



2024 Highlights

10-Year Anniversary Celebration



In October 2024, we gathered with 200 supporters in San Francisco to celebrate a decade of impact. The event was filled with vibrant African vibes, featured a performance by our Kenya music producer Daniel Owino, aka Futwax, and was an unforgettable celebration. Rewatch the highlights in [THIS](#) video.

Expanded Our Urban Farming Program

Our Urban Farming Program continues to thrive! In 2023, we built 30 greenhouses for the Kibera community. This year, responding to the community's growing demand, we were approached by local schools to construct **15 additional greenhouses** to improve food security for children.



Launched the Water Bottling Plant



In April, we opened our Water Bottling Plant in Kibera, with [Grundfos](#) CEO Poul Due Jensen joining us for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. This initiative, along with the debut of our Aqualuxe water brand, represents a major step forward in our pursuit of financial independence.

2024 Highlights

Invested in Our Team



In 2024, HNP Music Producer Daniel Owino networked with Bay Area producers and trained at LAAMP in Los Angeles. Meantime, our Technical Director Byrones Khainga represented HNP at the World Water Conference in Sweden, gaining insights to advance water technology for poverty alleviation.

Hosted a Community Football Tournament

We brought the Kibera community together like never before through our football tournament, which drew an incredible **10,000 spectators!**

The tournament featured **24 male and 8 female teams!** Held over three weeks, the tournament included halftime shows by our Music Studio.



Supported Community During Severe Flooding



In April, Nairobi was hit with severe flooding, with slum areas like Kibera impacted the most. We provided emergency assistance to Kibera residents and our team members by rebuilding housing and helping with relocation efforts to ensure their safety and stability.

2024 Highlights

Launched a Recycling Program



This year, we also launched a Recycling Program in Kibera and celebrated **World Cleanup Day** with community-led waste collection and awareness activities. The program promotes cleaner spaces and supports sustainable waste management in the community.

Celebrated Our Co-Founders' Special Milestones

This year, we proudly celebrated our co-founders' incredible milestones. **Connie Nielsen** traveled the globe for the release of *Gladiator II* in November.



Our co-founder **David Warner** was featured on the AdaPETation podcast and delivered a TEDx talk in Boston, sharing his insights and passion for our mission.

Partners



Collaborators

We believe in partnerships as catalysts for change.
In 2024, we preserved our existing partnerships and
established new collaborations in energy, women's
empowerment, WASH services, street lighting, music,
and many other areas.



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