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Important Announcement

It is 25 years since we began our Kadzinuni journey. Much has changed across the world in that time, some great things and some truly awful events. Setting aside the joy of bringing up our lovely daughters, Kadzinuni has been the best thing we have done in the 46 years since we met. In 1985 whilst watching the Live Aid concert (with Daisy aged 2 months in her Moses basket) and weeping during that incredible video from Ethiopia to the sound of Cars singing Drive we could never have imagined that we would end up spending so much time getting involved in supporting people in Africa.

In Summer 2022, after a ten-year gap, we were able to visit Kadzinuni and we found a place so wonderfully different from our first visit (as you may have read about in our Newsletter last summer). We have now realised that the time is right to back off and move towards dissolving The Friends of Kadzinuni. Please read on through the next couple of pages to understand more about our decision.

*With much love,
Nic & Elaine Seller
Co-founders*

In safe hands – our friends;
community volunteers, Bursary
Scheme Alumni and Rotary
Club partners. July 2022



Reasons for our decision...

There are several reasons for our decision, fully supported by our fellow trustees.

Kadzinuni is transformed.

The community is becoming more self-sufficient day by day year by year. Community activists look outwards and build relationships which bring sustainable economic growth, rather than reliance on aid. For example, Patrick Nyambu, leader of the farmers Education project recent wrote to us...

Hi, N&E.

Thank you very much for your kind support towards this farmer's training project. It has been successful for the Kadzinuni community in terms of food security. The main objectives have been achieved which means that the three meals will not be a problem for the whole of this year for those who participated in this training. You have made Kadzinuni to be famous for this farmer's training approach.



This year, the harvests seem to be perfect like last year so Your contributions towards this success are highly appreciated. On behalf of the farmers, they recognize your efforts and the entire FoK. I hope you will pass the message of appreciation to them saying, "Asante sana Fok" (Thank you very much Friends of Kadzinuni)

The community facilities we funded Kendrick's Clinic, Community Library, improved school buildings and the first electricity supply for the community not only remain but have been continually improved by the Kenya Ministry of Health, School Committee and community volunteers. They have even set up and gained local government funding for a Secondary School adjacent to Kadzinuni Primary School! The Biosmart project with students from Exeter University continues to build into a strong business.

There is a long-term legacy.

Due to the generosity of our Student Sponsorship/Bursary donors, an investment fund exists which our partners of over 20 years, The Rotary Club of Bahari, administer. Grants are made to support up to 20 of the most able Kadzinuni Primary School graduates every year so that they can attend high quality secondary schools. A group of previously supported students play an active part in the allocation of these grants through their great local knowledge and experience of being beneficiaries in the past. These funds have been granted to the Rotary Club for the sole benefit of Kadzinuni and are not managed by The Friends of Kadzinuni.

We don't want to drift but be positive and well organised.

By planning an organised close of operations, we feel we can communicate effectively with supporters through the process and avoid finding ourselves or our fellow trustees having to rush through closure if unforeseen circumstances arise. Despite being a very small charity, we have to comply with regulations and legal requirements.

We will remain personally close to the community at Kadzinuni.

We will remain in regular contact with our friends at Kadzinuni and in Mombasa where the Rotary Club is based. We are also planning that in time some members of the Bursary Scheme Alumni will be our successors in encouraging further development and facilitating support from other local organisations.

What happens next?

The trustees aim to dissolve the Friends of Kadzinuni on a date to be agreed once all funds have been distributed to beneficiaries and final accounts prepared, as soon as possible after 5th April 2024.

We are aiming to cease fund raising activities by 31st December 2023 and specifically for those who donate regularly to our accounts we request that donors cancel their Standing Orders by that date. (We cannot do that for you). The account that receives donations to the Student Bursary fund will be closed in January with all donated funds, including Gift Aid claimed from HMRC, being sent to the Rotary Club of Bahari, Mombasa Kadzinuni account in Kenya prior to closure.

We will then process final grant proposals from the Farmers Education project, The Community Library, Kadzinuni Primary School and Kendrick's Clinic to ensure that all our general funds are sent to the appropriate beneficiaries before 5th April when our financial year closes and our final bank account will be closed.

We will then publish our final Annual Accounts and Report and at a final AGM, a motion to confirm dissolution of The Friends of Kadzinuni will be placed before the meeting.

... and finally

We could not have achieved anything at Kadzinuni without the generous support of all those who have donated money, time and skills here in the UK and in Kenya. The Friends of Kadzinuni has been a huge success, with many wonderful results and very few project failures. Being small, we have been agile, so if something isn't working it has been easy to stop and focus on other projects.



It has been a journey of learning for us all and a hugely fulfilling experience, but most of all it has helped transform a community in Kenya that was not unhappy but was not developing. People at Kadzinuni are proud of their community and are set on a path to even more success in the years ahead.

