

Trip Report: Thika, Kenya 22-24 June 2011

Wed 22nd / Thurs 23rd

These two days were spent with the TCDT (Thika Community Development Trust) team, focusing on social performance and impact measurement. We were joined on Wednesday by Rev. Mark Murimi of Embu Diocese, who joined in the social impact discussion. He also gave an update of the progress Embu Diocese Community Development Trust is making. They now have 10 groups with 360 members. Rev. Mark has received support with training and capacity building from TCDT staff.



Friday 24th June



The official opening of the Gakui Financial Services Association (or 'community bank'). In the morning the Bishop, Diocesan delegation and the TCDT team visited two poultry businesses run by members of the Gakui group. The second project visited was a business owned by James Kirika, a member of the group and local entrepreneur. His work among the community in enabling other group members to start poultry businesses was a great example of peer mentoring.

The official opening ceremony was attended by Bishop Gideon Githiga and his wife Mary, representatives of the Diocese of Thika, Winnie Gachuri of World Concern, the local Mothers' Union and KAMA (Kenya Anglican Men's Association) members, Gakui Trust Group members, representatives from the other TCDT Trust Groups, the TCDT team, Five Talents UK, the Assistant Chief of the local administration and an estimated 600 members of the wider community.



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