

MUNGU MBELE! MUTHURI TANO TENA

Abothuguchi west ward



Kaaba Muthuri Wa Gas, Iratu Na Foundation

A man of faith, integrity and servant leadership

A PROMISING TRAJECTORY AMIDST ALL ODDS

Walking the talk

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sorrows. A man who knows not his dad and whose mum got married leaving him under the care of his grandmother, nothing was forthcoming for the young ambitious boy; today he is proud and happy, he will be joining university.

When I meet Kaime at a village tucked below the altitude of Abowest, Kaime exudes a lot of confidence and looks a very hopeful young man. 'I can't believe this is happening. It's just like miracles to me.' Kaime says.

With an aging grandma and no one to turn to; Kaime was to drop off from Kinjo Primary School way back in 2015. This was just after class 8 "Going through my primary schooling was hard enough. My grandma though paid for my education with bowls of beans however little she harvested. I would see my grandma bring beans to my school as payment for my education.' Kaime shares.

'The Patrick Muthuri Foundation took me up in 2015. I was then a student at Kinjo day and I have been a beneficiary since. But wait a minute; do you know I have been a secondary school student for 8 yrs.'? Ian Kaime poses as he now beams with joy. His face lights up and his eyelids blink, his eyes transfixed like a lens trying to get focus.

This takes me aback too. Secondary schooling in Kenya takes 4 yrs., why then would anyone be in school for 8 yrs? Kaime though it turned out had sat for the KCSE four times. "My determination in life was to make it to University if I did ever

find an opportunity of raising school fees, so I did my first exam in Kinjo Day secondary school where I scored a D-grade. I then repeated in Kianthumbi where I scored a D+. I would then join Katheri secondary from which I got a C- and finally I repeated in Muthangene secondary school from where I got a C+ therefore attaining the entry points to join public university.

The now happy and ecstatic Kaime reveals. "Were it not for the Patrick Muthuri Foundation though I could not have achieved my dreams of not only going through secondary schooling but joining a university too.

Ian Kaime has since been admitted to Pwani University to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature. "I am looking forward to becoming a high school teacher but with ambitions of furthering to the highest level that would appertain to my degree of study." He concludes by saying.



For Ian Kaime, Life could have been nothing but trouble and

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Below are the figures of how they performed in 2017

ABOTHUGUCHI WEST 2017 ELECTION RESULTS

	Name	Party	No. of Votes	Percentage
1.	PATRICK MUTHURI MURITHI	Independent Candidate	12 332 votes	65.71%
2.	DANIEL KIOGORA M'INOTI	Jubilee Party	4 273 votes	22.77%
3.	KENNETH MUTHOMI META	Independent Candidate	793 votes	4.23%
4.	AUCELIU KAIMENYI KINOTI	PNU	508 votes	2.71%
5.	EDWARD KOOME MWORIA	Independent Candidate	349 votes	1.86%
6.	JAMES MWIRIGI KINOTI	MCCP	166 votes	0.88%
7.	CHARLES MWENDA MATE	MGPK	121 votes	0.64%
8.	KENNETH MURIUKI	Independent Candidate	94 votes	0.50%
9.	JAMES MURIUNGI MUTHAMIA	Independent Candidate	67 votes	0.36%
10.	MOSES ROGERS THURANIRA	DP	63 votes	0.34%

Patrick Muthuri the MCA

Immediately when he came to the county assembly of Meru, his leadership skills were recognised and was immediately elected to the speakers panel where together with the others they chair the Assembly when the speaker is absent.

He was also elected as Education and Technology committee chairman due to his previous record in his foundation dubbed "Patrick Muthuri Foundation" which has sponsored hundreds of students and the needy in the community.

He is also a member of budget committee, agriculture, labour, finance and ICT, health and energy committees. He also served in implementation committee.

He will go down in history as one of the most active and vocal member who has contributed to various debates, motions and bills in the County Assembly of Meru.

His working relationship with the executive including the governor, deputy governor and CEC was very cordial as he had promised during his campaign that he won't fight elected leaders so that the people whose interest he represents will be fulfilled.

However he says he did not receive a good share for his people as he had anticipated due to challenges like the corona pandemic which affected the government performance for two years. The government diverted the resources during that period.

Ever since he plunged himself into active politics, the star of Abothuguchi West MCA Patrick Muthuri has been on a steady rise.

Interestingly, even before he joined active politics, he was an household name courtesy of his philanthropy where he was sponsoring needy students to get education through his Patrick Muthuri Foundation.

It was not a great surprise when he captured the ward seat with a landslide victory during the 2017 election with the combined tally of all his opponents unable to get even half of what he had garnered.

When he came into the ward, the challenges were many but he managed to effortlessly change the face of the ward in three years.

"This is because two years were wasted by corona pandemic after the government decided to divert all resources to fight the disease," said the MCA.


Though he was elected as an independent candidate but nevertheless he was voted by 12,300 out of 18,000 who turned up to vote beating the incumbent then by a huge margin.

Bottlenecks

He says the contractors also failed to meet the set standards after being awarded projects in the ward.

"The promised Sh 20 million ward fund by governor was only given twice. The other years we were forced to budget for only Sh 10 million. We were supposed to take a proposal of what you intend to the executives in different departments. The MCA's were not supposed to open any account.

The money came from the Meru County treasury. The money has brought a lot of confusion because the opponents claim the MCA directly handled the cash. It's illegal for MCA to handle the procurement which are strictly done by the County government officials," said Muthuri



STREET LIGHTING

at:

- Mbwinjeru Market
- Kagoji Shopping Centre
- Githongo Open air Market
- Githongo - Kiithe Junction
- Katheri Market
- Kinjo Market
- Kithaku Market
- Mwereru Junction

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2022 VOTE!

Independent Candidate
KAABA MUTHURI WA GAS

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ROADS:



ACHIEVEMENTS:

Despite the many challenges he was able to grade several roads in the ward, gravel and open new roads including:-

- Mbwinjeru coffee factory-Kaguma tea buying centre road-Gataratare
- Mbwinjeru MCK-Keeru Boys- main road,
- Kioru primary school-forest road,
- AIPCEA Kabiro road,
- Murungi -Kamwonjone-Githongo road,
- Gacheke road,Marathi road,Muthiginke road,
- Kamwonjone bridge ,Opening of Marathi Kaguma road and bridge
- Githongo-Kinjo road,

- Kithiguchiu-Kaulu road,
- Gitindi road,
- Opening of Karumathii road which never existed,
- Kijijone primary-Kitharene road and bridge,
- Kiathumbi-Riji road,
- Rubiri-Kagere road,
- Kiruanyi road,
- Mwiriangombe-Kathirariga road,
- Kiruanyi road
- Number Saba road and Mworoga

He said phase one of making Githongo and Kithurune market dust free by putting carobs is awaiting phase two



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ROADS:

Kamwonyone bridge



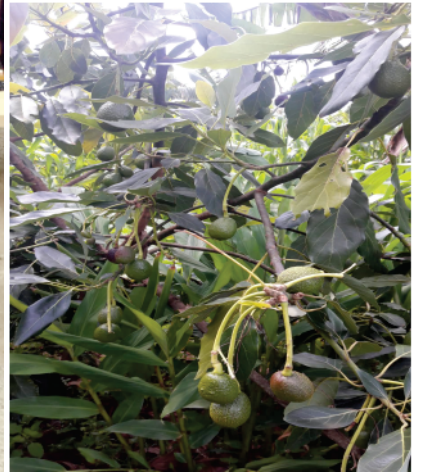
Kithirune and Githongo Markets Cabro Projects



Agriculture and Livestock



Certified seed potato



50 Litre capacity milk cans at Katheri



Digital weighing machines - Githongo

Mr. Muthuri says he has assisted farmers with certified seeds where farmers who are members of a model illage program funded by South Korea with over 100 households have benefitted with clean certified seeds and farm inputs.

He further says under the program they are constructing storage facility and community social hall at Katheri market. On livestock and the dairy sub sector "I have given 50 litres capacity milk cans to Katheri dairy farmers cooperative society and presented nine digital weighing scales to Githongo dairy farmers union in a technology approach towards digitization." said Mr. Muthuri. In trade the MCA has managed to construct boda boda sheds at Kinjo, Kithaku and Kithirune markets. He has also constructed public toilets at Mbuyi Njeru, Kithaku and Kinjo markets.



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Clean water for communities



Mbwinjeru water project

WATER PROJECTS

1. Kinjo North Water Project
2. Baraka Water Project
3. Mbwinjeru Water Project
4. Githongo Market Water Project
5. Ithambara Water Project
6. Mwiriene Youth Water Project
7. Riiji Water Project
8. Mbwinjeru Market Water Project



Abothuguchi Boarding water project



Githongo market water project



Water for PWD

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Girls always in school



Various schools benefit from school pads

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Ruto the 5th; My President my choice



As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Proverbs 27:17, Your friends should be sharpening you, making you better. Is that true of your circle of friends? Whatever qualities your friends have—either good or bad—eventually will either dull you or sharpen you. If you hang out with people who gossip, who compromise, or who are stingy, that’s what you’ll become. But if you hang around excellent people, generous people, and motivated, successful people, those good qualities will sharpen your life. This is why it’s so important that you are selective with whom you spend your time. Don’t worry about being in the right group, having the most friends, being the most popular. The quantity of friends is not important; it’s the quality of your friends that really matters. You need eagles in your life—people who inspire you to reach your dreams, people who motivate you to go further, people who make you better. The truth is that you cannot reach your highest potential on your own. You need the right people to help you get to where you’re supposed to be. As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.



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Gas Project & Some of Beneficiaries Pictorial

Residents of different villages in Abothuguchi West in Meru County have started to embrace gas to cook, instead of firewood.

“My ultimate goal is to have all rural households that use firewood shift to clean energy, as a health and environmental protection strategy. Forests have been degraded worsening effects of climate change. Rain patterns are erratic, hence the need to do away with firewood,” he said

Mr. Muthuri said his target of 5,000 of households that use firewood in the ward. “This will to a degree address environmental degradation, health risks and inconveniences,” he said.

Prof. Beatrice Mburugu, the chairperson of the Abowest Women Empowerment group, said when it rained, even getting firewood was a challenge. “we are happy because it is the women and girls who suffer most looking for firewood, exposing themselves to various

dangers in the forest, however, We urge our members to plant more trees in their farms and spaces too to mitigate on challenges of climate change ,” said Prof. Mburugu.

Ms. Gladys Nkatha, a beneficiary, said for a long time her family had depended on firewood as it was cheaper, compared to gas and kerosene.

“Inhaling the fumes for long periods by adults and children is not pleasant, especially when we are huddled in a room with poor ventilation but with the gas, we are now happy,” Nkatha said.



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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

In a bid to reduce deforestation, pollution and other health hazards, the MCA initiated a safe forest and life project where members of Abothuguci West Women Empowerment CBO received a 6kg gas cylinder complete with gas, burner and grill after registering in the CBO. "To register into the CBO, one pays Sh 1000 which is also rolled over to purchase more gas cylinders. Through PMF I have been able to raise through friends and NGO over Sh 10 million to support the gas project," said Muthuri. He said he has contributed personal funds to various women groups to support their programs.



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Grandma among thousands who benefitted from the Gas Project

Alice M'ikiugu is an octogenarian in her sunset years, for all her life she has used firewood as a source of energy to cook. "Firewood is all I knew and it never was good for my eyes. I was very lucky to receive a gas cylinder from my MCA Mr. Muthuri. My cooking has now been very smooth and enjoyable." Alice says.

Alice represents thousands of women in Abothuguchi West who have received cooking gas cylinders from the MCA in a bid to reduce deforestation and adverse health effects to the women folk in the ward under the Abothuguchi West Women Empowerment CBO.

To register in the program all one needed was Ksh 1000. The project has not only eased the cooking experiences of Alice but thousands more strewn across the ward.



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Back to school shoe project



"My name is Penina Nkatha. Mheshimiwa I sincerely want to thank you for giving my kid shoes to join form one. I would like to let you know that were it not for your intervention i could not have afforded shoes even if it could have costed me Ksh 200. I am therefore very grateful Mheshimiwa and i wish you well. Be abundantly blessed." Peninah Nkatha, mother to a beneficiary.

"My advice is to the students who have received shoes today. Education is the most important thing you need for your future. I would like to urge you to put all your efforts in your education. We hope to be visiting you in offices where you will be serving us. Mheshimiwa thank you very much for coming through for these students. Be blessed." Said Harriet Kanana.



Twins bond grown more as both receive identical shoes for school.

It's an early chilly morning along the forest edge. Its here that the Abowest ward lies just below the Mt. Kenya. The ward boasts of several learning institutions from primary to tertiary level. It's a ward with a wide intellectual pool too. Many a professional's hail from the ward.

To maintain and grow the intellectual diversity formal education is a key pillar. Its the pillar of education that the current MCA Hon. Patrick Muthuri has embarked on strengthening. "Education is one of my main objectives as to why i ventured into active politics. It's a sector I have always wanted to grow. Its deep within my heart to see as many students go through education for their future." The MCA asserts.

With the availing of bursaries through the Patrick Muthuri Foundation where hundreds have benefitted the idea of chipping in on their uniforms too was on his radar. "Initially we started with giving every student who was joining form 1 a box but we realized only the ones joining boarding schools were benefitting. We therefore thought to have all students on board something that cuts across was a better option. We settled for shoes." Muthuri says adding that the shoes come with a pair of socks & shoe polish.

"This encompasses all students transitioning to form one as long as they are from Abowest. It does not matter where they study in Kenya but as long as their parents are domiciled in our ward." Mheshimiwa says.

Ian Mwenda & Evans Kimathi are some of the beneficiaries. The twins studied in These primary school and together with their parents live in Abowest ward.

According to their mother Kajuju Muriithi , benefitting from the shoes for school initiative was one of the best things that happened to their lives as a family.

"I really dont know how much anyone can know how appreciative I am for my MCA to take up buying shoes for my boys. He has really pushed me a worthwhile distance. I could have struggled so much to raise money for shoes and school fees for both boys but my burden was eased. Thanks to the generosity of my MCA." Their mother Kajuju says.

For both boys Mwenda & Kimathi the shoes are a treasurable possession. "We are grateful to our MCA for giving us shoes. We are only left with working hard in school." They said.



EDUCATION

Education is the key to success



Industrial sewing machine for Githongo Vocational Training Centre



St. Nicholas ECDE class



Githongo Vocational Training Centre Workshop

EDUCATION.

1. St Nicholas ECDE class
2. Abothuguchi boarding completion of ecd class
3. Githongo vocation center equipment worthy over ksh 10million
4. Back to school shoes and boxes to Form one students
5. Distribution of over 10million bursary to needy students

Muthuri says approximately 4,500 students have benefitted from the bursary funds kitty amounting to Sh 12 million for the last five years.

He has also managed to construct ECDE classroom at St Nicholas public boarding primary school, completed unfinished classroom at Abothuguci boarding primary school, equipped Githongo vocational Training Centre with modern industrial sewing machine worthy over Sh 10 million, donated to the catering department equipments worthy Sh 5 million

and assisted in the construction of a workshop.

Back to school shoes

"I have used my personal money to purchase shoes for every class eight candidate who sat for KCPE in 2021 regardless of the grade one got. I also donated boxes for borders in secondary schools. Through PMF, I donated library books to several schools in a bid to promote the culture of reading," said Muthuri.

He says in the last 12 years under

PMF over 200 needy pupils and students have been supported by the PMF bursary funds.

"Currently 45 pupils are under the sponsorship program, 15 in secondary schools and 6 in the universities and colleges. The pioneers of the program have already finished school and are working in different parts of the country. Majority of the beneficiaries are those who could not attend school because some were total orphans," said Muthuri.

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Doreen Nkirote success story under PMF

This story mirrors hundreds shared by beneficiaries of the Patrick Muthuri Foundation philanthropy. Whereas Ian is looking forward to joining university this year; Doreen Nkirote is already working at the Nyeri Archdiocese. Her working status could not have been possible were it not for the personal intervention of the MCA himself. "My mom passed on when I was 3 yrs old. I don't know who my father is so I grew up

under the care of my grandparents". Doreen says. "By twist of fate my grandpa passed on in 2012 but fortunately he had made contact with Mr. Muthuri who began supporting my primary education. In 2019 my grandma then passed on." Shares Doreen. "I got a scholarship from class 4 through my primary and secondary schooling and eventually I was able to pursue a diploma course in secretarial studies from

St. Mary's college in Isiolo. I completed college in 2021 and by the grace of God I got a job with the archdiocese of Nyeri. It's just been a miraculous journey, thanks to Mheshimiwa Muthuri and the Foundation. "I really have no words to express my gratitude. I will forever be indebted to the Patrick Muthuri Foundation." The really appreciative Doreen Nkirote ends by saying.



At Home



At Katheri Primary



At Katheri Girls



At St Mary's Secretarial College

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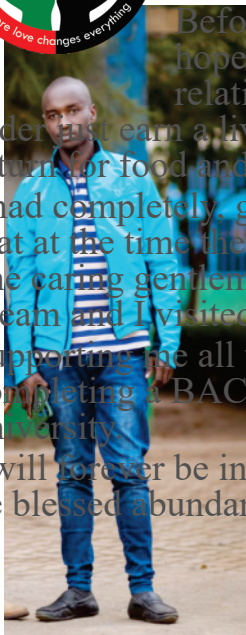


DANIEL KINYUA (KAUGU SUB LOCATION)

Before meeting PMF in the year 2011, I had just passed my KCPE but with no hope of joining high school. Coming from a very poor background and with no relative to turn to, I resorted to doing casual jobs such as working in tea farms in order to earn a livelihood. Well-wishers allowed me to work in their farms and households in return for food and living expenses.

I had completely given up on ever being able to pursue high school Education, bearing in mind that at the time the 100-percentage transition programme was not in existent. I was advised by one caring gentleman to approach PMF and explain my case. This reignited my high school dream and I visited PMF offices in Githongo where I was counselled my dreams resuscitated. Supporting me all through my secondary schooling until today that I am looking forward to completing a BACHELOR IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION (Chem/Bio) at the Mt. Kenya university.

I will forever be indebted to the PMF and thank most sincerely my MCA Mr. Muthuri. May he be blessed abundantly.



Donation of school boxes under PMF



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HEALTH:

When he was elected, the Kinjo community and Mbwijeru were trekking long distances to access medical services.

He successfully lobbied for funds to complete the dispensary which had already been launched. "The residents can now access medical services. Originally they were trekking over 1km to access the same," said the MCA.

He also lobbied for funds to complete Mbwijeru dispensary noting that locals can access medical services without walking long distances to Githongo or Gatimbi area.

Its worthy noting that he was able to lobby even before joining politics from USA Stone brook University health department for Kagoji dispensary, Kibaranyaki, Mwanika and Marathi dispensaries. "We hope to develop more partnerships. My proposal is still pending to develop more health centres in the ward.

I have also contributed my personal cash to buy the much needed medical equipment and also contributed to the members of the community fundraisers to settle outstanding hospital bills and get treatment," said Muthuri.

He said that he participated in the Mountain run in a bid to raise funds for a Cancer Centre.



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supporting the community to prevent spread of corona virus



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Youth and Sports

The following institutions have received sports equipment such as Table tennis, Pool table, Darts board, Football, Volleyball, Netball and Basketball

- 1.MBWINJERU DAY
- 2.KITHIRUNE DAY
3. KATHIRANGA DAY
- 4.KINJO DAY
- 5.MUTHANGENE DAY
- 6.MURI DAY
- 7.KIATHUMBI DAY



Dart boards



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Don't worry what people say behind
your back, because God is going to
bless you in Front OF their faces