

Q1 2021

QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Nuru International receives renewed commitments from several long-standing donors
- Nuru Kenya launches process of scaling programming to two additional counties
- Nuru Ethiopia begins efforts to identify its next communities for programming
- Nuru Nigeria expands programming in the northeast, starting its intervention with women

CULTIVATING LASTING MEANINGFUL CHOICES IN THE MOST VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD



RECOGNIZING WORLD WATER DAY IN ETHIOPIA

by Asrat Amayo



In 2020, amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Nuru Ethiopia successfully repaired and established several clean water sources. These water sources are now benefiting 3,550 households (approximately 21,000 people). Clean water is vital to the continued health of Nuru farmer families.

Amid a global pandemic, when the need for proper sanitization and good hygiene is increasingly important, clean water sources are vital to the health of these communities. Here is how Nuru's efforts improved the life of one member of the community, Ashike.

"Before this water source was established, women and children from our community would travel for more than an hour to get water for drinking (mostly from unprotected springs and rivers). This left us prone to water-borne and water-related disease. Then, we needed to spend money for medical expenses when we got sick from this water. Now, for most households in the water-maintained kebeles, it takes on average less than...

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Nuru Kenya launches process for scaling to Homa Bay and Baringo Counties in 2021

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Nuru Kenya has launched the process of scaling programming to two additional counties this year, Homa Bay County and in Baringo County. These efforts are in addition to working with existing farmer organizations in Migori County.

In addition, Nuru Kenya Social Enterprises has received a renewal sub-grant from RTI International as part of the Kenya Crop and Dairy Market Systems (KCDMS) activity funded through USAID's Feed The Future Initiative.

Last year, Nuru Kenya also began the process of establishing a Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) institute in Migori County. This year, the TVET became accredited, and its instructors are now awaiting results from the Kenya Technical Training College (KTTC) to confirm their training certification. As soon as this process is complete, the TVET will begin enrolling students.

While a combination of COVID, drought, flooding, and the fall armyworm pest brought challenges to Nuru farmers last year, Nuru households attained a 38% increase in crop yield compared to baseline and a 42% increase in income. In addition, Nuru Kenya's work brought about a 24% reduction in under-five child mortality, and cooperatives continue to exceed international benchmarks (SCOPEinsight scores) for cooperative sustainability.

Select indicators are updated annually rather than quarterly

Kenya

		Target	Actual	
AG	Number of households active in Nuru supported cooperatives	Q3	4,100	-
	Percent increase in crop yield compared to baseline	Q1	32%	38%
FI	Number of farmer organizations enrolled in dairy program	Q3	37	-
	Number of households enrolled in dairy program	Q3	900	-
HC	Number of value chain partnerships	Q4	14	-
	Percent of deliveries in a clinic per quarter	-	95%	98%
	Percent of farmer families drinking safe water	-	85%	90%



Nuru Ethiopia begins process of identifying new communities for scaling while maintaining impact

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After some slight logistics delays experienced in 2020 as a result of COVID, all 31 kebeles where Nuru works have inputs in time for their 2021 growing season. Nuru Ethiopia is focused on maintaining impact with the 7,500 households it is currently serving. Nuru Ethiopia has launched efforts to identify new communities for scaling starting in 2022. This forward looking plan will also involve identifying a second cooperative union for farmers to work with to ensure that they are getting the best financial return for their surpluses.

As can be seen from some of the latest data coming out of Ethiopia (in table on right), while COVID has reduced the number of teachers receiving training, and students attending tutorial sessions, women are making it a point to conduct antenatal care visits and ensure they are delivering children in a clinic.

Farmer cooperatives continue to adapt and overcome in the midst of the pandemic, and many farmer households are looking forward to participating in livelihood diversification through animal fattening and Nuru Ethiopia's expanding cash crop program.

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		Ethiopia		
			Target	Actual
AG	Number of households active in Nuru supported cooperatives	Q2	7,500	-
	Percent increase in crop yield compared to baseline	Q2	32%	-
FI	% Increase in income from Nuru-supported activities	Q2	30%	-
	Number of cash crop program participants	Q4	2,000	-
HEALTH	Total Nuru women participating in cooperative care groups	Q2	4,844	-
	Percent of women who are on track to attend at least 4 antenatal care visits per quarter	-	75%	99%
	Percent of deliveries in a clinic per quarter	-	65%	71%
	Number of community health workers trained	-	55	55
EDUCATION	Number of children in grades 1-4 reached	Q1	15,085	13,384
	Number of teachers trained in best teaching literacy practices	-	303	174
	Percent of households with children attending tutorial sessions	-	60%	42%
	Percent of teachers implementing best practices in literacy	-	85%	96%



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Nuru started the year on a strong note with several long-standing Nuru donors stepping forward with renewed multi-year funding commitments. Not only do these donations help us keep forward looking plans on track, but they also send a signal of confidence to other potential investors. We are incredibly grateful for the transformation we continue to make together.

Nuru is also actively pursuing opportunities for funding through USAID's Office of Local Sustainability. As of the end of March, both Nuru Kenya and Nuru Nigeria have applied for potential funding. Nuru is continuing to pursue opportunities related to the passage of the Global Fragility Act of 2019 as well as USAID's New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) which focuses on funding new or underutilized partners. Through these efforts, Nuru is working toward its vision to cultivate lasting meaningful choices in the most vulnerable and marginalized communities in the world.

NURU NIGERIA

As Nuru expands in northeast Nigeria, it does so continuing an intentional decision to start with women. By unlocking the potential of women in households, poverty fighting solutions will be more sustainable and equitable. Read more about Nuru Nigeria's approach in this recent [update](#).

TRANSFORMING RURAL ECONOMIES

At Nuru, a firm belief remains constant: the best way to cultivate lasting meaningful choices is from within the community, within the household, and within the farmer. Nuru focuses on better yields, higher incomes, more savings, and locally-led dialogues. Through this, Nuru ensures that farmers like Joshua Makira Chacha in Kenya, Denklesh Abro in Ethiopia, and Saratu in northeast Nigeria can define those choices for themselves. Nuru's Livelihoods and Agribusiness Director Casey Harrison shares insights on this transformation.

Read more here: 

ONE.ORG SUMMIT

For the eighth year in a row, Nuru team members Billy Williams and Beth Atherton joined Bono's ONE Campaign volunteers for a virtual conference dedicated to training on policy and advocacy. Nuru's collaboration with ONE keeps the issues confronting our farmers and their families in front of policy makers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Q1, Nuru was on budget overall with no significant variances. We are continuing to focus on careful management of our resources and adding to our pipeline of new and existing donors for 2021 and beyond.

Nuru International 2021 Q1 Revenues and Expenses

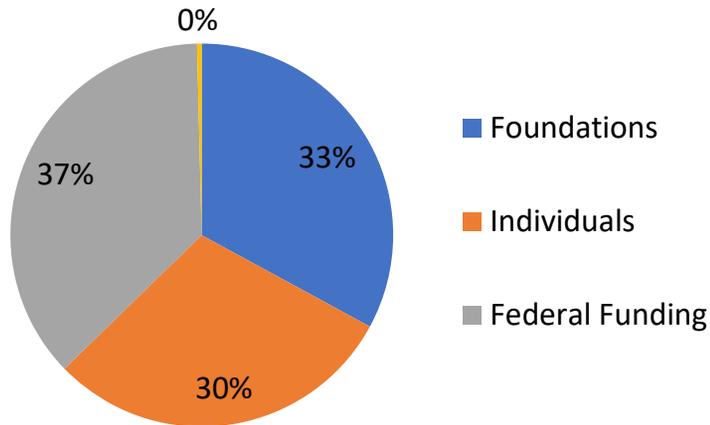
Revenue

Foundations	264,417
Individuals	560,569
Corporate Contributions	296,152
	1,121,139

Expenses

	Q1 Actual	Q1 Budget	\$ Variance	% Variance
MG&A	72,004	72,806	(802)	-1%
Fundraising	83,215	83,618	(402)	0%
Program	941,283	1,084,203	(142,920)	-13%
	1,417,377	1,570,674	(153,298)	-10%

2021 Q1 Revenue



2021 Q1 Expenses

