

Sister City Relationship Annual Report*

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SISTER CITY

Name: BOMET COUNTY

Country: KENYA

Population: 800,000

PERSON IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION FOR SISTER CITY

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Updated Information about the Sister City:

Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the sister city in the areas of culture and business:

1.0 Introduction

The first year of the sister cities relationship ushered in a phase of planning and design for the implementation framework for the partnership. Upon the signing the County government of Bomet focused on unpacking the requirements in the partnership with a view of developing a workable activity plan and expanding the partnership network both locally and internationally.

The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International®, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact. As part of promoting this program, the City of Milwaukee in USA and the County Government of Bomet in Kenya entered into a partnership agreement on the 21st of July 2015. Tom Barrett- Mayor of Milwaukee and H.E Hon. Isaac Ruto, EGH signed the partnership. Bomet County and Milwaukee share a common interest in areas of education, health, culture and business and the desire to promote mutual understanding among its citizens. The people of Milwaukee and Bomet County in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agreed to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities; and agreed to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, culture, health care, education and tourism.



OVER ALL OBJECTIVE

1.1 To foster and encourage greater friendship and understanding between the City of Milwaukee in United States and the County Government of Bomet in Kenya through direct personal contact.

Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the existing relationship:

2.0 Partnership Achievements

2 .1 Strengthening of Bomet Development Trust (BDT)

As part of implementation of the partnership, The County Government of Bomet established and strengthened Bomet Development Trust (BDT). BDT has been tasked to develop an implementation framework for the partnership and explore avenues for expanding the partnership to include among other things infrastructural works. The Trust is run and managed by a Board of Directors and a Chief Executive officer. The main objectives of the Trust are:

- To promote social, economic and cultural development of the Residents of Bomet County
- Within the framework of the foregoing, the Trust shall have the following principal objectives that are in line with the Sister Cities Relationship;
- To promote economic activities (trade, commerce and ICT)
- To promote quality education
- To promote healthcare
- To promote access to clean drinking water
- To promote access to quality housing
- To promote modern agriculture and
- To promote infrastructure development (roads, electricity, etc.)

The Trust is an independent entity and has a functional office with its own budget. It now provides a favorable environment as a conduit for mobilizing resources locally and internationally for the benefit of the residents of Bomet. By the time of development this annual progress report, the Trust is working on a five -year strategic plan that will see the smooth operation of the sister city relationship, the progress of which will be reflected in the next reporting period.

2.2 Improving Longisa County Referral Hospital

Part of the main focus for the Sister City relationship is to improve access to improved medical facilities. The County Government of Bomet has invested a lot of resources in improving Longisa referral hospital to rival other level 5 hospital. At the moment, the Hospital has installed modern medical facilities such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Dialysis machine, X-Ray machines and modern eye clinic unit. As part of the implementation of the partnership agreement, the Medical college of Wisconsin is seeking partnership with Longisa hospital for exchange training programs.

2.3 Partnership with Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) and Nairobi South C Rotary Club

The County Government of Bomet has signed a partnership agreement with Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) and Nairobi South C Rotary Club to meet the requisite conditions for mobilization of resource and implementation of programs as envisaged in the Sister City Relationship. The main focus of the partnership will include;

- Establishing institutions and provide resources needed to provide social assistance to the various target populations amongst Person With Disabilities (PWDs)
- Ensuring that the county has designs and implementation plans of all programs and development approaches are coordinated to enhance habilitation and rehabilitation programs for persons with disabilities.

- Strengthening and scaling up existing social assistance

- Programs while widening their geographical and demographic coverage of beneficiaries.
- Putting in place institutional frameworks for coordinating social assistance to ensure consistent and adequate levels of support.

- Conducting periodic reviews of instruments and strategies to reach the poor based on standards agreed upon by stakeholders such as ease of implementation, effectiveness in targeting, cost-effectiveness, and the impact on the welfare and livelihoods of the beneficiaries.

- Conducting research to inform the implementation of social assistance interventions on areas such as targeting, the adequacy of the transfer value, delivery mechanisms, social rights, and community/beneficiary participation.

- Determining the appropriate graduation and exit strategies for the different interventions while helping stakeholders to develop standards to be used to assess the appropriateness of these strategies.



Dr. Joyce Laboso
Governor of Bomet

Going forward, Nairobi South C Rotary Club will provide an avenue for resource mobilization internationally. The main focus will be mainly water infrastructure and this is in line with what the Water Council of Milwaukee envisions to do.

2.4 Improving community water infrastructure

The County Government has improved access to clean and affordable water by reviving stalled community water projects, initiating new water infrastructure and improving of spring protections to expand water command area. However, much needs to be done in this sector and the City of Milwaukee will come in handy in mobilizing more resource for water infrastructure and water quality control and surveillance. Milwaukee water council will; therefore, be requested to support in setting up of modern water purification units.

2.5 Strengthening Resource Mobilization and Investment Unit

To leverage resource and tap on available opportunities, the County Government of Bomet has developed a detailed investment handbook that captures on the sister city relationship. The handbook provides detailed highlights on investment opportunities within the county and

mechanisms for engagement. Once the handbook is launched by H.E Hon Governor, it will be shared with the City of Milwaukee as a tool for fundraising for the projects.

3.0 Implementation Plan

S/N	Activity	Sub activities
1	Improve Business Opportunities	Milwaukee to provide training for small and Medium Enterprises
		BDT to identify the activities of Youth Groups and Women Groups within the County and develop proposals for capacity building.
2	Strengthen Cultural Exchange	BDT to develop a concept on the establishment of Bomet Cultural Centre
3	Improve Healthcare facilities	Milwaukee to mobilize for donations of Hospital Equipment. Exchange program between Wisconsin Medical Hospital and Longisa referral hospital
		Rehabilitation Centre could be established in Bomet to help rehabilitate drug addicts.
4	Increase access to Education	Academic exchange programs Provide scholarships for bright students – for academics and athletics Provide mentorship for girls in science and technology Books and sports donations to equip libraries & football clubs
5	Improve tourism attraction sites	Map tourist destination sites within the County

3.1 Support Girls Stay in School

In Kenya and many other African countries girls' education is interrupted due to several factors, including early marriage. However, many girls drop out of school when their period starts for simply a lack of sanitary napkins (pads). Aware of such issues, Milwaukee African Women Association (MILAWA) did a fundraiser and donated the proceeds to purchase sanitary napkins to a Bomet County school which was distributed to girls. This is both symbolic and empowering gesture.



Bomet County School Girls Receiving Sanitary Napkins donated by MILAWA

Updated information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
The Pan-African Community Association (PACA) is a nonprofit entity based in Milwaukee, WI
Board Directors:
 1. Peter Akubeze, President (Professor at UWM)
 2. Hilary Njagi, Treasurer, CPA (Destiny Financial Services Self Employed)
 3. Khay Khong, Secretary (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation – WEDC)
 4. Paulette Bangura (Retired UWM-SCE Faculty)
 5. Stephen Kamuiru (Business Owner)
 6. Fessahaye Mebrahtu (Executive Director)

Kenyans in Milwaukee – community members’ association, an entity providing cultural and logistical guides for the project the implementation and sustainability of the project.

Elected Leaders of Kenyans in Milwaukee:

1. Samuel Jackoyo, President
2. Anne Mitutu, Secretary
3. Hilary Njagi, Treasurer

Bomet County Direct Contacts

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- Progress of the goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship: There is a newly elected governor to Bomet County, which some of the goals should be assessed by the new administration in order for the Bomet Development Trust to set priorities in sync with the new administration.
- Progress of activities of the organization in relation to the sister city: The priorities will be assessed soon after the new governor, Dr. Joyce Laboso and BDT leadership meet, which will be reported back to the Dr. Alice Kones, who is PACA’s liaison to Bomet County Sister City relationship.
- Progress of the methods the organization uses to meet the goals of the sister city relationship: Strategically, Kenyans in Milwaukee, a local community association will provide the cultural bridge and accountability to meet the goals set for implementation by assessing the priorities set.

- Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship: There is no set amount of plan but whenever there is an entourage of visitors come to Milwaukee the community provides some accommodations, such as food and drinks.
- Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange program: Recently, MILAWA raised funds to purchase “Sanitary Napkins (pads)” for school girls in Bomet County. These are small gestures of people to people relationships.

