Milwaukee-Bomet Sister City Relationship Annual Report

2019/2020

Alice Kones and David Mugun

APPLICATION ORGANIZATION

Name: Gotabgaa Internaional (https://www.gotabgaainternational.org/programs.html)	
Mailing Address: 3127 Apache Dr, Columbus, GA, 31909, USA	
Website: https://www.gotabgaainternational.org	
PERSON IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MILWAUKEE	
Name: Alice Kones, Ph D and David Mugun	Phone: Alice: 414-377-2855 and David: 414-712-2430
Mailing Address: 6139 W Calumet Rd. Brown Deer, WI 53223	Email: Alice : alkones2012@gmail.com David : dkmugun2012@gmail.com

SISTER CITY		
Name: BOMET COUNTY	Country: KENYA	Population: 800,000

PERSON IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION FOR SISTER CITY	
Name: Dr. Joe Toweet (County's Governor) Kenya	Phone: 011-254-700-622866
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 19-20400, Bomet, Kenya	Email: Info@bomet.go.ke

Introduction

- From the beginning, 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 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.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

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.

Bomet and Milwaukee

Partnership Achievements

Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

Currently seeking a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) whose main objectives are to improve the following for the Residents of Bomet:
Social, Economic, Education, Drinking Water, Affordable Housing, Modern Agricultural practices, Improved Infrastructure development (Roads, Electricity)

Longisa County Referral Hospital-Bomet

Sister City relationship main focus:

1. Access to healthcare

   The County Government of Bomet has invested resources to improve Longisa referral hospital by installing modern medical equipments

   1. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
   2. Dialysis Machine
   3. X-Ray machines
   4. Modern eye clinic unit

2. Longisa Hospital-Bomet still need medical equipments such as mammogram machines for early detection of breast cancer.
3. Training of healthcare and medical professionals including doctors and nurses. Such partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin is on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Improving community water infrastructure

Sigowet Village (Bomet) and Rotary Club of Barrington, Illinois, Chicago

- The Rotary Club of Barrington under the former President Larry Barnett helped with the digging of Borehole in Sigowet Village.
- Water Fluoride levels at 7mg/l(ppm) with maximum allowable at 1.5mg/l(ppm).

  (See report below).

Sender: Spar Drilling Co. Ltd.
P. O. Box 40590, NAIROBI
Source:-Borehole:- Sigowet Primary School (Bomet)

Date sample taken

PHYSICAL TESTS

Colour:	-	(Hazen Units)	Turbidity:	Clear	(J.T.U.'s)
Deposit	None		Odour:	None	(T.O.N)
Taste	-				
pH:	8.3		Electrical Conductivity at 25 °C	953.0	(microsiemens/cm)

CHEMICAL TESTS

	Results *mg/l(ppm)*	*Max guideline value mg/l(ppm)*
Total Alkalinity as $CaCO_3$	350.0	500.0
Phenolphthalein (CO_3) =	20.0	-
Methyl Orange (HCO_3)-	330.0	-
Chloride (Cl)-	20.0	250.0
Sulphate (SO_4)=	16.0	250.0
Nitrate (NO_3)-	1.4	
Nitrite (NO_2)-	0.024	3.0

This is even more so during the Covid-19 Pandemic-there is need for clean drinking water in Bomet .

Sigowet project has stalled and the borehole is currently capped up as seen in the picture below.

- Filtration Equipment Quotations has been received but the biggest challenge is that the villagers are not able to raise the funds to meet the quoted prices.
- Any resources, expertise or financial donations for water filtration and clean water to be realized in this village is welcome.

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.

Improving Education

- Bomet Univesity has been established- a constituent of Moi University in Eldoret.
- Dr. Joe Toweet, minister in Bomet County, marking breaking of the ground for the University Building.
- Bomet Seeks partnership with Milwaukee Area Technical College and the University of Milwaukee Wisconsin.

BOMET UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

A Sustainable Green University

Training Farmers in Agriculture

- Agriculture and livestock rearing are some of the biggest economic activities in Bomet County.
- Local Farmers receive training on best farming practices, nutrition and sustaining crop health
  - See avocado pictures on the right
- Avocados are ready to be exported to the USA and ther is need for partnership.

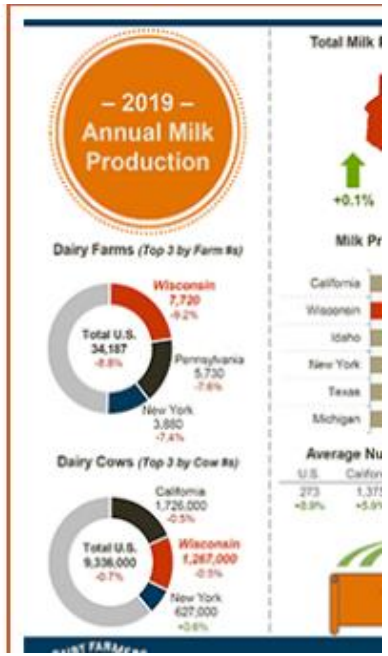
See an example of an Avocado farmer that started farming after the signing of Sister City Relationship MOUs

Tea export

- Training Farmers in Agriculture has improved the quality of tea production.
- Tea farming and production has created jobs for the residents
- There are investments and tea export opportunities to the USA are available

Lessons from Wisconsin

Exchange programs and training of Bomet farmers to learn best dairy practices



Exchange Program

Athletes and Religious Events

- In August 7th-August 17th, 2019 we hosted a group of over 30 Christians (Seventh Day Adventists) who were among 50,000 delegates attending the famous World Parthfinder Camporee at Oshkosh. (Camping for youth)

Future Opportunities for Bomet and Milwaukee

- After Covid-19 Pandemic, there are opportunities for tourists from Milwaukee (Wisconsin) to visit Bomet (Kenya). There is a lot to be seen in Bomet:
- Traditional Culture, Tea plantation, the big five from the Masai Mara Game Reserve
- There are opportunities for agricultural produce including Tea and Avocados to Milwaukee.