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Registration and Membership:

Friends, I take this opportunity to thank you very much for your friendship and support of Hamisi Community Development Fund, Inc. (HACODEFU) during the 2010 fiscal year that ended on December 31st. HACODEFU was incorporated in the State of New Jersey on January 14th 2010 as a Non-profit organization. HACODEFU attained Federal 501(c) 3 tax exempt status on September 20th 2010. We also registered a sister Non-profit organization on the ground in Hamisi Kenya to manage the day to day project activities for accountability. The sister organization is called Hamisi Community Based Development Organization (HACODEO).

There were 20 members who subscribed to HACODEFU in 2010. To become a member, one had to pay one time \$25 registration fee. For continued membership, there was also an additional \$50 annual subscription fee. There were monthly general meetings for all members. HACODEFU is governed by Board of Directors who met occasionally on a need basis.

Finances:

HACODEFU received a total of **\$9,146** from 35 donors in 2010. HACODEFU spent **\$8,064** in 2010 and carried forward a balance of **\$1,081** to the 2011 fiscal year. Out of the **\$8,064** spent in 2010, **\$1,747** was used on incorporation fees in the State of New Jersey and IRS application fees for 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status. Most of the remainder of the funds was allocated to projects as the administrative cost for 2010 was only **\$125**.

Projects:

A: Education:

I) Mercy Children's Academy

In August of 2010, three of HACODEFU members and I went to visit family in Kenya. While in Kenya, we started a project of remodeling Mercy Children's Academy from a

dilapidated one room structure to a three rooms permanent building. When finished, the Academy will have a storage room, a store and a class room that will hold up to 50 students. Mercy Children's Academy is located in the village of Kamugoi in Hamisi District. We have thus far spent **\$5,307** on Mercy Children's Academy as of January 2011. The construction will require approximately **\$3,000** more to complete. Below are two pictures of the progression of the construction.



Mercy Children's Academy at the start of the construction in August of 2010.



Mercy Children's Academy in January of 2011. Construction is ongoing.

II) Muhudu High School:

HACODEFU donated 2 new laptop computers and 2.0 USB flash drives worth \$730 to Muhudu High School. The school is located in Muhudu location in Hamisi District.



Presentation of two laptop computers and 2.0 USB flash drives to Muhudu High School in August of 2010.

III) Muhudu Location Examination Council:

HACODEFU donated \$510 to benefit 751 students in 10 primary schools to seat for practice examinations in preparation for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E.) exams for 2010. The funds were used in the drafting, grading and monitoring of the practice exams by the teachers.

B: Entrepreneurship:

HACODEFU donated \$110 for a business start up for a one Ms. Lonita Irua. Ms. Irua started a small business of buying and selling chickens.

Plans for 2011:

The year 2010 was a very productive first year for our organization. We hope to continue working with you to improve the lives of Hamisi Community in 2011 and beyond.

In 2011, HACODEFU plans to;

- i) Finalize the construction of Mercy Children's Academy
- ii) Develop a professional website and phone system

- iii) Implement recommendations from primary school head teachers in Hamisi district on improving education standards. A pilot program will be undertaken in Muhudu Location. The learnings from the pilot program will be incorporated into the final program that will be rolled out for the entire Hamisi Community.
- iv) Roll out an interest free small business model to benefit more individuals in Hamisi Community.
- v) Roll out an education grant model to benefit needy students pay for school fees and learning materials.

Thank you very much for taking your time to go over our achievements of 2010 and our plans for 2011.

Sincerely



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President of HACODEFU