

# **COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT UN GLOBAL COMPACT**

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H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

International Transformation Foundation wishes to submit its communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's effort to support implementation of ten principles and engagement with Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption for the period April 2016 to April 2018.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders.

Yours Sincerely,

Venuste Kubwimana  
Secretary General



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### ITF Background

International Transformation Foundation was established as an international, youth-led, non-profit organization on principles of stimulus and inspiration for transformation of the youth through self-development programs encompassing leadership and entrepreneurship. ITF develops and drives youth development programs that mold the youth of today as leaders with strong hearts and minds and as true workers of society with creative and progressive thinking.

ITF runs the 'Join the Pipe' project for its commitment to UN global compact. The Join the Pipe project aims to installing sustainable tap water stations near playgrounds, city centers, parks, schools and bus stations in Kenya; for people to access clean tap water whenever possible. The project also works to bring awareness to environmental impact of production and waste of bottled water. The Project is operated in partnership with The Join the Pipe Foundation: A community of tap water drinkers promoting tap water drinking and help developing nations gain access to clean drinking water and sanitation. The foundation based in Amsterdam fundamentally provide especially designed and sustainable products that characterize the project in Kenya:

- A. **WATER SAVING TAP STATION** - Our water stations not only provide clean drinking water but also save water. No water is wasted with our auto-stop tap! They are also Vandal resistant.
- B. **DRIP TAPS for HAND WASHING FACILITIES** -We build toilets and hand washing sinks to prevent waterborne illnesses to spread. Drip taps technology reduces 90% of water usage!
- C. **WATER BOTTLES** - We provide refillable water bottles for the children to drink from. Our refillable are made of BPA-free plastic and are distinguished with a Dutch Design Award.
- D. **JERRY CARRY KARTS** - These Jerry Carry Karts reduce the physical injury from constant lifting and carrying heavy loads of water on heads of the children.

The Join the pipe project activities are achieved in collaboration with County Governments, community residents & authorities, community primary schools and various corporations

### ITF Vision

To offer the best programs that ensure an empowered youth and developed communities.

### ITF Mission

ITF aims at providing the most effective educational and self development programs to the youth and to the community at large.

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## JOIN THE PIPE PROJECT

The project is about a sustainable clean drinking water system. Inspired by personal experience growing up in communities with no access to clean tap water at an affordable price. Where, every morning school going children have to wake up early to walk long distances so as to fetch water for their families from stream/river or wells before going to school, causing absenteeism resulting to school drop-outs.

In 2013 International Transformation Foundation members in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania worked together on their respective countries' research project. The project is about a sustainable clean drinking water system. One of the main insights gained is that all villages/communities have wished to improve their water system. For some villagers this is because they do not have a working water system in their village at all prompting school going children and women to walk very long distances to fetch water from neighboring villages/communities' wells or stream/river. Other communities especially in per-urban have a couple of taps within, but would like to increase this number.

The Problem with current water projects in Kenya's communities are:

- the water system with the technical components to get groundwater to the tap and
- the paying system that describes what to pay for, how to maintain the system and how the business is set up; the social system.

Consequently the initiatives below were launched as the activities of the Join the pipe project:

1. **A WATER KIOSK AT SCHOOL:** a school based and students managed business selling clean tap water to community residents at a reasonable price. It consists of financing a community school to set up onsite water kiosk with specially designed and sustainable products for children to transport tap water at home straight from school. It is both educational and profitable business – teaching students business and entrepreneurial skills, and generating much-needed income for schools.
2. **PUBLIC DRINKING TAP WATER STATION:** In partnership with urban Communities/Towns/Cities we install our non-breakable drinking water station in Public places for people access clean drinking tap water free of charge.
3. **BOTTLE BIKE:** In tandem with the recent plastic ban in Kenya and our interest in keeping the environment clean, we came up with a specially designed bottle bike/ vending trolley idea. Here we sell refillable water bottles at an affordable price. This way one is able to carry clean drinking water at their own convenience and we are able to prevent pollution through disposable drinking water bottles. The bottle bikes offer employment opportunities to youth as the idea is for them to sell as many bottles as possible and earn income from it.

## PUBLIC DRINKING TAP WATER STATION: UHURU PARK



On 15th November 2016, we launched the first Join the Pipe public drinking tap water station in Nairobi's main recreational Park- Uhuru Park for people to access clean drinking tap water for free

We realized that on a daily basis, about 400,000 people pass through Uhuru Park to relax, work or catch up with friends. Plastic water bottles, were the only source of clean drinking water for those who can afford them and they litter the park. . Also noticed was that, despite there being various drinking water points in the park and around Nairobi city center, none of those points were functional because all the taps had been vandalized. With funding from the Pollination project and in collaboration with Nairobi City County and our ever supporting partner Join the Pipe foundation we installed a non breakable join the pipe drinking tap water station to provide safe and clean tap water to everyone.

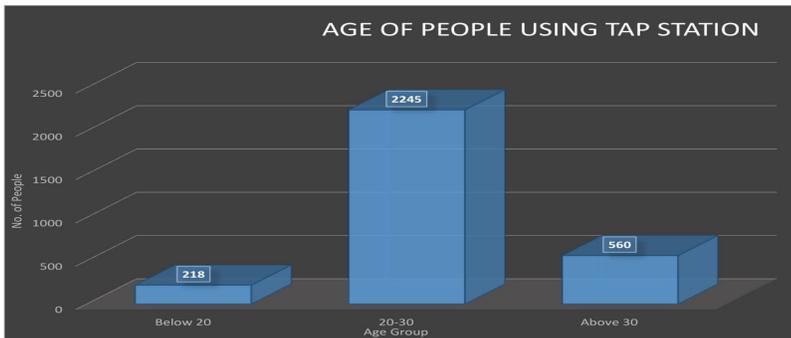
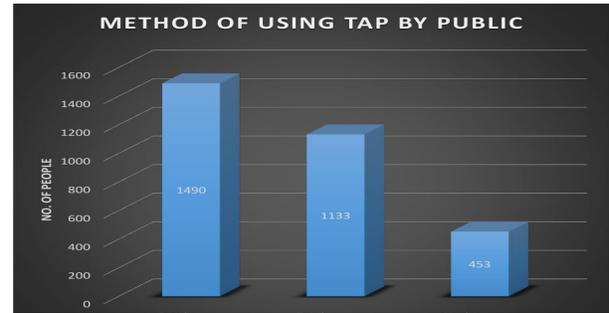
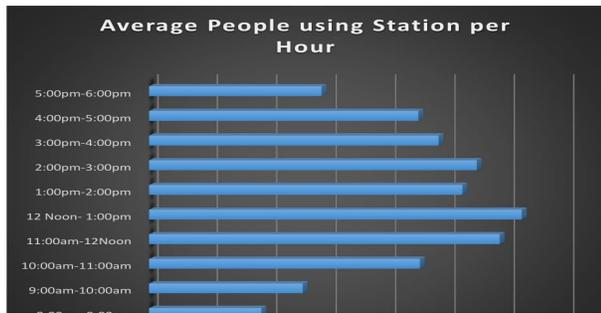
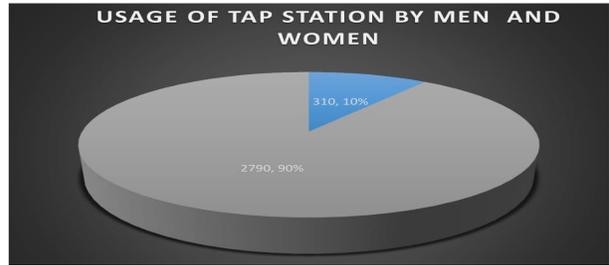
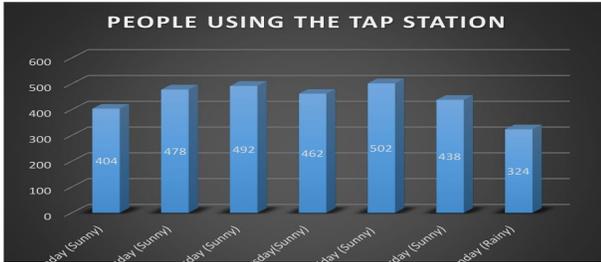
Our members together with Patriana Educational Centre's students and people we found in the park cleaned the park and in return everyone was awarded our Join the pipe re-usable and environmental friendly water bottles (In total we donated 445 bottles). By combining the supply of clean tap water with the elimination of water bottle pollution, and using a sustainable business model that empowers youth, this station is poised to make an enormous contribution to the health of the entire community that uses Uhuru Park.



# Graphs

Graphs below show varied statistics of data collected at Uhuru Park

**Project** JOIN THE PIPE DRINKING WATER TAP STATION: UHURU PARK  
**Activity** STATION USAGE DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS SHOWN ON GRAPHS  
**Period** 23/January /2017 - 29/January/2017  
**Time** 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Daily  
**Weather** It was sunny except Sunday where it was rainy day



## REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE DISTRIBUTION



High water wastage and risk of disease

Join the Pipe's solution

### WE BELIEVE:

- ☑ A bottle with water from home to school is a sustainable way.
- ☑ Drinking from a bottle at school is better for hygiene than drinking with the hands.
- ☑ Drinking from a bottle at school makes need for hand washing to reduce.
- ☑ A bottle on the table for children to drink during classes is a nice way to stay hydrated.
- ☑ There are so many reasons why a bottle saves money and improves hygiene for the children at school and at home.

Majority of the schools that are fortunate to have access to water cannot afford to pay their water bills which are very high due to water wastage during hand washing and when children drink out of their hands. Drinking from hands also increases prevalence of water borne diseases, in turn causing school drop outs.

We provide environment friendly and refillable water bottles for the children to drink from. Our refillable bottles are made of BPA-free plastic and are distinguished with a Dutch Design Award. In schools with no access to water pipeline, with our bottles children are able to carry a bottle with water from home to school.



**Table showing the number and location where bottles were given**

#	School Name	Location (County)	Bottles given
1	Agawo Primary School	Homabay	269
2	Maximum Impact Centre	Nairobi	150
3	Madoya Centre	Nairobi	305
4	Tutu Primary School	Kiambu	229
5	Hope Compassion Centre	Nairobi	18
6	Saint Peter's the Rock Junior School	Mombasa	250
7	Malezi School	Nairobi	200
8	Uhuru Estate Primary School	Nairobi	351
9	Millennium Community Development	Kiambu	60
10	F4W/NAWSSCO	Nakuru	10
11	Nairobi road Primary School	Nakuru	141
12	Sidai Primary School	Nakuru	356
13	Magomano Primary School	Nakuru	458
14	Arap Moi Primary School	Kajiado	305
15	Patriana Educational Centre	Nairobi	149
16	Kambi ya Ndeke Primary School	Machakos	590
17	Mukeu Primary School	Kiambu	293
18	Kidfarmaco Primary School	kiambu	250
19	From Kibera with Love	Nairobi	78
20	Cheza Sports Academy	Nairobi	42
21	Imani Children Home	Nairobi	94
22	Kayole Girls rehab Centre	Nairobi	95
23	Uhuru Park	Nairobi	445
24	Bottle bike	Nairobi	2821
<b>Total</b>			<b>7959</b>

## A WATER KIOSK AT SCHOOL: Agawo Primary School

In 2017, we secured a grant from the Slovak Embassy and this was used to set up a Water kiosk at Agawo Primary School in Oyugis, Homabay County.

The Water Kiosk at the School was launched in December. The climax of the day was marked by giving the students and attendees reusable water bottles.

The activities of the day included

training some of the students and teachers how to record sales of water at the kiosk in a record-keeping book, speeches by invited guests inclusive of a representative from the Imani initiative Development Group, an ITF representative, a member from the school's water committee, a parents' representative and four county administrators.

Primary School will provide clean tap water to 500 students and over 2000 community residents.

The Water Kiosk at Agawo





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