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## NEW HEADQUARTERS WORKS PLANNED

<http://osiepepa.weebly.com/blog---our-latest-updates/archives/07-2016>



## Fundraiser Planned

OSIEPE Practical Action ® CBO is making plans for a unique fund-raising event and open day to engage investment streams for the construction of its proposed headquarters at Awasi. The fund-raising event will be used to show-case OSIEPE development model and engage partners to learn and contribute. A task force has been set-up to plan the technical and logistical design of the event. More details will be provided in due course.

## INTRODUCING OSIEPE

**OSIEPE PRACTICAL ACTION ®** is a community based organization located in Muhoroni sub-County, Kisumu County of Kenya. The CBO operates several products aimed at achieving its five pillars targeting the 60 plus membership, the public, and the global community.

- Education and Capacity Development
- Governance and Organizational Development
- Economic Empowerment
- Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security
- Environmental and Social Sustainability

More details about the CBO can be found at <http://osiepepa.weebly.com>

The organization has been building its institutional capacity to provide quality of life transformative services and empowerment to its members. This has been done through trainings, partnerships and member driven services in economic empowerment and value change promotion in livestock transformation as well as networking for leveraging capacity and partnerships in implementing projects around the pillars. This newsletter is a product of OSIEPE communication strategy.

*“We are redefining development through quality of life-changing and locally owned transformation. Sustainable development only works if it is inclusive and driven locally. OSIEPE is on course to realizing hitherto untenable dreams”*

**Patron: Dr Washington Ochola**



## THE LEADING TEAM



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(Coordinator)



Mr Hezekiah A. Omenda  
(Chairman)



Mama Rose Wariero  
(Vice-Chair)



Mr Hezbone O gada  
(Organizing Secretary)



Mrs Lilian Ogodo  
(Treasurer)

## First Satellite Office Consecrated

The newly completed satellite office at Oseng'teti was recently consecrated by Maseno East Diocese ACK Bishop, The Rt Rev. Joshua A. Owiti.

Bishop Owiti thanked the group for showing the way to real social economic development. He challenged the political leadership, county and national governments, development partners, other CBOs and civil society to come and learn from OSIEPE. He promised to spearhead popularization of this "proven model". He others to join OSIEPE in journey to success through mutual partnerships for the realization of sustainable change especially among communities in Kisumu County.

The satellite office has the following facilities:

- Administrative offices
- Mini-board room
- Refrigerated store
- Cafeteria & club grounds

The office will soon be fitted with electricity, cold storage facilities, internet and tele-



## 2015 DIVIDEND DECLARED

The release of dividend schedule by the group continue to show an ever growing portfolio of benefits to member. Dividends for the financial year ending December 31st 2015 was KShs. 475,480 as net distributable. Many members opted to either capitalize their dividends into corporate shares or donate towards the planned fund raiser for constructing the Awasi Headquarters.



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## FIRST PHASE OF AI PERFORMED

*Story by: Dan Amolo*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2016, all roads led to Mr. Bernard Del's home for the first ever mass artificial insemination of cows in Oseng'teti village of Muhoroni sub-County, Kisumu County. Farmers started trooping in as early as six in the morning for the activity that was organized by OSIEPE Practical Action in conjunction with

The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) which is coordinating the USAID Feed the Future funded Accelerated Value Chain Development (AVCD) project. The event following a ten-day period of animal preparation by the veterinary officers drawn from Kisumu and Homa Bay Counties.

A total of 33 cows were inseminated from Oseng'teti village as part of the first rollout plan. Other AI events are planned for the other 13 sites in which crush pens were constructed by OSIEPE team in Muhoroni. Many other guests and dairy farmers came along to witness the process including scientist from ILRO, members of the press from leading media houses in Kenya as well as the leaders from OSIEPE.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Lawrence Ochieng', the field coordinator of AVCD took the opportunity to thank OSIEPE group for partnering with ILRI to ensure that the project was a success. He said that the primary role of fixed time AI in milk deficiency counties was to improve the qualities of the existing animals. The selected animals had gone through hormonal sequence in preparation for the process. Present at the event too was Dr. James Rao from ILRI who also expressed his pleasure with the process and thanked the farmers for their corporation.

The coordinator of OSIEPE, Mr. Bernard Del also thanked ILRI for such a partnership and urged them to continue with their support. He expressed his happiness at the approach adopted involving local participation as a prerequisite to success. This is first ever project to be undertaken in Muhoroni sub-County and OSIEPE is proud to pioneer it.



## Member Focus



In this issue we focus on the exemplary work of Mrs Florence. Owuor, A pioneer member of OSIEPE (*Tiger Nucleus*), Florence has demonstrated commitment and leadership in implementing especially poultry, dairy and horticulture value chains. She recently represented OSIEPE at the Dairy Cooperatives Leadership training organized by Heifer International in Kisumu.

Together with her husband, Mr. George Owuor the couple is showing true leadership in investment in various value chains. OSIEPE NEWS wishes to express appreciation to Florence for being a role model showing the way towards true commercialization of farming.

## MEAL REPORT REVEALS REAL CHANGES IN HOUSEHOLDS

The quarterly household level monitoring and technical support to OSIEPE Practical Action Members was conducted by the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Committee (MEAL). The report was shared for action planning at the 2nd Quarterly Meeting.

The MEAL committee was formed to oversee a participatory and social learning based tracking and assessment of change that members are making as individuals, as a group, in their households and in society as part of quality of life improvement and overall socio-economic transformation. The monitoring is based on OSIEPE Theory of Change (see link at <http://osiepepa.weebly.com/our-results.html>) and is aligned to each pillar. The MEAL committee also works in liaison with various organs of the CBO and local County authorities so as to offer advice on how to better the various projects that members have initiated for more learning.

All-in-all the exercise established that a lot of progress has been made on poultry farming, dairy, small livestock (shoats), horticulture and fish farming. Members are also investing in various agribusiness value chains and small enterprises even as they continue to invest in education of their children. The outcomes of massive capacity building and economic empowerment are steadily being felt and members are focused to realize sustainable change.

