

Impression of the Calabash training for women 30 May - 5 June '24, Kenya, Emburkutia, Maasai Land, organised by Clean Water - Healthy Village (www.degevuldewaterkruik.nl) Paul Akkerman.



Women collect polluted water from Mara River for consumption. Health workers report: diarrhoea, typhoid and cholera.



Safe drinking water in a Calabash Cistern for each household!



Women of Self-Help Group in Emburkutia ask us to be trained in “Calabash construction” leader: **Evalyne Kimojino** Rain clouds gather, the rain will be collected in Calabash Cisterns for drinking water: Rain Water Harvesting.



Project leader Alfred Tobiko in our new open-air classroom in Emburkutia. We have 10 participants: 7 women, 3 men divided over 2 teams. Each team with 1 trainer will construct 2 cisterns. All women are member of the self-help group. The men are guests from a project in Marsabit in northern Kenya. The training lasts 7 days. Normally you can construct a Calabash in 6 days. For the training we take an extra day for daily meeting and explanation. An experienced team can construct 3 Calabashes in 6 days. After the training, the 3 male participants will return to Marsabit to start their own Calabash project.



During the training each team constructs 2 Calabash Cisterns of 5000 L. The cement blocks or clay blocks are meant to construct the mould. Later the blocks will be removed. The mould makes it possible to construct the essential round shaped bottom of the Calabash Cistern.



Kinangaré Kayioni



last day, removal of cement blocks

The training is completed with a ceremony and certificates



The Embu Women are proud and dedicated. We trust them and De Gevulde Waterkruik promised to give support of 50% of the costs for the construction of **30 Cisterns in 2024**. The total costs of 1 Calabash is € 300,-. Each time we receive a report with pictures of 4 new cisterns, we send the next € 600, - to **Evalyne**. NL87RABO0340778792, Stichting Vrienden Holten Bedanda, De Gevulde Waterkruik. *Paul Akkerman*