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Six hours to get clean drinking water



Adhe Dida, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Isiolo, Kenya - Water-borne diseases are expected to be gradually eradicated in Kenya as more and more people now disinfect their water before any consumption. The process costs nothing but patience and discipline. One has only to expose water to sun rays in a clean, transparent bottle, for six hours. [View the video](#)

Tour operators accused of exploitation



Abisae Maeda, VoicesofAfrica alumnus in Arusha, Tanzania -A war rages on the slopes of Kilimanjaro between porters and tour operators on pay issues. When budget operators cut corners to save money, the porters are the first to suffer. Kilimanjaro porters are not usually employed permanently. Some quality responsible operators have teams of porters that they use on all their climbs, but most porters freelance. [View the video](#)

Let's dance as clouds gather in the skies



Yussuf Maleli, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Kibwezi, Kenya -After months of droughts, peasants in rural Kenya have started getting ready for the farming season, announced by the gathering of clouds in the skies, an unequivocal sign that the long-awaited rains are about to pour down According to Kioko Kitili, a farmer from Masongaleni village in Kibwezi,... [View the video](#)

Nature: Reaching hearts through arts



Neville Omondi, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Nairobi, Kenya - One thing that a traveler in Nyandarua and Laikipia districts (Kenya) will notice is the beautiful painting on the walls of houses. One could easily mistake them for advertisements because of their numbers. They are murals painted by Tree Is Life Trust through the local artists on environmental awareness. [View the video](#)

Kibwezi people pile firewood as rains come



Yussuf Maleli, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Kibwezi, Kenya - As the rainy season is already showing the first signs, the residents of Kibwezi, Kenya, have started stockpiling firewood for the coming months, when dry wood will be rare to find in forests. 'I have to collect enough firewood now because here you can not get any firewood when rain starts', says Lydia Kasongi... [View the video](#)

Meru: Maize mill fosters food security



Peris Wairimu, VoicesofAfrica alumna, Meru, Kenya- Food security has been fostered in the last three years in Meru, Kenya following the installation of a maize mill that has contributed to the lowering of prices, while generating jobs and incomes for locals. Saint Catherine Catholic Women Association millers and hullers was started by a group of 200 women, in the year 2006 with an aim of producing the cheapest... [View the video](#)

Editorial

Water under all its forms



Olivier Nyirubugara, Senior Editorial Coach

-The month of October has been rich in mobile reports. You will have realised it on VoicesofAfrica.com. What draws the most attention is the stress on WATER. Water under all its forms: from the skies (rains), from the ground (dam), and even drinking water, which locals in Isiolo, Kenya can disinfect by just exposing it to sun rays for some hours. I would add water on the Kilimanjaro, where poor porters still help tourists eager to have the last glance at the disappearing glacier. Previous months were dominated by reports about drought in Kenya. This time, women are gathering firewood as it will not be possible to do so when it starts pouring down. It is worth reminding that Mobile reporters are trained to have a sharp eye on events and developments affecting their daily lives in the community. This November issue shows how different they can work on one topic that is essential to their communities, from different perspectives

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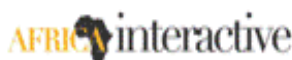
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