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## SUCCESS STORY OF DONKEY FOR INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITY

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The donkey has been known as the beast of burden, they transport water, food stuffs, firewood and family baggage when emigrating. In pastoralist emigration they carry the young children and even kids of goats and young sheep.

For Hadija Abduba is different, it is a sole livelihood earner with her 3 children and her mother they depend on the income brought by the donkey transport. Despite her health condition Hadija work hard to feed the children and maintain her health.

The donkey was given by CIPAD to provide transport and bring some money for income. Hadija found out selling of water to her neighbourhood for a start would be easier and she exactly did that. The donkey transport 4 jerken of 20 litres per trip. Hadija makes 3 trips per day. One trip of water cost 100 shillings now, and Hadija sells 2 trips and have the last trip for her family.

From the sell Hadija makes 200 shillings every day which she uses to buy

2cups of milk daily @25/= 50/=, ½ kg of sugar @50/=, vegetables and food additives @30/=, lastly cooking oil of @20/= . This is the daily expenditure of as family of 5 people. She plans to save 50 shillings for the donkey's food, treatment and family saving.

This has brought food on the table at least 2 twice per day; the health of the children has improved. Water quantity has increased in the home improving hygiene practices among the children and the adults in the family.

The most important thing which changed her life is the positive attitude the neighbourood have towards her. *“Many people come to greet me and ask for water for sell, previously, no body come to say Hello to us, it was like they were avoiding me, I even said it is due to my HIV status. But now it is different people come and say hi. Thanks to the donkey”*



Water storage container and clean utensils

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