**From:**

**To:**

Mr Andrew Stephenson MP

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**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, PENDLE – AFRICA PROJECT**

As you are aware, our parish the Good Shepherd, Pendle, is running a project to help bring freshwater and electricity to people in need in Kenya. This project is to initially provide and install a River Power Pod turbine for schools and a college in Embu, Kenya. We have been raising funds in the parish to cover the cost of the initial survey visit and volunteers from our parish will be going out to Embu to help train young women and men to install, maintain and ultimately manufacture turbines.

We understand that you expressed support for this project following the information meeting at Holy Saviour church hall in October and very much appreciate your generous donation. We are continuing to raise funds and we want to help those in need in Kenya as swiftly as possible.

We have seen a great reaction to the project here in Pendle and commitments of time, services and funds continue to grow. We believe that this type of project is exactly what the UK government should be supporting as it demonstrates: local community engagement, sharing and development of skills and technology, application of innovative renewable energy solutions, development of sustainable enterprises and provides targeted aid.

We are seeking your help in securing this support from the UK government’s existing development projects in terms of actions, services, materials or funding; we would appreciate your guidance and support in ensuring this project achieves the best possible visibility to the appropriate government departments and stakeholders.

Please contact Ged Heffernan (07710 916117) if you have any queries on this or would like parishioners to come along to discuss the project with relevant stakeholders in Westminster.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,