

Project Challenges

- With the generous donation of a lab space by Louise Bourassa, the Director of Muungano, the issue of finding an environment was resolved.
- The kitchen space was originally an empty concrete space that had none of the necessary attributes to create a favourable environment for food production. With a lot of hard work and patience, we were able to work with the contractors and staff to help get everything done in a timely manner.



Project Recommendations

- Create a stronger communication relationship between the APYN, Western Heads East, and the Interns to have everyone up to date for the projects to run more smoothly

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Project Goal

To develop a new yoghurt kitchen and probiotic lab space in the Muungano: Partners for Education in Africa Special Needs School.



Project Activities



- Assessed the kitchen space and developed a plan to create a fully functioning Probiotic Yoghurt Kitchen
- Explored possibilities for a potential lab space and implemented an area in a private lab with our own equipment for developing probiotic bacteria
- Created a strong working relationship with the staff and directors at Muungano

Project Outcomes

The kitchen opened successfully on **Saturday, August 11th, 2012**. Fifty-five people were successfully registered to receive free probiotic yoghurt, and two Muungano teachers were trained by Gillian to culture the probiotic bacteria. The Muungano staff have also been trained to review bookkeeping, organization, and management.



Project Impact

- The benefits to the community still needs to be analyzed in a longer period of time.
- The Yoghurt Mamas are able to have the opportunity to contribute to their community and be empowered.



Impact on Me

- Developed a stronger meaning towards patience
- Stronger understanding on how to operate in a completely alien cultural context
- Increased understanding on the difference and similarities between Canadian and Kenyan cultures
- Greater appreciation for daily essentials that we take for granted

