

# Q4 2019

## QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Nuru Kenya receives recognition from Migori County Governor
- Nuru Nigeria Country Director named Adamawa State Humanitarian Ambassador of the Year
- Nuru International applauds the passage of the Global Fragility and Violence Reduction Act in Congress

**ENDING EXTREME POVERTY  
IN FRAGILE RURAL AREAS TO  
BUILD COMMUNITIES RESILIENT  
TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM**



## CULTIVATING RESILIENCE THROUGH PERMAGARDENS

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*Mothers around the world are busy, and the Nuru Nigeria Women's Farmer Association members are no different. They invested in two days of permaculture training to learn how to produce more food at home using a minimal amount of money and time. Permagardens use permaculture and bio-intensive agriculture principles to create a productive kitchen garden that produces vegetables and spices used daily in home cooking. Nuru Farmer Association members have found that permagardens already save them time and money, as they decrease trips to the market, and the garden is low maintenance.*

*To improve family well being, women learn how to make compost, manage water in the landscape, do double digging, and apply locally available organic soil amendments. They also learn about nutrition basics and bio-intensive planting techniques. Nuru engages participants with practical trainings at demonstration plots, which then continue to serve as local resources in their neighborhoods and provide a visual explanation...*

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**Nuru Kenya receives recognition from Migori County Governor during an event organized by the Agricultural Society of Kenya.**

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In early October, Nuru Kenya was recognized at The Agricultural Society of Kenya South Western Kenya Branch Show. One of the largest exhibitions of its kind in Kenya, this event attracted over 1,000 exhibitors and guests and provided incredible visibility for Nuru Kenya’s work, including the creation of a Nuru branded yogurt line now being sold regionally in southwestern Kenya by Nuru Social Enterprises.

Twelve of fourteen farmer-owned cooperatives have been able to pay repay startup capital in full. This comes as a result of a very productive harvest combined with a 90% repayment rate of agricultural input loans by farmer members. One of these cooperatives (Ikerege Cooperative) also received a \$10,000 grant through Kenya’s National Agriculture and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP).

During Q4 2019, Nuru was able to continue to strengthen livelihood diversification efforts with over 100 new households either using artificial insemination services or loans of improved breeds of cows.

These achievements over the last three months mark a strong end to the calendar year for Nuru Kenya as the team prepares to scale to neighboring Homa Bay County in 2020.

### Kenya

Select indicators are updated annually or semiannually rather than quarterly

		Target	Actual
AG	Number of households active in Nuru supported cooperatives	Q2 2,200	1,919
	Repayment rate	Q4 97%	90%
	Percent increase in crop yield compared to baseline	Q1 32%	80%
FI	Number of farmer organizations enrolled in dairy program	Q1 10	10
	Number of households enrolled in dairy program	Q2 600	489
	Number of value chain partnerships	Q2 6	3
HC	Percent of health groups meeting monthly	- 70%	67%
	Percent of deliveries in a clinic per quarter	- 95%	100%
	Percent of farmer families drinking safe water	- 85%	97%



**Nuru Ethiopia begins construction of three new village aggregation centers (VACs) in Zala Woreda.**

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In preparation for introducing Nuru's intervention to new kebeles in Zala Woreda during 2020, Nuru Ethiopia (NE) has commenced construction of three new village aggregation centers. These village aggregation centers operate as the epicenter of activity for cooperative members in each kebele (community) in which Nuru works, and Nuru is aspiring to introduce its intervention to 1,000 new households in the coming year. This expansion includes the further scaling of the livelihood diversification loans for enhanced goat and sheep fattening activities, which reached nearly 1,200 households in 2019.

As Nuru Ethiopia works to identify additional new sources of philanthropy to support future scaling, Abiy Meshesha and his team are engaging with other agencies and associations including USAID and the Coalition of Christian Relief and Development Associations (CCRDA) of Ethiopia. NE has built a positive reputation with the Charities and Societies Agency of Ethiopia, and its strong track record of impact is providing traction in conversations that could lead to even stronger partnerships in the future.

## Ethiopia

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		Target	Actual
<b>AG</b>	Number of households active in Nuru supported cooperatives	Q2 6,000	6,004
	Percent increase in crop yield compared to baseline	Q2 32%	73%
	Total enrolled FI members	Q3 3,000	2,994
<b>FI</b>	Number of loans issued this year (cumulative per year)	Q4 1,000	1,196
	Repayment rate	Q1 97%	72%
<b>HEALTH</b>	Total Nuru women participating in cooperative care groups	Q2 3,729	2,970
	Percent of women who are on track to attend at least 4 antenatal care visits per quarter	- 75%	97%
	Percent of deliveries in a clinic per quarter	- 65%	97%
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Number of community health workers trained	Q1 64	61
	Number of children in grades 1-4 reached	Q1 10,385	10,441
	Number of teachers trained in best teaching literacy practices	Q2 175	153
	Percent of households with children attending tutorial sessions	- 70%	59%
	Percent of teachers implementing best practices in literacy	- 90%	98%



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Nuru ended the year on a strong note with a number of successes achieved in fundraising and advocacy. Several Nuru donors stepped forward with renewed funding commitments and helped Nuru raise over \$300,000 through its annual end of year fundraising campaign. Please take a moment to watch our latest video and all of the updates it contains [here](#). We are truly grateful for the impact that each of our investors have helped create.

In December 2019, Nuru also celebrated the passage of the Global Fragility Act in the Senate. This legislation requires multiple federal agencies to be engaged together in a comprehensive plan to address violence in fragile areas, and is now law. Nuru worked with a broad coalition of NGOs to move this legislation forward, and many of you contacted your Senator to help us gain strong bi-partisan support.

### NURU NIGERIA

*After a successful launch of its intervention in northeast Adamawa state, Nuru Nigeria's country director was recognized as Adamawa's Humanitarian Ambassador of the Year.*

### DASTARDLY CLEVERNESS PODCAST

*In November, Nuru CEO and Founder Jake Harriman was interviewed by Spencer Critchley on his "Dastardly Cleverness In The Service Of Good" podcast. During the podcast, Jake shares stories of success as well as Jake's reason for starting Nuru.*

*Listen to the podcast*



### PEACEBUILDING M&E

*Julie Carandang, Nuru International Monitoring and Evaluation Strategic Advisor, collaborated with Heath Prince of The Ray Marshall Center to present Nuru's framework for its longitudinal study of resilience capacities in it's Nigeria project during an event in Washington, D.C. this fall.*

*Read more here*



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Q4, Nuru was on budget overall with no significant variances. We are continuing to focus on careful management of our resources and adding to our pipeline of new and existing donors for 2020 and beyond.

### Nuru International 2019 Q4 YTD Revenues and Expenses

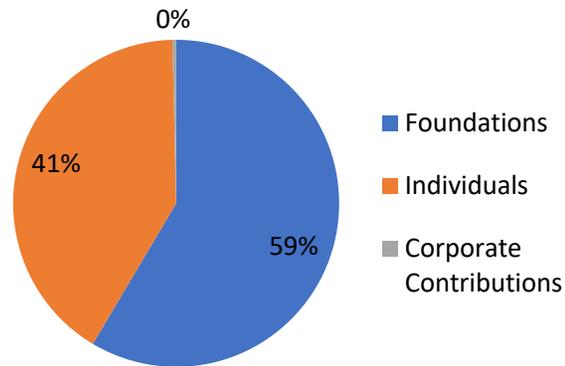
#### Revenue

Foundations	2,611,584
Individuals	1,833,397
Corporate Contributions	16,458
	<u>4,461,439</u>

#### Expenses

	Q4 Actual	Q4 Budget	\$ Variance	% Variance
MG&A	681,220	884,382	(203,162)	-23%
Fundraising	271,922	291,559	(19,637)	-7%
Program	4,875,231	5,312,174	(436,943)	-8%
	<u>5,828,374</u>	<u>6,488,115</u>	<u>(659,741)</u>	<u>-10%</u>

2019 Q4 Revenue



2019 Q4 Expenses

