



MUKESIO // KENYA

Mukesio is a 58 year-old, widowed mother of eight children. A livestock farmer, Mukesio is currently involved in a group project through which they acquire funds as a group, and purchase livestock for fattening. She plans to use her \$700 loan to purchase more quality cows to resell. This is Mukesio's second loan through Kiva, after a successful, full repayment of her first loan.

This month, Cascade Investment Advisors is focusing its charitable lending efforts on a budding entrepreneur in impoverished eastern Africa. Last year we funded six loans in this region.

Situated on the equator of Africa's east coast, Kenya faces some of the highest rates of unemployment, crime, and poverty in the world. Rampant droughts also continually put millions of people and livestock at risk. Currently, a vast majority of the 41.6 million Kenyans are living below the poverty level of \$1 a day. We hope that by lending to citizens like Mukesio in Kenya, we might be able to help some of the pressing challenges of the country.

Please join Cascade Investment Advisors in assisting developing world entrepreneurs by joining our Kiva team and engaging yourself in the fight against poverty. Find our microlending team "The Microlending Fund" at Kiva.org.

We applaud and support your efforts!

