

Two Weeks at Mama Maji!

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"In Kenya, women are the first victims of environmental degradation because they are the ones who walk for hours looking for water, who fetch the firewood, who provide food for their families."

Hello all! I've become very acclimated during my first two weeks at Mama Maji. As I wait for my supervisor to return from Kenya (this Monday!!) I continue to work on media projects that I started in the spring.

When tasked with making Instagram promotions, I decided to find quotes from as many African women as possible. I think it's important to pay tribute to the powerful women that have already made their mark in Kenyan environmentalism.

In addition to these photos, I've started a promo video montage using the photos and videos that my supervisor has been sending back.

These first two weeks have shown me how this field requires a great deal of self-initiative. Non-profits, specifically NGOs, can be a little hectic. In fact, I remember a woman describing it as the process of "repairing a bike as you continue to ride it someplace important," at a PLEN conference last fall. Although these first two weeks have been an important lesson in how to self-manage, I do look forward to meeting with Brian on Monday so I can start some of my grant proposal writing work. Until then!!