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Summer Newsletter 2012



**What could you do with £5 today?
Buy a coffee, a bottle of wine? Maybe, go out
for lunch?**

To be honest £5 doesn't go very far any more, however, given the opportunity **Project Uganda** can make your £5 go a very long way by supporting one of our invaluable projects in Uganda helping people live healthier and more financially productive lives.

With each £5 donated we can protect 2 children from contracting malaria whilst completing their studies, train a local farmer to be able to utilise his land fully using the perma-culture techniques and provide seeds, or contribute towards the cost of constructing a new washroom building for one of the many desperate boarding schools in Rukungiri.



Moses has successfully grown aubergines for the first time on the perma-culture plot.

Success stories of 2011/2012!



Phase III of the mosquito net installation project well underway.

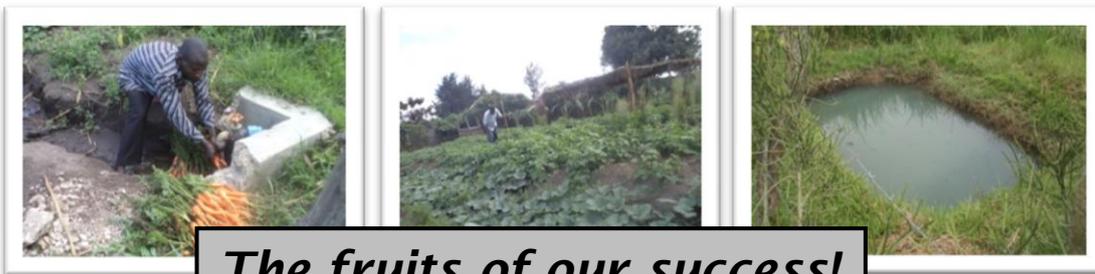


New completed washroom at Rukungiri Central School.

We are delighted to share with you the good work achieved by Project Uganda over the past year. Since our last newsletter we have had another successful year fundraising. The Ceilidh held last November was well attended and raised £1030. We have also received £2100 in regular donations, and a fantastic £11400 in one off donations. This year we are aiming to increase our funds with the launch of our new "Project Adoption Fundraising Packs". Look out for details.

Project Uganda is run with minimal overheads, all project visits to Uganda are self funded and all marketing materials and stationary are either donated or subsidised by supporting local businesses.

Supporters
As always we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our supporters for their generosity. Significant donations have been received from St. Marks Overseas Aid Trust (SMOAT), Winterslow Horticultural Society, Rukungiri Vocational Project and many more too numerous to mention.
Thank You



The fruits of our success!

Perma-Culture Project

We are very pleased to announce that our trial perma-culture plot is developing at a fantastic rate. This project is aimed at teaching sustainable farming techniques to local land owners, to provide them with greater yield and therefore income. This year the plot has doubled in size and now extends along the edge of the stream providing a year round gravity irrigation system. Moses and his team are working incredibly hard using their knowledge and training to grow a much wider variety of crops and with improved irrigation extending the growing season. During January of this year Matthew Gothard spent three weeks on site developing the project and continuing with training. As part of the irrigation improvements he installed a solar water pump, sunk a well shaft , and diverted the existing stream to form an irrigation channel. All of these works will allow water to be accessed and pumped to the vegetables throughout the dry season thus extending the growing period. Animals such as chickens play a part in perma-culture, so the chicken run was improved to allow a more free range approach and nest boxes constructed on the side of the coup – with great success. The chickens are all laying well and in the right place!



Washroom Construction Project

During 2011 we identified several boarding schools in desperate need of improved washroom facilities. Following a successful bid for funding, SMOAT kindly donated £3000 towards the cost of building a new washroom facility at Rukungiri Central School, deemed to have the greatest need. This allowed a new larger washroom block to be constructed with individual cubicles to ensure privacy and sheltered laundry area.

There are huge benefits to investing in improved washing facilities:

- Reduced queues in the morning.
- Greatly reduced rates of infection and illness associated with poor sanitation.
- Improved drainage will reduce illness borne from standing water.
- Improved health will improve studying ability.
- Graduating vocational students and local labour gain employment and learn new building skills during the construction phase.

Mosquito Net Project

The mosquito net installation project is a huge success story for Project Uganda. We are now approximately halfway through phase 3. ***To date we have installed 3847 nets protecting 8582 students from contracting malaria whilst they sleep.*** This is an incredible achievement with the team led by Moses Akampa working very hard to deliver on budget at all times. We now have a frame design which can be adapted to work on metal and wooden framed beds as well as double and triple bunks. This allows us to cater for all the schools in the area. This project is easy to sustain and budget for but is having an enormously positive impact on those schools included in the scheme so far, with many reporting an 80% reduction in Malaria cases.



Old and new washroom



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