

# ***What's New in 2013***

## **Welcome to our Newsletter**

*We have been working closely with Moses Akampa our Project Representative to progress our current projects and ensure all money is spent effectively. Rod & Ann Gothard made their annual project visit in January to oversee the construction of the new washroom block at Bishop Ruhindi Secondary School in Rukungiri, and continue the development of the perma-culture project.*

### ***Perma-culture Project***

The trial perma-culture project is developing very well and 2013 is already seeing some exciting additions to the plot. The plot is now attracting many visitors; from interested local farmers to local press, which is fantastic and proves that there is a developing interest locally in what we are achieving. Because of this, it was felt that we should build a composting toilet on the plot, firstly for visitors to use, but secondly and more importantly to use as a teaching tool for the locals.

It is essential that we can demonstrate how these toilets can be constructed and maintained, as there is now a ban on traditional 'long drop' style toilets being used within Rukungiri town due to the pollution of the underground water systems. When used correctly, composting toilets are hygienic, odour free, cheap to maintain and a good source of compost for the garden, therefore making it a perfect alternative to the long drop. Thanks to a donation towards this project from Winterslow Horticultural Society of £100 which was topped up by one of their members, the composting toilet was constructed by a team of 3 over 12 days. Two carpenters were also employed for 2 days to make, varnish and fit a double seat/chamber top.



A team of six workers were also employed for 5 days to construct a new 20ft by 9ft chicken house with 20 nest boxes and secure run. This was crucial in order to expand the brood and keep up with the demand for both chickens and eggs. The run needed to be enlarged to allow more freedom for the chickens but also had to be secure as the chicks have created problems by escaping and eating the crops. They are also vulnerable to attacks by large birds of prey such as the Red Kite. The Project now has a bicycle for delivering vegetables and eggs to Rukungiri town, meeting the demands of its regular customers.



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### ***Future Events***

*We will be selling Ugandan rural crafts at the following events, please come and support us if you can:*

***Sixpenny Handley First School Fete 12<sup>th</sup> July***  
***Winterslow Fete 13<sup>th</sup> July***

### ***Fundraising***

*We have had another good year, raising just under £10,000. Many of you joined in the fun at our Barn Dance held in April, helping raise £764, which was great. We have received almost £2000 in regular contributions and just under £5000 in one off sales, donations and fundraising events. St. Marks Overseas Aid Trust (SMOAT) donated £3000 last year, and have recently confirmed another donation of £3410 this year, which is fantastic news.*

***Thank you all for your continued support!***

***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.***



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## ***Washroom Construction Project***

Following a period of research conducted by Moses, Bishop Ruhindi High School in Rukungiri was identified as the next school for Project Uganda to support with a new washroom block. Construction commenced at the end of January so that work could be monitored by Project Uganda representatives during their annual visit to Rukungiri. We believe as a charity that this is crucial to ensure all money is spent effectively and construction methods are as efficient as possible, guaranteeing every penny raised in the UK is spent appropriately.

The workforce on this project consisted of one foreman trained by Project Uganda during the construction of the two previous washroom projects, two masons, two porters and two students. The workers were found accommodation at the school and were provided with all their meals. Along with building a new washroom block it was decided that a roof should be put on the existing washroom block and a water harvesting system installed in order to improve this facility as well. The official hand over took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013, Governors, staff, parents and local press were present. Project Uganda also received a positive write up in the local paper and were also included in an announcement on the local radio. Students at the school decided to place a commemorative plaque on the outside of the washroom.

We have already identified Buyanja Grammar school as the next school for us to support. The budgeted cost for this washroom is £4500, and we are very excited to have already secured £3410 from SMOAT towards this project. We are now working hard to raise the remaining £1090 needed in order to commence building works in January 2014.

## ***Mosquito Net Installation Project***

2012 saw the completion of phase 3 of the mosquito net installation project, taking the total number of nets installed to 4526, equating to over 10,000 students protected from contracting malaria while they sleep. There are four schools requiring our assistance in phase 4, one requiring 150 nets and three requiring us to manufacture double decker beds and provide mosquito nets. Having approved the budget of £3270 provided by Moses Akampa for the production of 52 metal framed beds and supplying the required mosquito nets we can now target our fundraising with the aim of starting this work as soon as possible.

Bugangari Secondary, Blessed Parents Secondary and Bikurungu Primary are all schools where there are not currently enough beds for all the boarding students. Students without a bed but fortunate enough to have their own mattress sleep on the floor whilst those without a mattress are forced to share beds with their friends. This situation is unacceptable, and we believe our commitment to install mosquito nets to all boarders must be extended to enable all students to have a bed to which we can install the net.

Bugangari School	50 students without a bed	25 beds required
Blessed Parents School	30 students without a bed	15 beds required
Bikurungu School	24 students without a bed	12 beds required

Throughout the project we have been working closely with the District Health Department, and they have attended all of the handover presentations where Moses explains to Students and Staff the importance of the nets.



***Would you like to hold a fundraising event on behalf of Project Uganda? We have lots of photographs and fundraising information to make you event one to remember. Please contact a committee member for more information.***

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