

## **Fundraising**

*We have had another good year, raising just under £12,000. We have received almost £2,200 in regular contributions and just under £9,800 in one off sales, donations and fundraising events. This includes a donation from St Marks Overseas Aid Trust (SMOAT) of £3,410. Thank you to everyone who came along to our Quiz and Disco evening in April. We raised approx £300 which is great news. Also, thank you to everyone who sponsored the team of runners tackling the Great South Run last October, a total of £300 was raised.*

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

## **Holyfield High School**

Old washroom



New washroom

Rod and Ann Gothard made their annual trip to Rukungiri to work on projects and oversee the spending of funds. This year they were joined by volunteer Janet Peck, who was very keen to offer her time and practical skills and see first hand how our projects are really benefiting locals in Rukungiri.

## **Washroom Construction Project**

Buyanja Grammar and Holyfield High were identified in 2013 as schools having sub-standard facilities and in desperate need of new washrooms, and geographically very close together. This allowed our usual team of masons and labourers to work on the two sites simultaneously. This also meant that at a time when building costs are generally rising, we were able to reduce some costs such as transportation of materials, and bulk discounts on materials. As always we employed local labour and former students, and used local materials.



Old washroom



## **Buyanja Grammar School**



Opening of new washroom led by Moses

We are very pleased to report that this project is turning into a real success story. In the last 3 years we have provided 5 boarding schools with washroom/laundry blocks. We are now receiving very positive feedback from all the schools, with reports that student health has improved, and queues are reduced in the morning allowing students to get to lessons on time. Also, due to the design there is no standing water within the wash area now, leading to a significant reduction in water borne diseases. It is not just the students who benefit from this project, the local team of builders also receive training and a wage which allows them to buy essential food and medicines for their family as well as hopefully securing skilled work in the future.

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

2014 saw the completion of phase 4 for this project with the final schools within Rukungiri district receiving Olyset mosquito nets. During this phase we have also supplied 8 bed frames and 44 nets to Trinity Secondary School, 4 beds and 43 nets to Bugangari secondary school and 204 nets to Makobore High School.

We are very pleased to report that the beds were manufactured locally and delivered to the schools, much to the delight of the students and Headmaster.

Schools are now promoting a very positive attitude towards the mosquito nets we have installed and insist that if nets are damaged the students replace them in order to keep themselves protected. Students are now able to purchase Olyset nets from a reliable local retailer in Rukungiri town at a competitive price following discussions with Project Uganda. This positive feedback is very reassuring as it demonstrates that schools and families are realising the importance of mosquito nets in ensuring the health and well being of their children in order for them to study effectively and have the potential to gain a good education.



New beds being delivered to Trinity Secondary



Students and Headteacher delighted with new beds



Mosquito nets installed at Makobore high school

## ***Agriculture Project***

During this year Moses has been able to negotiate supplying a beetroot juicing plant with beetroot. Two ladies local to the trial project have been enlisted to grow beetroot and Moses is looking for more. The mango, papaya, avocado, orange and lemon trees are now starting to produce fruit along with pineapple plants. This is a welcome addition to the harvest and has helped the trial project to turn a profit over the last few months. Although it is only a small profit at the moment, it is showing that it is heading in the right direction.

The Chickens are now producing a good number of eggs for sale with a high demand forcing the price of eggs up which is good news. The chicks and cockerel have been separated from the layers which has improved the survival rate of the chicks. With the addition of 7 beehives to the project, of which 5 are already colonised, honey will soon be another product that can be sold locally as well as good pollination for all that is growing in the gardens.

Irrigation is still the main problem with either too much rain or 4 months without any. However Moses has been experimenting with building temporary dams to control water flow through the stream as well as storing water for the dry season.

Moses proudly displaying produce from the agricultural project



***We are always looking for new ways to raise funds, so if you're holding an event and would like to raise funds for Project Uganda we have lots of promotional photographs and information to make your event one to remember. Please contact a committee member for more information.***

If you feel you would like more information please contact any of the team listed below for further information:

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