



# Celebrating 15 years

Project Uganda is very excited to be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Since 2000 we have achieved great things, helping thousands of young people and families in Rukungiri district live healthier and more self-sufficient lives.

## *What have we achieved?*

- *Raised £158,830 by holding regular events such as barn dances, posh frocks evenings, live band evenings, craft stalls, sponsored events and regular and one off donations.*
- *Gables Vocational Training Centre – built 1 large theory block, 3 dormitories, 3 large workshops with storage rooms, and 1 washroom block. All buildings have rainwater harvesting and water tanks. We have also equipped workshops and provided teacher sponsorship.*
- *Funded 21 students through our Scholarship programme.*
- *Supplied and installed over 5,000 mosquito nets to boarding schools, protecting 10,000 children within Rukungiri District, reducing malaria rates by up to 85% within the schools.*
- *Provided 7 boarding schools with washroom blocks and associated rainwater harvesting.*
- *Installed rainwater harvesting to 1 primary school and 3 domestic dwellings working within the perma-culture growers group.*
- *Established a perma-culture demonstration plot as a means of training local land owners and starting a growers group.*
- *Trained locals in perma-culture methods and provided tools and seeds.*
- *Provided hands-on project training and support during 13 trips to Rukungiri by committee members and supporters. All trips are self-funded.*
- *Training and employment opportunities, which for some has been life changing as these new skills have secured them long term employment.*



### **Visit our craft stall at the following:**

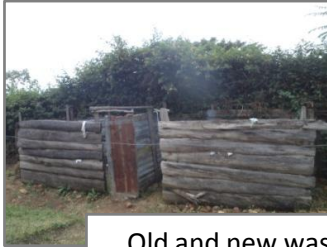
*Sixpenny Handley School Fayre – 3<sup>rd</sup> July*  
*Lover Summer Fete – 4<sup>th</sup> July 12-5pm*  
*Winterslow Village Hall – 11<sup>th</sup> July 1-4pm*



*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.*  
*Winterslow Village Hall*  
*7.30pm*  
*More details to follow*

## Washroom Construction Project

This year we successfully constructed 2 washroom blocks during the annual 3 month project visit. In order to make the most of funds and time Moses, our local Project Representative, identified 2 schools in desperate need of improved facilities, close enough that masons and labourers could work successfully on both plots. Katurika senior secondary government aided day/boarding school with 118 girl boarders and Rutooma Catholic vocational training centre with 36 girl boarders. Washroom blocks were constructed with rain water harvesting and water tanks.



Old and new washroom facilities at Katurika senior secondary school



Very happy students at Mugamba Model Primary

## Rain water harvesting

We have known for a long time that many schools are in desperate need of water for drinking, cooking and washing, with some pupils facing long journeys to fetch water every day before they can begin their study's. This was the case with Mugamba model primary school; a private day school with 115 pupils. Pupils as young as 5yrs had to walk over 1 km through steep terrain to fetch water on a daily basis. Following a successful bid for funding, St Marks Overseas Aid Trust (SMOAT) granted us £1500 to install a rainwater harvesting system to this school. This funding allowed us to install 100ft of guttering to existing school buildings and a 3000lt water tank. This will significantly reduce the burden of collecting water during the dry season, and allow pupils to spend more time studying. Health benefits include reduced headaches and tiredness many suffer due to dehydration. As with all of our construction projects, local labour and students were employed to complete the work under the close supervision of Moses.

Tying in with the perma-culture project, 3 families with no water supply were also selected to have domestic rain water harvesting installed to their property. This will allow them to irrigate their crops, increase their harvest and sell via the Project Uganda growers group, securing their income.



## How we are helping to create self-sufficiency



Onesmous and his family

**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.**

*Onesmous, a local labourer, started working with Project Uganda in 2011. He is a quiet, reserved and polite young man. He is one of a large family who all live off a small amount of land. During the washroom construction he received 3 months on site training which enabled him to then build his own house on a plot of land next to his parents. In 2012, Onesmous married Ester and they now have a son. Ester was also very keen to learn and in 2014 she attended our tailoring workshop where she learnt how to make dresses, skirts, shorts and washable sanitary wear. Ester was given a manual sewing machine which she now uses to train other ladies and sell her clothes in the tailoring and timber shop that Onesmous built at the front of their house. They both also attended a basic book keeping course in order to improve their business.*