

What next?

The priority for 2011/12 is to try and raise the profile of the project and reach a wider audience. This will be achieved by continuing with presentations to groups within the village and wider community, and by raising the profile of our website: www.projectuganda.org.uk.

We are also in the process of compiling project based "Fundraising Packs". These will be information packs detailing individual projects that can be adopted by local groups/schools or individuals and used for targeted fundraising. This will hopefully give groups a sense of ownership over their fundraising and to see exactly what their fundraising will buy/build.

With your support Project Uganda can continue to distribute and install the desperately needed mosquito nets to vulnerable students across Rukungiri District and beyond, whilst continuing our development and commitment to existing projects.



Would you be able to give us a little extra help today, or provide us with a secure source of support by completing a standing order form?

As always 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. It is essential for our supporters to know that full donations are being used to benefit children and adults directly in Uganda.

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Newsletter 2011

Welcome to our 2011 newsletter. As a valued supporter of Project Uganda, we are delighted to bring you this update on the project work being undertaken by ourselves and Moses Akampa, our project representative in Uganda.

Over the last 10 years we have raised in excess of £90,000, which is amazing. *Every penny* of this has been spent in Uganda helping those students and young people who need it the most. 2010 saw generous donations from MAP.

Rukungiri Project Visits

Since our last newsletter there have been two visits to report on. Matthew and Emma Gothard with their two young sons returned to Rukungiri for 1 month last July, whilst Rod and Ann Gothard followed shortly after spending 3 months at the beginning of this year.



Mosquito Net Project

During these trips time was spent working alongside Moses Akampa, the Project Representative, helping to streamline activities and improve efficiency with the Mosquito Net Project. This is invaluable when trying to ensure all project funds go as far as possible, providing support to as many students as possible in Uganda. Matthew worked particularly hard on trying to refine the manufacture process for the mosquito net installation project by teaching the carpenters how to use the saw bench correctly and how to organize themselves and their materials efficiently.



As this project becomes more widespread Moses has been encouraged to start giving short presentations to each school about the benefits of the mosquito net project, and how this simple protection can have a hugely positive impact on their health, studies and therefore their long term prospects. The feedback from this has been very positive. Phase I of this project is now complete and has seen 2212 nets installed to double and triple bunk beds across 20 boarding schools in Rukungiri town, protecting approximately 4961 students from contracting malaria whilst they sleep. Many schools have reported an 80%-85% reduction in cases of malaria since installation, which is fantastic news. We are now busy on phase II, which will see a further 3086 students protected across 15 more boarding schools to the east of Rukungiri town.

Agricultural Project

The other main area of focus for these recent visits was the planning and preparation of the Agricultural Project. This was based around selecting an appropriately sized portion of land to be cultivated as a starting point as well as trying to set up an irrigation system. An appropriate plot rising up hill from a small stream was generously donated by a local farmer for this project. In this particular area ground water is found 1-1.5m below ground.



Shallow well

Following a trial dig by Matthew, Moses was then able to construct a shallow well and under gravity, water is being piped through the plot providing irrigation to all crops thus extending the growing season and increasing the variety of crops he is able to grow. New crops introduced so far include kale, spinach and cabbage.

A new cattle trough is also supplied with water from this well. The cattle are now well hydrated increasing milk yield. It is also very pleasing to report that following discussions and cooking demonstrations by Ann we are now supplying these new crops to local hotels and restaurants.



New cattle water trough

This project is already generating much interest in the local area with families very keen to learn how to maximise yield and financial income from their land. Project Uganda are now preparing to roll out this project by providing start up loans and perma-culture training to other local land owners, using our trial plot as a working example.

Washroom Project

At the beginning of this year Moses was busy visiting schools with the help of Rod and Ann to discuss the Washroom Project, and develop plans for the construction of our first washroom at the school they consider to be most in need.



Successful prototype washrooms at Gables Vocational Training Centre

We have initially identified Rukungiri Central Secondary School as a school in desperate need of washrooms. This school has 330 female students with access to 5 pit latrines and a wash area consisting of a concrete floor, no roof and no partitions to provide privacy. This structure is also positioned on a hill so can be overlooked by people moving outside the school grounds. The washroom has no running water and can only cater for 8-10 girls at once, creating huge queues in the morning before lessons. As you approach the school office you are overcome with the stench from the existing latrines and wash area, a smell that students and staff have to live with all day, every day. It is no surprise that illness associated with poor sanitation and hygiene is very common at this school. In order to consider this project we need to raise £3,000 to build them a large washroom which will make such a considerable difference to the health and welfare of the students studying here.

We believe in this project, as it not only directly benefits the students by helping to keep them healthy enabling them to complete their studies, but the construction process also creates employment for local labour and graduating vocational students.