

The Mityana Charity

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New maternity Ward

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New Maternity Ward for Kalangaalo Health Centre

We are pleased to report that the Maternity Unit at the Kalangaalo Health Centre is nearing completion, as you can see in the picture above.

This Maternity Unit is badly needed to provide a safe environment in Kalangaalo for mothers to deliver their babies. It will also provide a location for pre-natal care for expectant mothers, and post-natal care for young babies and their mothers.

We still need to finish off the building and to build the latrines, a water tank and an incinerator to go with it. The furniture and shelves to go inside the new facility are now being manufactured, and equipment needed for the facility is on order.

Planned New Maternity Ward for Mpenja Health Centre

There is a similar need for a Maternity Unit at Mpenja Health Centre. Planning has started for this facility, and construction should start in November.

Report on WASH Projects

So far this year we have provided water tanks to collect water off the roof at two primary schools. The latest one to be completed is at St Mary's Bekiina RC Primary School.



Water tank

With a generous gift from the Parish of Finchampstead and California we have also provided a four-door latrine at Kalangaalo Primary School.



4 Door Latrine

Thank you to all who have provided donations to enable us to provide these important facilities. Any additional gifts will be gratefully received.

Hugh Wakeling

Land Awareness and Tenancy Legality Project

Increasing Agricultural Productivity through promoting harmony between Landlords and Tenants.

In 2019 PaCT entered a partnership with GIZ (German Development Agency), assisted with funding from the European Union.

Building on experience of previous land projects it is aimed at creating awareness and increasing land productivity by facilitating a harmonious relationship between tenants and landlords, with particular emphasis on engaging women and promoting their rights.

This is done through increasing awareness, engaging communities and local leaders to appreciate and uphold their roles and responsibilities in addressing challenges and violations related to human rights.

The project aims to ensure that over 80% of the land conflicts are effectively dealt with thus allowing more time and energy to be focussed on land productivity.



Training for Community Legal Volunteers

The project is currently focusing on Banda, Butayunja and Kassanda sub-counties, by various means :-

- Appreciation of each other's rights (Landlord and Tenant) outlined in the Land Act
- Village and Parish based awareness campaigns
- Mediation meetings
- Landlord meetings
- Investing resources to ensure land conflicts in the project areas are resolved through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Independent land mapping and occupancy certification
- Training 36 Community Legal Volunteers (CLVs) to support the project's implementation and conflict resolution.
- Creating a Radio presence to disseminate information on land rights and Law

The type of conflicts and issues addressed are inheritance/succession, boundaries, illegal tenants, fraudulent/wrongful sale, deprivation of land rights, forceful evictions, rent refusal and deliberate land grabbing.

The project implementation has been slowed by the COVID 19 crisis but some socially distanced meetings have still gone ahead and PaCT staff have planned ahead and have been very well prepared to quickly reinstate activities once lockdown was eased.

The training of the Community Legal Volunteers

This took place successfully in June 2020. During their 2 day training they were orientated to the aims and objectives of the project, as well as methods of facilitating awareness, mapping, and conflict resolution through role play.

They were given all the required reporting tools to support them during their engagement with the communities they are to serve. These include A4 books, case logs sheets, mediation forms and GIZ T-shirts so they can be easily identified.

The CLVs are particularly beneficial to the success of the project because they live within the communities they are assisting and can therefore provide on the spot information, conflict resolution, and advice.

The CLZs as part of their role will write and submit monthly reports to PaCT including all the various categories of activities carried out within the time frame. Monthly review meetings will also take place with PaCT staff when everyone can learn from each other by sharing experiences, challenges and lessons learnt for more effective interventions.

However due to COVID 19 review meetings for May and June did not take place. The July meeting was able to take place however and incorporated reports from the previous months. It was hosted by the Kassanda mapping team and Geoffrey PaCT Executive Director attended to emphasise the importance of the CLVs role to the overall success of the project.

Success for young entrepreneur

My name is Nabyesero Teddy, I am 9 years old and I live in Mizigo Village. I study at Mityana Kindergarten and Primary Schools and I am in Primary3.

I was rescued by my grandmother (Ms. Nakamya Teo) after being abandoned by my parents, in 2012, who said that they went for greener pastures in Kampala. Ever since then, I have been under the care of my grandmother and she is the only family I knew.

In 2016, the situation at home became very difficult for my grandmother as she was looking after 5 grandchildren. I was supposed to start school, she barely had enough to feed us. We (me and my grandmother) went to see the headmaster of the school I wanted to join, to try and plead so that my grandmother

would be given a long term payment plan but instead, he told us to contact an organisation called The Mityana Charity (currently known as PaCT)

When we went to PaCT, the Education and Sponsorship Officer was touched by my story and requested a period of a week to contact their sister organisation abroad called The Mityana Charity UK and by the grace of God, I got a sponsor (Tricia) who has supported me and my family since. I was able to join an even better school and ever since then, I have never missed a single day of school.

On my Birthday, this year, she asked me what I wanted and since I have always wanted to start a farm I asked for hens and Tricia bought me 3 hens. I was so happy.



Teddy, her grandmother and her hens

I do not know where I would have been if it was not for my grandmother, PaCT, The Mityana Charity UK and my beloved sponsor Tricia. Thank you for making my dream come true.

Update

We made a follow up on Nabyesero Teddy at her home to see how far she is with her chicken. We were surprised to find out that she had managed to take very good care of them one of the hens had laid 7 eggs and hatched 5 chicks and all are growing on well. She is a very happy young farmer currently having 8 in total.

A letter from Henry Musabe

"I have a feeling inside me, that I should say something about this amazing person & a mum to me, so that 1 or 2 souls can be inspired or even learn to help others, because we all don't know what those people will be in the future.

I first met our mum Jean, I guess it was in 1995, that is around 25 years ago down in Mityana and it is through her that I connected to the wonderful family who sponsored me, the late Dad Geoff, mum Bryony, Jack & Emily.

This family loved me so much as a young kid, used to send me X-mas packages, paid my school fees & requirements from primary up to finishing my 1st degree at University.

There is a day, which I think is one of the greatest days in my life, when Dad Geoff & bro Jack came from UK to visit me, my grandmother Constance Kimuli & family in Mityana, I think it was around 2007. The memories are always just at my figure tips as if they came yesterday.

Jean, through the Mityana Charity organisation with her team which had other members like Jo and others I can't remember now, gave me & very many other kids in Mityana an opportunity to have an education and other basic needs by connecting me with Geoff and his family. Even God knows you have done your part, he should just continue blessing you.

I was privileged to be among the 5 pioneer sponsored kids by the organisation and the organisation now has sponsored thousands of kids and still carrying on.

Among the organisation products now, there are Business people, Doctors, Journalists, plumbers, Engineers etc

This pic was taken early this year when I met Jean, but, it is always special having her in Uganda because she is a hero to many of us

& she personally saw me when I was still a kid of 6/7 years. Thanks, so much Jean for loving us, you helped individuals(kids) then, but the kids you helped are now having families and taking care of other people.



Though, I never got an opportunity to grow up with any of my parents(dad/mum), I should testify, I was never ever in my life been chased out of school for fees because my money used to

come at the start of the year, Thanks so much to my sponsoring family, Jean, Jo & entire team.

Why I always try to be humble is, nobody knows what will happen tomorrow & why I always try to help in whichever capacity, is because I was helped and I don't know what the person am helping now will be tomorrow.

I have named my son after my sponsor's family. Nobody knows if one of my daughters will be Jean, only God knows. It is that uniqueness & character I found in them & Jean that I would love my kids to take on.

I have a feeling, when my son grows up & gets to read this or understand how he got the special name, he will be inspired to act the same.

It's a very long story which may take days, but I want to end here for today, by thanking all Mityana Charity sponsors, retired & current, then in a special way to my sponsors & Jean.

Much love Henry XXX ”

School Visits.

Our sponsorship team visited our newly selected partner school, Kalangaalo CoU Primary School located in Kalangaalo Sub County, amidst the lock down but carefully adhering to social distancing. The visit was intended to identify and select new children to benefit from our sponsorship programme. Out of 35 applicants we interviewed, 16 met the criteria and these were selected 08 female and 08 male.

We are now looking for new sponsors so if you have any friends/family please contact us.

Sponsorship

The effect of Coronavirus and the Lockdown

Thank you very much to all those who so generously contributed to our appeal for money to buy food for our sponsored families at the start of the Ugandan lockdown. The lock down was so severe in the beginning that many of our families had no source of income at all and were so grateful to be given a month's supply of maize flour and beans.

Thank you also to all our sponsors for continuing to support us. Some people have asked if all school fees have been paid this year. The answer is that they have not, but we will not know what money remains until 2021.

We would appreciate if you could pay fees as usual and leave any surplus in your child's account. This could then be used for any extras needed such as, textbooks for catching up, hand sanitiser, soap and even a Covid19 immunisation, should one become available. We also don't know what schools will charge for lockdown expenses, such as some back pay for teachers and building maintenance. If, of course you prefer a refund, please ask, though we will not know what the amounts are until February, if school starts then.

It was decided to provide the children in the primary leaving classes (P7) and those taking UCE science exams in S4 (GCSE equivalents) with teaching at the Resource Centre. We used all the money provided by sponsors for sponsorship, for general use, which we usually use to pay for end of term meetings and such things as adolescent guidance. The teachers were able to use photocopied materials provided by the Ugandan Ministry of Education where appropriate.



The Resource Centre

We also have three A level candidates who were studying such a variety of different subjects that the only practical thing to do was to provide them with on-line teaching and the use of the Resource Centre computers. We are still looking for funds to provide more books for the Resource Centre.

We have sent out a more detailed letter, about next year's provision to all sponsors but briefly the fees will be £180 for Primary and £300 for secondary as before. ***Fees for 2021 are due in November or early December.***

Back to school.....



Exam candidates collect school resources

Today we sent off our sponsored children in candidate classes (P.7, S.4 and S.6) as they resumed school this week.

A huge thank you to our sponsors through #Mityana_UK_Charity for all the love and support (through school fees, scholastic materials and emotional support provided). The communities you support are blessed to have you in their lives.



P7 students back at St Anne's school.

Christmas gifts

Some sponsors like to provide a Christmas present for their child. If you would like to send money for a present this year please refer to the email to all sponsors, sent out in early October, which gives the costs and details about what would be appropriate. Many people last year gave money for their family to have a nice meal. This would be appreciated even more as they have been eating very basic food over the COVID period. A suggested gift of £25 would be gratefully received.

If, however, you decide to post something or a Christmas card to Uganda yourself it must fit into a C5 size envelope to avoid customs problems. ***We do not post for you.***

Please send to:

Name of child
C/O PaCT
PO Box 289
Mityana,
Uganda

If you are wanting to buy a gift why not use our [Gift list](#) to choose something. Please note that Graham Addison has now taken this over. https://www.mityanacharity.org/donations_gifts.php

Please note

If it's for a sponsored child then please send to Jo, Jenny or Jean NOT to Graham

All Christmas gifts should be sent to us as soon as possible so arrangements can be made in Mityana.

Digital Database

As mentioned before, we have invested in a digital database for use in Uganda. The intention is that every sponsor should be able to access his/her child's details online. It is secure, safe and fast. All sponsors should now be able to view their child's life online.

Please contact us if you have a problem.

Such information includes the child's biography, academic reports, updated photos, and family information. Having this database will ensure that sponsors have access to up-to-date information about their children and their educational performance. You will soon be able to send letters to your child through this site and sponsored Grandmothers will also be added soon.

It will also mean that the sponsorship coordinators in the UK will not have such an expensive and time-consuming job to do, sending all the letters and reports out by post.

Please be assured that only your name, sex, country of residence and login password numbers are kept on the Ugandan database.

Please log in via:
<https://mucharity.charitymanage.com/sponsor>

Congratulations.....

to **Oliver Nankaluba** our cashier in Mityana who recently got married. She looks very happy and we wish them every happiness for the future.



A plea from our Treasurer CAF donations

Please email enquiry@mityanacharity.org
if you donate in this way, include:

Your name
The amount
The project for which it is intended

Update your email, address, preferences please use the form at

<https://www.mityanacharity.org/preferences.php>

and also contact us at
enquiry@mityanacharity.org

Thank you,

Finally, a few financial reminders.....

Are you a **tax payer**? If so, please consider completing a Gift Aid form downloadable at:

mityanacharity.org/form_ga.doc

Legacies

Are you interested in leaving a legacy to The Mityana Charity?

For further information please see:

mityanacharity.org/donations_legacy.html

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