



Plans for 2018

- Transfer £12k for project work
- Kyamakanda SS— Construct a wash-room and install rainwater harvesting system with water tanks
- Solid Rock School— install rainwater harvesting system with water tanks
- Kishonga School— construct composting toilet and changing room
- Provide 5 new scholarships



Rebuilding the walls at Solid Rock School

Barn Dance Fun



Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent barn dance and, as always, for the excellent music and calling from 'Scrape the Barrel'. It was a great evening raising over £1000.

Disaster in local school following floods

During February two classrooms and an office were partially destroyed by floods at Solid Rock Primary and Nursery School. Luckily, the children and teacher escaped, unharmed. Project Uganda organised for a team of workers to go in the following day



to clear the site. We were due to install a rainwater harvesting system and water tanks at the school during this visit, however, following these floods the plan changed to install concrete culverts directing rainwater under the buildings and out the other side where it could run freely off site. The walls and roof were then reconstructed and the school was able to carry on.



Agricultural Project



The agricultural project has been progressing well. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables are being harvested and sold in the local markets. Bamboo is being used for scaffolding in all of our construction projects. In preparation for the dry season more swales have been dug through the vegetable beds in order that the water collected and stored in the reservoir can reach a larger area to ensure the growing period can be extended. The sows are producing many piglets which are being fattened up for market in a few months. Moses has modified the pig pens to incorporate piglet bars to ensure that all piglets survive and have an area safe from Mum.



Rain Water Harvesting Projects

Kyamakanda Secondary School

Following a generous donation from St Marks Overseas Aid Trust (SMOAT) in 2017 we were able to help Kyamakanda SS alleviate their water shortage issues by installing a rain water harvesting system. A team of local workers constructed two 15,000lt tanks, one at either end of a dormitory block. This was the first year trialling ferro-cement tanks so provided a perfect new teaching opportunity. Up-skilling the workers and students with new building techniques allows them to find more building employment and become valuable members within their community. The school was incredibly happy with the new tanks and guttering, hoping that the 30,000lts of water should see them through the worst of the coming dry seasons.



Ferro cement water tank



Incinerator



Students from Kishonga

We are very proud to announce that Project Uganda has recently been selected as the 'Most Outstanding NGO' working in the Rukungiri District. Moses Akampa, Project Representative, was invited to talk on the local radio explaining the work we do and current projects being undertaken.

Kishonga Primary School

A small girls' room with two shower cubicles and composting toilets were installed at Kishonga Primary School giving teenage girls privacy and a hygienic environment for personal care.



Link Schools — Kishonga Primary and Sixpenny Handley First

Sixpenny Handley First School is very excited to have now linked with Kishonga Primary School in Rukungiri. The school parliament children from Sixpenny spent time writing a letter introducing themselves and the school. They also sent out a special package with photos of the school, letters, pens and paper so that some of the children at Kishonga could reply. Moses, our project representative, very quickly organised for photos and videos to be sent back showing how excited the children were to have new friends in England!! This is an amazing learning opportunity for all involved to share experiences and gain an understanding and appreciation of different cultures and education systems.



Rebecca Bone Headteacher and Sonja Mawdsley, Teacher of Winterslow Primary School spent time in Rukungiri again this year to further work on the links between their school and Rugarama Primary School. We welcomed Richard And Johnson from Rugarama school in 2015 during an exchange programme and the link is still going strong.

Washroom Construction Project



This year we constructed a washroom and sanitary incinerator at Kyamakanda Secondary School. The conditions at this school were very poor; we are the first charity to offer support for these students. The new washroom has allowed

students privacy and access to water for washing. This has improved health and attendance allowing the girls to reach their full potential. The outside laundry area provides a convenient and clean space and is well used. Previously the girls were washing in an area fenced off with rusty iron sheets, open to the elements and rubble as flooring. Dirty used water would stand stagnant around the washing area attracting mosquitoes and further continuing the battle against malaria.



Appreciation plaque

The importance of these projects and the significant impact it has on the students and staff is now spreading across the District. The local TV station filmed and broadcast the washroom opening ceremony at Kyamakanda Secondary School.