

What have we achieved so far in 2019?

- Transferred £15.5k for project work
- Rainwater harvesting systems and storage tanks have been installed at :
  - Solid Rock Primary School
  - Burora Primary School
  - St. Francis Secondary School
  - Blessed Secondary School—constructed a washroom facility with individual cubicles for privacy and rainwater harvesting system with water tanks.



## Case Study

### *Gad's Story—why supporting Uganda's youth is so important and how your support can turn lives around*



Gad grew up in Kihihi, a village bordering Queen Elizabeth National Park (QENP) and close to the border with DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo). He fell into poaching wild game from QENP as a means of earning some money. When several of his poaching friends were shot dead by Game Park Rangers he decided that he needed to change his ways. As a teenager he was supported by a local councilor and attended a vocational centre where he trained in BCP (Bricklaying and Concrete Practice) before going on to train as a teacher. In 2005 he was then able to gain employment at Gables Vocational Training Centre as a BCP teacher, before gaining additional responsibility as Deputy Principal. In 2011 Gad left Gables and moved to a government run Technical Institute in Tororo, before transferring to another in his home district of Kanungu. Gad then went on to open Kihihi Vocational Training Centre in January 2018, on 1 acre of land with timber sheds for classrooms. They currently have 120 students enrolled. Gad has repeatedly spoken of how inspired he was by

Project Uganda during their time working with Gables VTC and following other projects he visited. He has now used this enthusiasm and motivation to inspire his students, showing them what can be achieved with vocational training, and leading them away from a life of poaching. Vocational training teaches skills that can be used to earn a living, support their families and improve their community. Project Uganda is very proud to have helped Gad along the way to achieving his goals, and being a positive role model for those in his community.



• **Around the world up to 443 million school days are lost every year because of water-related illnesses.**

(Human Development Report, 2006)

• **Today 1 in 3 people or 2.2 billion people around the world lack safe drinking water.** (WHO/UNICEF 2019)

• **31% of schools don't have clean water.**

(JMP (2018) Drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in schools; Global baseline report)

• **Every £1 invested in water & toilets returns an average of £4 in increased productivity.**

(WHO 2012)

## *Providing a source of water is crucial*



Water still remains a very precious commodity in Uganda. Dry seasons are becoming longer and water sources are drying up long before the rains come again. Children should be focussing on their education and being children - not walking long distances before school in the dark to collect dirty drinking water. Since 2009 we have been installing rain water harvesting systems and water tanks and this project still remains a priority for Project Uganda. When a school community has easy access to clean water for the first time, it's the start of something truly life-changing.

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## *Agricultural Project The power of honey*



With the agricultural trial plot now home to 14 bee hives, the sale of honey is becoming an important and reliable income, which can be reinvested into the project. Honey is being harvested twice a year and sold within the local area. Honey is delicious and nutritious. The bees also do a great job of pollinating all the fruits and vegetables in the project gardens.

**Thank you so much to everyone who came to our 'Music and Afternoon Tea' fundraiser. We raised an amazing £1000**



*This year, in order to try and reduce our carbon footprint we have been making Stabilised Soil Bricks (SSB's) as an alternative to traditional fired bricks. The SSB is a compressed brick of moistened soil, mixed with a little cement, which is then cured rather than fired. By eliminating the firing process no trees are chopped down to fuel brick kilns making them far more environmentally friendly. Ancient forests are preserved and CO2 emissions are drastically reduced. The costs are reduced even further as bricks can be made on site. These bricks have been used for the internal walls of the washroom block initially, and will hopefully be rolled out across all of our construction projects next year.*

## *Reducing our Carbon Footprint*



***Would you like to become part of the Project Uganda Team?***

If you have some time and would like to join us, please contact Matt Gothard (Chair) We are looking in particular for people to assist with marketing and securing additional funds.