

# Supporting Children at Three Schools in Uganda Update and Thank you

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Thank you  
Rotarians for  
£1,750  
from the children  
of Uganda



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## THANK YOU

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Thank you to Sidcup Rotarians

You held a quiz in 2019

You donated £1,750 to Nyakabungo Primary School

The money funded the school for December 2019

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## Update Agenda

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- What we do
- Where are the 3 Kirima schools
- Why we do it
- a few numbers
- recent progress at Nyakabungo
- Covid in Uganda
- Schools photos
- Rotarians in Uganda
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## What do we do?

Fund education at 3 schools in rural Uganda

- Nyakabungo Primary
- Kirima Primary
- Great Lakes High School

Funded by sponsors and donors

1,100 children, many of whom wouldn't otherwise gain an education

Education from Nursery to 'A' level

Great Lakes Regional University

In a safe, healthy, caring environment

Kirima Ltd UK charity, started 1995



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## Where are the Kirima Schools?

D.R. CONGO

UGANDA

KENYA



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## Why do we do it?

Link between Ugandan local leaders and schools, churches, Rotarians and individuals in UK

Uganda is one of the poorest countries in the world

Kanungu in the remote South West is one of the poorest regions of Uganda

Families rely on subsistence farming

State education not available or good quality for all children

Uganda has potential for future



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## Making a Difference

Benjamin was a pupil at Nyakabungo Primary School

Gained his degree and teaching qualification

Now back to teaching at Kirima



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## A few numbers... from 2017

Over 50% are < 15 years	73% rely on subsistence farming
Only 70% gain primary education	Only 13% gain secondary education
6 children per woman	1.6 non-living siblings per household

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## Recent progress at Nyakabungo

More sponsors for £2,000 monthly cost  
 New school hall  
 Safety wall as built on hill  
 Playground equipment  
 2020 leavers year 7 good results  
 Fencing to stop local animals entering school  
 New Headmaster Reuben



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## Covid in Uganda

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40,000 cases total. Tests are available, though less than UK

253 deaths

Very few cases near Kirima schools, none at schools

Airport totally closed for months, with no travelling around country

Schools closed for months, no home internet for learning

Food & economy for selling produce from farms badly effected months

We funded Sept 20 bag of millet/beans for each family and home pack for learning

Since October 20 exam years back only

March 21 more classes back

April 21 all classes back

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## Nyakabungo Primary School



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## Singing & Dancing in Front of the School



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## New Hall for Meals, Assembly and Exams



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## Welcome to new Headmaster Reuben



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## Nyakabungo Teachers Win a Football Match!



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## Growing Coffee on School Site



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## Safety fencing and gate



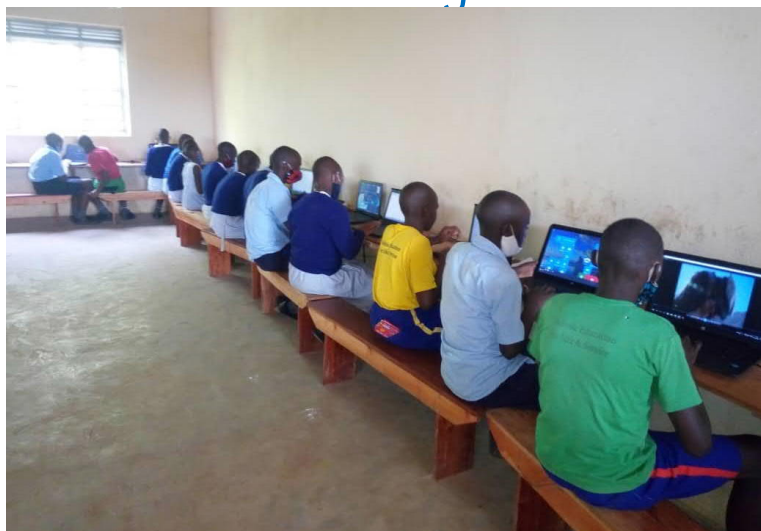
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## Kirima Primary- 1<sup>st</sup> school supported



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## IT Class during Covid



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## Tea Plantations Near Kirima Primary



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## Great Lakes High School



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## Great Lakes High School



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## Great Lakes Regional University



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## Rotarians in Uganda Woman President



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## On Safari



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## Last Mountain Gorillas in the World



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## Challenges

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Children remaining at school through to year 7

Children continuing to secondary school

Teachers staying on low salaries, 10 hours from capital Kampala

Health: malaria and other infections common

Weather: heavy rain washed away the toilets in 2019

Roads: school on hill with very muddy roads

School materials and books in short supply

No internet connection and no electricity

Finance audit systems revamped in 2020 to ensure all money is spent at schools

Trustees all volunteers. Trustees normally visit annually, but not in 2020

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## Challenges at Kirima and Great Lakes High School

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How to have enough books?

IT laptops had downloaded info, how to maintain, enable use, not internet

Water essential, took several projects to solve , river, village source, hill source

Electricity mains, generator or solar power?

Food costs variable, what best diet that affordable and variable?

Group activities essential for weekends/ evenings as boarding schools

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## The future for the 3 schools?

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Well established schools now with 3 good head teachers

Restarting post covid

Continuing to improve quality of education

Introduce computers to support learning?

Continued support from Kirima now

Maybe government funded in the future, when the Ugandan economy has improved

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## What more help is needed?

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SAFI coffee available to buy, "Trade not Aid"

More sponsors and donors.

Sponsor a child for £15 per month

See the website: [www.teachuganda.org](http://www.teachuganda.org)

THANK YOU

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## Thank You from the Children of Nyakabungo



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