

Dear Supporters,

It's that time again! It's a pleasure to update you on Project the Project's continuous work in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.

### Summary

- Following our successful goat project last year in Tanzania, you can now buy a goat to help another remote Masai school earn an income for itself, take in new pupils and supply itself with resources and food!
- We have now set up two new plastic collection sites in Uganda which will allow two very worthy projects to generate an income from simply collecting waste plastic for recycling.
- Your kindly donated sports kit and trainers are making their way to children's projects in Kenya and Uganda where such luxuries are difficult to buy.
- A documentary maker is keen to make a film about our work!

### **More Goats for Good!**

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a beautiful goat last year! They are doing very well and have had extra care recently. There has been a long drought in the region so grass is scarce. The local tribes people have been travelling for miles to bring back grass feed and had to travel to surrounding villages with the goats last week to find grass. This has always been common practice during dry seasons but climate change is making such hardships more frequent.



Despite the lack of nearby food, some goats are expecting their first young this summer and this will bring much needed income to the little school we support, located in very remote Rift Valley.



We now to replicate the success of this project and help a senior school approximately 10km away. It is a government school so receives almost no funding for materials or premises. Only the very low teacher salaries are covered by the government and this is around \$100/month. I have been to this school and the children are very lively but they have to share broken desks and there is no chalk, books or pens. Classrooms were donated by a charity several years ago but are run down and have no lights or any of the modern facilities we take for granted.



**PLEASE DONATE A GOAT TO HELP MAKE THIS SCHOOL SELF SUSTAINABLE, TEACH MORE CHILDREN AND PROVIDE SOME BASIC MATERIALS AND FOOD**

Why this school is so important;

- There is nowhere else for miles around for children to be educated. The Maasai tend to have the lowest literacy rates in east Africa. Learning to speak Swahili (the national language) and not just Maa (the tribal language) allows children to communicate and integrate outside their village. This is now seen as vital for survival and avoidance of exploitation.
- If local tribal children are in school, they are less likely to be subjected to harmful practice such as female genital mutilation, childhood marriage or tough labour.
- Education allows tribal peoples to thrive into the future- they can integrate with others and avoid exploitation whilst also obtain paid work to leave them less vulnerable to going hungry during extreme weather conditions such as drought or flooding.
- If the school is able to provide some porridge, children will gain much needed nutrients and parents will be more willing to allow their children to attend rather than work if they are incentivised. Children who walk several miles to get there will also be able to learn for the whole day without exhaustion.

### **Community development that helps the environment!**

Our partnership with Masaka Recycling Initiative in Uganda is going from strength to strength! We are incredibly proud to be helping the Masaka Recycling Initiative to expand it's community development side. Project the Project funds schemes to tackle child homelessness, disability marginalisation and child malnourishment.

Below is a thank you report from Masaka

about how the Recycling Initiative invests in schools to bring education and school meals to more children. It also aims to hold the first ever Climate Action Conference in the region.



# THANK YOU

## Project The Project



Your funding of 10,741,000 ugx has enabled us to create an Eco Club program that has been spreading out across Greater Masaka. So far we have 13 schools with registered Eco Clubs. Student leaders of these Eco Clubs have signed a declaration form stating their intention on keeping their environment clean. And this has been realised in plastic collection.

Across the 13 schools - 4 are currently actively collecting plastic and each term we are collecting on average 250 kg or 75,000 ugx worth of PET plastic. This money filters back into the school feeding programs ensuring students can enjoy a school lunch regardless of their background. Below is the list of the 13 schools and the size of the Eco Club in each. Schools highlighted in green are the most active in collecting plastic.

1. Blessing Primary School - 24
2. Bwaala Muslim School - 17
3. Kijjabwemi Primary School - 18
4. Masaka Police Children School - 24
5. Kalinabiri Primary School - 31
6. St Bruno Primary School - 14
7. Leos Junior Primary School - 42
8. Nyendo Public Primary School - 15
9. Primer Junior School - 23
10. Masaka Community Primary School - 15
11. Waajabu Junior School - 24
12. El Cambio Academy - 10
13. Love and Hope Uganda - 8



All of these 265 pupils have actively visited Masaka Recycling Initiative completing our interactive lesson with our teachers James and Nick. All of these lessons have been completed in the 4 months of term time since we started the program. With October, November 2018 and February, March 2019 being the active school going months thus far. That means we have averaged 4 school visits a month or one a week. This is a great achievement and we are really pleased with our teachers' commitment to educating the next generation in environmental protection.

## **Childhood Recovery Project**

Project the Project has also been helping Opportunity Africa to rescue children from abuse or homelessness and we plan to do more with them. We recently received this report about how Project the Project funding helped Vincent, age 12.

*Vincent was found walking alone in the night in a swampy area. Vincent had run away from his father who tied him with ropes and beat him brutally and marks of the rope left visible scars on his hands as seen from the photo. Police say he he was rescued with fresh wounds on his hands. As a result either in fear of further torture by the father or trauma caused by severe beating, the boy could not tell or remember the location of his father's home.*

*The boy spent 7 days in police custody, dressed, eating, and sleeping poorly. In response our office upon a call from police, went on board and helped search for other relatives of Vincent.*

*In good luck, together with the police we were able to identify and locate the grandfather of Vincent and Vincent was resettled to his grandfather's home 50km away from his father.*

*Like Vincent, cases of beatings, rape, early marriage, irresponsible parenthood and other child related abuses are common unfortunately, the offenders are left at large. This silence is caused by cultural lies restricting children to report their offenders.*

*Although as an organisation we care about children, due to limited funding, our intervention is majorly on homeless, and abandoned children who need fostering. And we are providing education and health support while foster parents provide them with shelter, meals and other social benefits.*

**Your ongoing support is helping children like Vincent. Thank you!**

## **Community Nourishment**

Project the Project has recently started to fund some work for malnourished children in Uganda.



Rakai Community Based Health Project is a small group of local workers supporting malnourished children back to health. Through a holistic approach of medical support, counselling, community sensitisation and family training this program saves the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in rural Uganda. They also run a sustainable peanut butter program that provides income and employment as well as a nutritious food supplement.

Project the Project has set up a program for Rakai to earn a self sustainable income through a recycling site at the clinic. This much needed income generation will allow them to treat more children and to expand their nutritional education in the community.

## **And Finally**

Further exciting news is that, eventually, there might just be a documentary about some of the above work! Two American documentary makers who I met in Ethiopia last year have asked to make a film about us! We are in very early discussion stages but watch this space...!

Thank you so much for donating sports kit and trainers again! This is an ongoing project so please do keep donating! Drop off at London City Runner, Victoria

Park Road, London. Photos of your old trainers being saved from waste and put to great use should arrive soon!

Thank you so much to everyone who donates monthly by direct debit or makes any donation! You allow all our work to continue!

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Best regards,

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