

Dear Supporters,

Welcome to the latest update for Project the Project's continuing work in east Africa, kindly funded by your generosity!

We continue to work both independently and with other valued and trusted organisations. This newsletter focuses on two main areas we are working on at the moment;

- in Tanzania, our independent project with the Masai community is continuing. This year has been very difficult.
- We have a new partner organisation in Humanity Direct. This has been a wonderful beginning, thanks to your support.

PTP works on it's own initiatives with locals or partners with carefully selected like minded organisations that share our values of-

- Striving to improve community problems by empowering them to build their own bright future.
- Working closely WITH the community involved to ensure their needs are met, no negative impact occurs and projects are locally run to ensure sustainability.
- Carefully ensuring 100% of what you give goes to the project with 0% for admin/offices/travel/salaries.
- Every effort is made to maximise the positive impact of what we do. With careful planning and close monitoring, lives are transformed with your donations!

1. Miles for Medicine!

I was extremely impressed with the work being done by Humanity Direct, so much so, I got running, you got sponsoring and now were looking to set up a long term project together!!



Thank you so much for your support with this campaign! I ran over 50km through the very hilly Chilterns to encourage your sponsorship and you really overwhelmed us all by donating so much **we more than doubled the number of children sponsored!!**

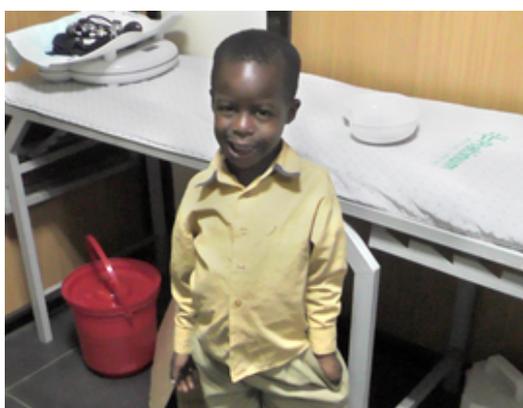
Humanity Direct is a fantastic organisation, sharing many of PTP's core principles. They arrange the funding of operations and medical procedures for African families who cannot afford it. Children are put forward when they have been assessed as needing surgery but no means of paying. Funding is raised and sent to a coordinator by Humanity Direct. The procedures are then carried out at trusted hospitals and follow up checks and a report sent back.

Here's a message from Humanity Direct

"A huge thank you to Lucy and everyone who donated to raise a phenomenal £2000 for Humanity Direct. The money funded vital surgery for eleven children living in rural areas of Uganda who couldn't access the medical care they needed. The money helped us cover every aspect of their operations from the transport to and from hospital (often the biggest barrier for families who can't afford to even reach hospital) to the actual surgery and post-operative care. Your donations meant we could tell parents that their child would get the surgery they needed without them having to get into debt and further poverty. On behalf of the children, their parents, our amazing team of medics and everyone at Humanity Direct thank you for supporting our work and for funding vital medical care for children in Africa".

Nick Swift, Founder Humanity Direct.

Here is the latest news from some of the children;



Four-year-old Samuel has had successful surgery for bilateral cryptorchidism. The operation is typical of the low-cost, high impact operations as it greatly reduces the risks of future problems such as urinary tract infections. This was a particularly important operation for us to fund as Samuel is an orphan, being cared for by a relative who cannot afford the medical care Samuel needs.



5-yr-old Cate's family is so pleased that she's now had successful surgery to remove a large cyst that was at risk of becoming infected. Money donated covered every aspect of her surgery. We recorded this update with Dr Dan shortly after he performed her operation:
<https://youtu.be/I30TCDNewhE>



Emmanuel has made a fantastic recovery following surgery for a congenital defect. The operation - like so many of the operations we fund - prevented his condition from getting worse & leading to further complications as he grows up. You can read more about Emmanuel's surgery on his page:
<https://bit.ly/2EjxQe2>

3-month-old Alfred has had successful surgery for an abnormally large hydrocele. Alfred's parents work hard but earn little money & could never have afforded an operation. Hydrocele is ranked as one of the most cost effective health interventions in low-income countries & is typical of the surgery HD fund. To find out how his operation went please click here:
<https://bit.ly/2tnVDHw>



7-month-old Kansiiime has had successful surgery to remove an exceptionally large hernia. Hernias can be life threatening as if complications arise they often need emergency surgery - yet where we work such medical care is scarce. It was great to be able to tell Kansiiime's mother that we had this covered & Kansiiime could start learning to crawl & walk without risk of damaging her hernia. Dr Dan's post-op update is here:
<https://youtu.be/gDjZaGHHMSs>

Baby Nurra was born by emergency c-section. Her mother had hoped to be able to deliver at home but as the labour progressed it was clear that things weren't going to plan. However, they made it to the hospital just in time for Nurra to be born. While grateful for the safe delivery they had no means to pay the expensive hospital bill. By covering the costs we've been able to ensure that Nurra doesn't start her life in a family saddled with a debt they could never afford to repay.



11-yr-old kaliisa is now playing football again with his friends following successful surgery to correct a congenital abnormality. Every penny donated covered every aspect of Kaliisa's treatment ensuring there was no gap in his care that could prevent him from getting his surgery (such as lack of transport - we pick our patients up in time for their appointment & take them

home afterwards...no matter how far) or from making a full recovery (the money covers post-operative care including a hospital stay if needed). This is Dr Dan with Kaliisa's update: <https://youtu.be/fObTngeiiuU>

We are now planning to help Kampala Hospital in Uganda to be part of our recycling initiative a similar scheme if deemed more appropriate for the site. This would help bring a modest income to the hospital, allowing funding to be raised on site to pay for some surgeries. We will continue to work with Humanity Direct through our helpers in Kampala. **At Project the Project's heart is the aim to supply a means of bringing self generated income to the community where it's needed.** We find this brings dignity and pride to the beneficiaries whilst also unifying locals to work together and improve their situation sustainably and for the long term.

If you would like to fund an operation or help us set up the project at the hospital, please donate anything you can. Donation information at the end.

2. PTP's Goats

Life is pretty tough at the best of times for the Masai. This year there was a very prolonged drought in east Africa and the tribal peoples were much more affected than usual. Climate change means conditions are getting worse and worse. The goats we bought last year to provide food and income at the school became thin and weakened by the drought but our contacts were doing what they could to find them additional food and keep the goats and themselves alive.



Unfortunately, as the drought continued for much longer than usual, a pack of hyenas came to the village in search of food. This would never usually happen. Around 40 goats were killed in the attack, including some from the school project.

This was devastating for Baraka village and a huge setback for the project. However, from the day of the attack, we have been busy working with the locals to plan recovery for the whole village.

1. A new, stronger enclosure is needed to prevent a future attack.
2. Replacement goats are needed for the whole village to get them back on track with funding the school and feeding themselves.
3. Timing for building will have to wait as flooding followed the drought.

The surviving goats are currently in a safer location until we can build a strong enclosure in Baraka. Our local workers on the ground are busy planning a strong enclosure to be built when the weather improves.

Funding to keep the school going has been obtained from kind donations from the USA until the end of March.

After that, we have some potential funding arranged from a UK company and donations have already started coming in from you! All being well, we should be ok again soon...!

A huge thank you to John, Barbara, Lahiki, Omary, Linh and Mark for working so hard and helping so much with this incident.

We will still need additional funds to help improve conditions at the government school in Tanzania where the children from Baraka can continue their education. Ideally, we would like them to have a goat herd, possibly two cows and a secure enclosure too if we can obtain enough funding.



**PLEASE DONATE TO HELP MAKE THIS SCHOOL SELF SUSTAINABLE,
TEACH MORE CHILDREN AND PROVIDE SOME BASIC MATERIALS AND
FOOD FOR THE CHILDREN FROM BARAKA**

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You can donate through CAF by clicking on <https://www.cafonline.org/>

As you can see, there's lots going on with these projects and we continue our work in Masaka and Kenya. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break. If you can consider us in your Christmas giving, please do.

You make wonderful things possible!!

Best wishes for a fantastic 2020!

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