



The Kisoro Trust

Newsletter 2018

Dear Supporter,

As many of you know, the Kisoro Trust has helped to feed, shelter and educate over 100 Deaf children since 2001. The Trust was set up after three of the Trustees visited the area in 1999 and realised that Deaf children in this part of Uganda were essentially excluded from school and thereby from their local community. Since that time, through your generosity and support, an amazing £160,000 has been sent to Kisoro to help these children learn to communicate with others and gain an education and a future. In fact, we are now in the position whereby graduates from the school are employed to help run the project.

Over the years the project has seen many changes, from its small beginnings as one class of 15 children in a spare classroom at Seseme Primary School, to now being part of an integrated unit for children with disabilities within Kisoro Demonstration School. Much has changed for us as Trustees in this time too, as a result of family life, pressure of work, career changes and so on, with an inevitable impact on the amount of active fundraising we have been able to do in recent years. But we are exceptionally grateful that our supporters have kept on giving, enabling us to continue to provide for Kisoro's Deaf children.

However, we have lost some significant donors in recent times and the Trust's annual income has been gradually reducing, to the point where we have now had to inform the school that our termly payments to them will need to be reduced by 30% from the start of 2019. This will allow us to continue with the project, but will have a substantial effect on the level of support we are able to provide.

Another factor impacting on our work has been the need to comply with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The process has significantly reduced our mailing list – although we trust that those, like you, who have opted to continue to receive our communications, are genuinely interested in supporting the project.

So we are writing to inform you, our supporters, of the current situation and to invite you to help us respond in any way that you may feel able to do so. We are very grateful to those who have already increased their giving and would be happy to hear from anyone else who feels able to do this, or feels inspired to organise a fundraising event for Kisoro!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We will continue to keep you informed via email/mail as requested.

With thanks,
Rosie and Reuben Addis, Grant and Carol Bulloch, Julian Dines
(Trustees)



Latest photos from Kisoro - The children receiving computer lessons; Demonstration School dining room; The children at play

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