



The Kisoro Trust

Newsletter 2019

Dear Supporter,

Welcome to the August 2019 Kisoro supporters newsletter. In our last newsletter, we reported on the decrease in our annual income and the impact this was likely to have on the project. We are delighted that, in response to this news, a number of supporters increased their regular giving and we have not had to make any further reductions in the amount we send to Kisoro. So a big 'thank you' to you all!

Thank you also to everyone who bought tickets for the fundraising raffle we organised in April, which raised over £600 for Kisoro. The raffle was held alongside a 3-day photographic exhibition hosted at Winton Castle, East Lothian. Prizes included a framed print of Andrew Bulloch's photograph which recently won him the UK Young Landscape Photographer of the Year "Classic View" award, and a signed print kindly donated by renowned photographer Charlie Waite.



Funds raised by the Kisoro Trust continue to support the Deaf children at Kisoro Demonstration School in the following ways:

- Provision of a good quantity and variety of nutritious foods throughout the year. The increased variety of foods has resulted in improved health for the children. They are actively involved in training in agricultural skills, including harvesting crops which feed not only the school pupils but also the local community. This is making the project increasingly self-sustainable, is equipping pupils with useful life skills for the future and is helping to challenge negative perceptions of Deaf children in society.



- Provision of salaries for support staff (matrons and night watchmen) to ensure that the children are well cared for in their boarding accommodation.
- Provision of utilities such as water and electricity. Deaf children have regular computer lessons to ensure that they have the vital skills they need to be active participants in modern society. Computer lessons are taught by a former student of the program, Peninnah Nyiramirembe, who completed a degree in ICT at Kyambogo University in 2018 and now introduces pupils to Microsoft word and give them the skills to use the computer package creatively.
- Access to education and communication through the teaching of sign language. As well as giving the Deaf children equal access to education through the use of sign language, the training of parents is confronting prejudice and enabling parents to communicate more effectively with their children.

This month, friends and family of the local Deaf children attending Kisoro Demonstration School will be offered a free 4-week sign language course. This is in the lead-up to International Deaf Awareness Week (IDAW), which is being held in Kisoro from 23-27th September 2019. Members of the Kisoro District Association of the Deaf will be giving talks on local and national radio stations to help raise the profile of the event and campaign for better access and equality for Deaf people.

IDAW is expected to host 4,000 Deaf people from all over the country. The week will be filled with sign language workshops, community clean-up projects, lectures on health care and wellness, football competitions and much more. All events will be delivered in both sign language and English to make it fully accessible for all attendees. The aim of IDAW is to raise awareness about deafness and help to break down the barriers faced by the Deaf community, potentially having a positive and long-lasting impact on the lives of the children at Kisoro Demonstration School.

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