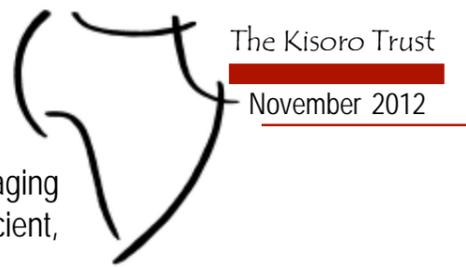


# Kisoro Newsletter



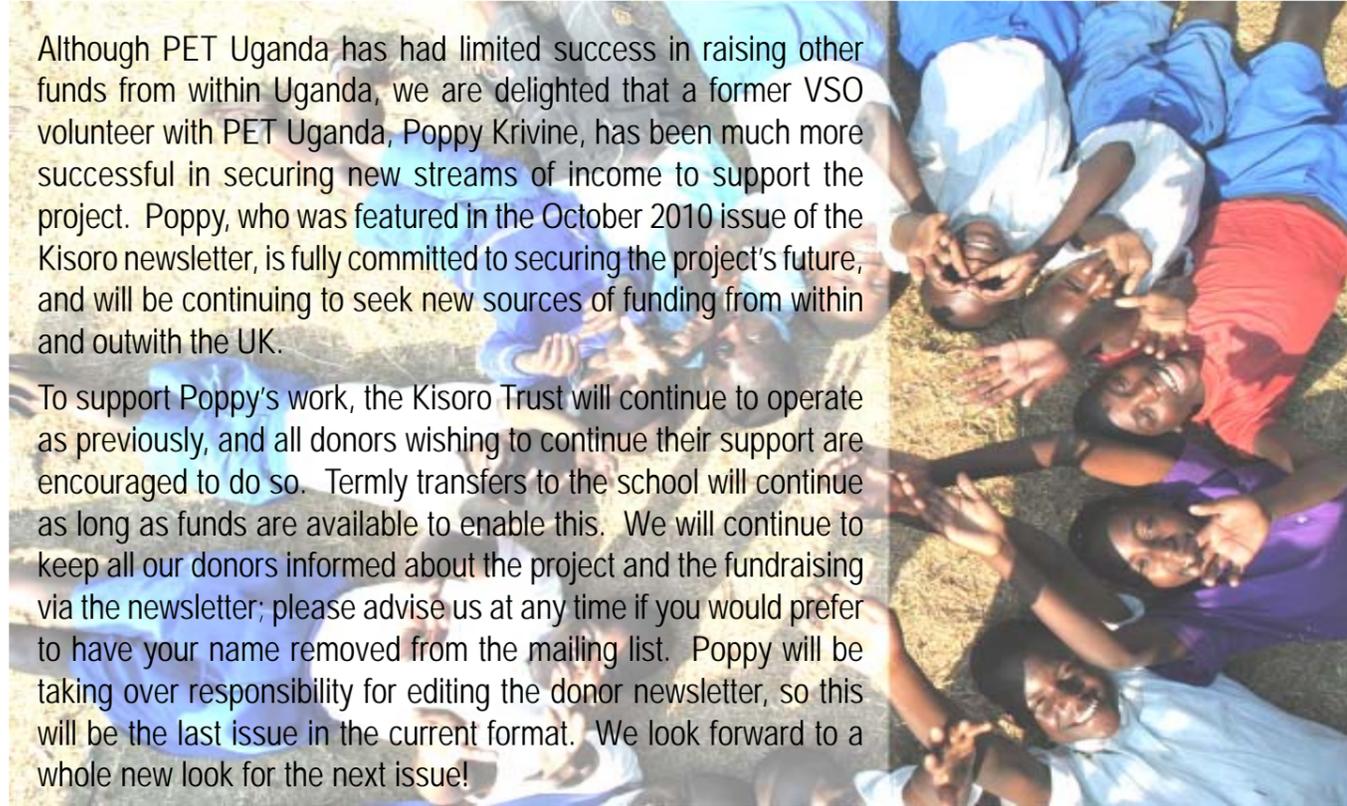
The Kisoro Trust

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In our last newsletter, we laid out the Kisoro Trust's plans for encouraging the Deaf primary school project to become more financially self-sufficient, and less reliant on the Trust as its principal source of income.

Although PET Uganda has had limited success in raising other funds from within Uganda, we are delighted that a former VSO volunteer with PET Uganda, Poppy Krivine, has been much more successful in securing new streams of income to support the project. Poppy, who was featured in the October 2010 issue of the Kisoro newsletter, is fully committed to securing the project's future, and will be continuing to seek new sources of funding from within and outwith the UK.

To support Poppy's work, the Kisoro Trust will continue to operate as previously, and all donors wishing to continue their support are encouraged to do so. Termly transfers to the school will continue as long as funds are available to enable this. We will continue to keep all our donors informed about the project and the fundraising via the newsletter; please advise us at any time if you would prefer to have your name removed from the mailing list. Poppy will be taking over responsibility for editing the donor newsletter, so this will be the last issue in the current format. We look forward to a whole new look for the next issue!



## Academic Achievements

We are very happy to announce that four children in the Deaf Unit, Gloria Dusenge (P2), Richard Nkundizana (P3), Obed Bizimana and Daniel Nubaha (both P4) have scored in the top ten of their year group at school. It is a remarkable achievement to be able to compete academically with the mainstream school children - well done to the children, teachers and administration of Kisoro Demonstration School Deaf Unit for such a wonderful outcome!

Three Deaf students, including one girl, who were amongst the second intake of Deaf children into the project started by the Kisoro Trust in 2001, will sit their GCSE equivalent exams this month. The students, Peninah Nyiramirembe, Obed Niyibigena, and Bruce Muhumuza, also volunteer on the board of Kisoro District Association of the Deaf, which conducts outreach work to make contact with isolated Deaf children throughout the rural area of Kisoro. We wish Obed, Peninah and Bruce the best of luck, and look forward to hearing their results in January 2013.

## A Safe Place to Sleep

Following a minor road traffic accident involving two Deaf children back in 2009, District Education Officer, William Namebalibutsa agreed to fund new boys' dormitories on the school campus. Thanks to the work of Reverend Ephraim Mbabazi and Brian Pretty, the dormitories have now been completed and painted, and the boys are enjoying the safety and convenience of having their accommodation next to their classrooms.



## A Lasting Legacy

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> this year, one of our Deaf students in P5, Rogers Nsengiyunva, was taken to hospital for symptoms of acute malaria. Despite close supervision and good medical care, Rogers sadly passed away 4 days later.

The funeral of Rogers Nsengiyunva was attended by all students and teachers at Kisoro Demonstration School as well as his family and many people from the wider community. Rogers will be very sadly missed by all who knew him - such a kind soul, so bright and with so much promise.

Since Rogers' death another pupil in the Deaf Unit, Obed Bizimana, was taken ill with symptoms of malaria, but recovered after a brief stay at the hospital and is now in full health and back at school.

In Rogers' memory we would like to set up campaign to provide new mosquito nets for the 31 boarding students at the school. Mosquito nets are an inexpensive and essential piece of health care equipment, which can help to keep the children safe from this dangerous and preventable disease. Mosquito nets impregnated with Deet insect repellent need to be replaced every 6 months to remain effective.

Levels of malaria in the Kisoro District are extremely high with confirmed cases in approximately 10% of the population. Please help this cause by continuing your support to the Kisoro Trust. The Trust aims to find an extra £180 a year in order to provide this life-saving solution to the problem of malaria.

### Facts about Malaria

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes.

- In 2010, malaria caused an estimated 655 000 deaths, mostly among African children.
- Malaria is preventable and curable.
- Increased malaria prevention and control measures are dramatically reducing the malaria burden in many places. (Source: World Health Organisation, April 2012)



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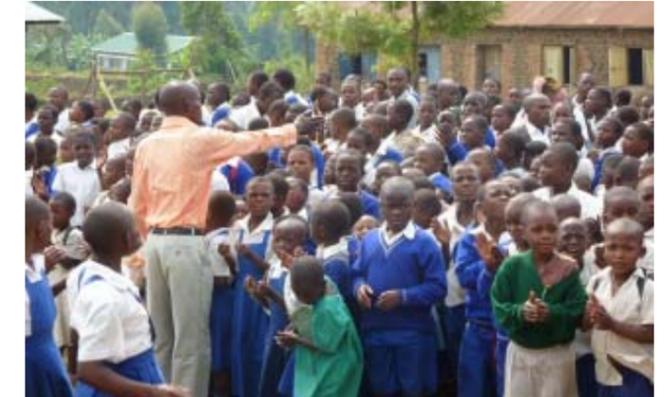
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## Congolese Crisis

It has been a very unsettling few months for the people in Kisoro, as over 33,000 refugees from eastern Congo crossed the border during June and July to escape widespread violence there.

United Nations refugee camps have been set up but this influx of refugees has put massive strains on Kisoro and its neighbouring communities.

Kisoro has been struggling to manage its depleted food stores which has increased local food prices as well as regional costs of petrol and charcoal. The school, which buys all of its food produce from local markets, has been directly affected by these changes, whilst continuing to rely primarily on the support received through the Kisoro Trust to keep the Deaf education project running.



## To Make a Donation

I would like to make a donation to the Kisoro Trust. I enclose a cheque for £ .....

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