



Sowing Seeds for the Future

This year at Kisoro Demonstration primary School there has been a major focus on improving the residential boarding school grounds and engaging the children in extra curricular activities.

The students have continued with their Scouts program after winning the East African Scouting competition in 2016 – such an achievement! They have been taught music, dance and poetry which was showcased at the International Womens Day celebrations in April and they have continued to develop craft skills for income generating projects.

The children have worked together to cultivate an organic vegetable patch to supplement the school food program. The economy of Kisoro District is largely based on subsistence farming. The skills that the children have gained from growing vegetables will support self reliance and independent living and will provide them with knowledge that can be shared with wider members of the deaf community.

In addition to agricultural studies, students at Kisoro Demo have attended lessons in knitting and jewellery making and have been making beautiful necklaces, bracelets, crocheted school bags and knitted sweaters.



Learning about subsistence farming

School welcomes new Headteacher Stephen Habiyaremye

Kisoro Trust is happy to welcome Stephen Habiyaremye as the new Head Teacher of Kisoro Demo Primary School. Stephen had been the Deaf Education lead for five years previously. Stephen's vision for the deaf education at Demo is to increase awareness for the deaf community and ensure the best possible education in order to ensure a sustainable future. 'A particular focus of our program is to offer vocational skills training to ensure self reliance, as well as effective communication with the community and social acceptance in school and families.'



Headteacher Stephen Habiyaremye

Continuing Computer Lessons

A new ICT centre has been established at the school with 13 refurbished computers. The ICT Program is being taught by Peninnah Nyiramirembe, herself a former student at the Kisoro Demo Deaf Unit. Peninnah is currently in her final year of a computer studies degree at Kyambogo University in Kampala. The aim of the ICT lessons is to introduce the students to Microsoft word and give them the skills to use the computer package creatively. At the moment the children are practising making wedding cards. There are a total of 15 students taking part in the course.

Involving Parents

At the beginning of 2016, an intensive one week sign language course was run for parents and carers of students in the Deaf program.

This year Kisoro Demo ran its second sign language course for parents and carers of students in the program. For many, this was their first ever lesson in sign language, and proved to be extremely valuable in improving communication between themselves and their child. The program focused on communicating basic everyday vocabulary with a special focus on basic needs and emotions. This training is a groundbreaking project for the families involved, and is due to run once a year for the next two years. Many thanks Obed Niyibegena and Sustain For Life for their hard work and support with this project.



Knitting class

Two Things to Worry About: A poem written for Ugandan Deaf Awareness Week 2017

In this world there are two things to worry about:
You are either be born or you are not born.
If you are not born, well, you have nothing to worry
about.

But if you are born, two things may worry you:
You may either be born ordinary or be born
disabled. If you are born ordinary, well you have
nothing to worry about.

But if you are born disabled, you have two things to
worry you:
You may either meet luck and be sent to school by
a kind-hearted person or neglected. If you are sent
to school, well you have nothing to worry about,

But if you are not sent to school, two things may
worry you:
You may either suffer oppression or die.



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