



The Kisoro Trust

Newsletter December 2024

Dear Supporter

Christmas greetings from the Kisoro Trust and all good wishes for 2025! Thank you once again for your financial support over the past year, which has enabled the Kisoro Association for the Deaf (KDAD) to continue to provide for the Deaf children at Kisoro Demonstration school. We are grateful that this year has been one of stability. Thanks to your ongoing generous support, KDAD continue to be able to:

- purchase food supplements for the Deaf children, enabling them to have sufficient nutritional foods that make up a balanced diet while at school;
- facilitate the children to acquire an education and develop skills that will help them to earn a living in future;
- fund the salaries of the support staff who look after the Deaf children and keep them safe;
- work towards greater integration of the Deaf children in all aspects of school life and ultimately in their communities and society as a whole.

Ongoing challenges remain such as financial support for children who come from the very poorest backgrounds as well as difficulty in recruiting and retaining more qualified teachers and sign language instructors to meet the needs of the Deaf pupils. KDAD plan to address this issue in the coming session through strategies such as providing incentives and training opportunities.

Growing for the Future

Although Kisoro Demonstration school only caters for children from P1 – P7, some Deaf pupils have been able to progress to secondary education this year after sitting their leaving exams. Others are advised to take up opportunities for vocational training after school. The many extra-curricular activities provided at school are an ideal stepping stone towards learning life skills which will enable the pupils to sustain themselves financially in the future.

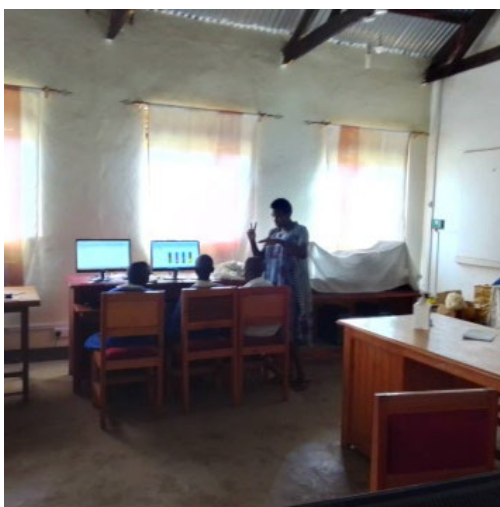
As regular readers of our newsletter will know, the children are taught a wide range of skills outside the classroom. These include knitting, tailoring, agriculture, craft skills, computing, scouting, music, dance, drama, sport, athletics, art and design.

Computer lessons are provided by Nyiramirembe Penninah, a former pupil of Kisoro Demonstration school and wife of Obed, current chairman of KDAD. Another former pupil, Jasper, is currently training the children in tailoring and knitting. It is great to see the ways in which former students have been able to use the skills they have learned to use in supporting the next generation of Deaf pupils.

Photo Gallery 2024



Knitting training with Jasper



Computer lessons



New school mural



In the classroom



Scouting at Kaazi camp



Committee members of KDAD. On the right is Mr. Obed Niyibigena Chairperson KDAD with Mr. Dukunde Alex, Treasurer at the rear. The lady in yellow is M/S Tigeita Rosemary Secretary of KDAD.

Thank You!

Thank you from everyone at KDAD and Kisoro Trust to all of our donors who help to make these things possible. We wish you a happy festive season and best wishes for 2025.

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