



The Kisoro Trust

Newsletter December 2025

Dear Supporter

Christmas greetings from the Kisoro Trust and welcome to our annual round-up of news from Kisoro Demonstration School (KDS). We hope you will enjoy reading about how the Deaf children have been included this year in a range of activities alongside their peers, generously funded by your gifts and those of other supporters and partner funders.

New Kisoro website

First of all we are pleased to announce that the Kisoro Trust now has a new website, at last fully compatible with mobiles and tablets. We also upload all our previous newsletters to the site so if you ever need to look back and catch up on events or news, it's all there. The web address has not changed, but we have given it a complete refresh so please do visit us at www.kisoro.org to have a look.

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Who are we?

The Kisoro Trust is a charity registered in Scotland which was established to raise funds towards a school for deaf children in the Kisoro diocese of Uganda. The school first opened in 2001 with a single class of 15 children, however thanks to our regular donors and supporters, this grew to encompass pupils from Primary One through to Primary Seven. The deaf unit is now based within Kisoro Demonstration School.

- **News from Kisoro Demonstration School**

Computer Training

Deaf pupils continue to benefit from computer skills training from Nyiramirembe Penninah, a former pupil of Kisoro Demonstration school and wife of Obed, current chairman of Kisoro District Association of the Deaf (KDAD). This training will help to provide the children with transferable skills and increase their chances of finding work once they complete their education.



Health & hygiene sessions

Termly sessions on health and hygiene have been held this year in order to improve pupils' personal hygiene and health, both at school and at home.



Parent/teacher meetings

The Headteacher and staff conducted a joint parents meeting with the children to help with mutual understanding of the challenges families face during the school holidays. Parents of newly admitted children in particular often know little or no sign language, so are unable to follow up on their children's learning at home. Pupils of KDS frequently have siblings or other children in their communities who remain unable to access education, because the families are unable to afford to support their children to go to school, so these meetings are important for the welfare of the Deaf children outside the school term.



Extra curricular activities

This summer eight Deaf children were selected to go Kaazi for national scouting competitions, where they demonstrated their ability to provide First Aid. A group of children with Special Needs, including some of the Deaf Pupils, were also enabled to participate in national athletics competitions, thanks to the financial support of one of the school's partner funding organisations.



Ongoing dietary improvements

Food supplements supplied to the school have improved the diet fed to all pupils, including the Deaf children. Children have been provided with nutritious foods including meat, groundnuts, beans, rice, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and vegetables such as spinach and there have been no cases of disease caused by poor nutrition. The Deaf children in particular are involved in agricultural practices whereby the school verandas and the gardens are planted with green vegetables. Not only are these harvested and added to the pupils' diet, but alongside trees planted in the school compound to act as water catchment, they improve the overall environment.



Thank You!

Finally thank you from everyone at KDAD and Kisoro Trust to all of our donors who continue to support the Deaf children in Kisoro. We wish you a happy festive season and best wishes for 2026.

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Thank you!