



ABCD (UK) Newsletter No. 12: Q4, 2015 - A Momentous Year

For a small and humble charity 2015 was a very good year for ABCDreams (UK). With the completion of the first of the school uniform projects where 115 students were presented with new uniforms and where at the end of the year we sponsored the building of a new kitchen at ARI school, both of these events represent a huge impact in the community.

With the success of the uniform project we would like to continue as we started but with a more closely targeted group. I've already had a request from one of the 'bibi's' that she can't afford a school uniform for her grandson. I would like to help but now have 92 other students who need help - up from 84 last year. For our Justgiving jump-start school uniform page [click here](#).



The most important part of what we do is provide school fees for orphans and otherwise vulnerable children. Funny thing is though, the current government has made good on one of its election promises to provide free schooling right the way through secondary school. How this will be implemented has yet to be seen and so far many of the schools have not yet received their allotment from the government! They are still expected to open and are currently unable to feed their students! Its a good thing then that ABCDreams has stepped in with its initial funding for vulnerable children as these will help to kick-start the school feeding programme.

Getting back to the kitchen at ARI School, last year I taught an art class for the sponsorship program (see below) and noticed a pile of freshly cut clapboard in the corner. Asking what these were for I was told they were saving the wood for a new school kitchen. 'Ahh' I thought. Maybe ABCDreams (UK) can help. I had already been alerted to the state of the toilets. Starting a 'crowd-funding' campaign for both toilets and kitchen I later found that the community decided to try to fund the toilets. I then reduced the funding request strictly for the kitchen - with very pleasing results - thanks to all our donors so far.



The children of ARI School hard at work. They have only ever done 'Art' with me! Art is not considered valuable learning.



Doreen with her finished picture, based on the Serengeti which most local people will never see.



Doreen's finished picture, hopefully, with many others, to be sold to help her less fortunate classmates.

ABCDreams (UK) Objectives: 2015 Q4



ARI KITCHEN

As of this publication date we have raised £568 of £850 towards the ARI School kitchen. Just a bit more to go, folks! The kitchen is nearly finished. They still need to put down a cement floor, finish the roof and add a fireplace. I will close the fund gofundme.com/ARIPrimary when I reach the goal so tell all your friends and neighbours! Now here's another funny thing. The current government, again in order to garner votes in the October 25th election last year, told us they would provide funds to feed the children. So far, only some of the schools have received these funds!

That's what many here have come to expect. We may have first world aspirations but we are still a third world country. The government

continues to mean well but struggles for revenues.

In the last quarter of 2015 I completed a teaching course at all three primary schools to generate art work for sale. I will be producing saleable items from some of the pictures (they are not all good!)

for display at my 2016 venues. I am already booked at Morden Fun Day - a great day out for the community.

LYASIKIKA

One of the most colourful events this year was the supply of football outfits donated by the Rotary Club of Morden to the Lyasikika players. They were over the moon with them. They are now open to more sports equipment donations! Any inter-



ested parties or knowledge of sources will be very much welcomed.

1. New Pictures and paintings to be mounted for sale
2. Distribute more pads for girls for 2016
3. Launch new school uniform programme
4. Book at least 3 venues for sales
5. Helping with Morden Fun Day
6. Review prospects for installation of pc's for library
7. Finalising infrastructure projects
8. Apply to UK small charities funding foundations

OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this, my 12th ABCD (UK) newsletter - A Momentous Year. This quarterly update keeps you in touch with our work, our donors and our children in Tanzania. My time in Tanzania will, hopefully prove just as momentous this year. I'm looking forward to meeting the new challenges that our increased funding base affords...

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