

Project Embabazi Newsletter 2022-23



2022 news and Project Embabazi achievements

On Monday 10th January 2022, Ugandan schools reopened after nearly two years of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic – the longest school shutdown in the world. This was some good news in a year of growing challenges for rural Uganda communities; the Bank of Uganda reported soaring inflation due to a combination of factors including global economic decline, the Russia-Ukraine conflict disrupting global production and supply chains, extended drought in some regions of the country and increased global commodity prices. The Bank of Uganda Deputy Governor said the soaring food inflation is hitting the poorest Ugandans hard; *“Food inflation has soared over the past year, from 0.7% in February 2022 to 16.4% in July 2022. This adversely affects poorest who are mainly engaged in informal activities and spend a large proportion of their incomes on food.”*

Project Embabazi has organised several fundraising campaigns in 2022 to support our Ugandan communities and to bring hope in the face of so many challenges. Thanks to our generous supporters, we have raised £30,722 and we have many successes to share...

- Our teacher and child sponsorship schemes continues to grow with new donors and beneficiaries. Sponsorship ensures that each child consistently attends a good school with all necessary resources for ‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world’ (Nelson Mandela). Please see our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details.
- We have continued to grow our animal sponsorship schemes in Kanjobe, Kamuronko, Kyeibale, Rwiragaju and Kigata communities. All beneficiaries are required to give the first offspring to another member of the community, creating a self-sustaining project.
- We are trialing a new scheme to provide reusable female sanitary projects to tackle the enormous challenge of period poverty.
- We have continued to provide educational resources for schools including textbooks for Kanjobe Primary School.
- We continue to support 2 community enterprises: Kanjobe Choir and Kanjobe Craft Cooperative.
- We ran 2 successful events to fundraise for our ongoing community electrification project. In May 2022, our ‘Race for Uganda’ raised over £5,000 followed by ‘Novembabazi’ which raised £380. The National Grid has been extended into the villages, but households lack the funds needed to install an electricity meter (c. £167). We have launched a cost-sharing initiative to connect 1,144 households and public buildings to the National Grid; Project Embabazi contributes 80% of the cost and the household contributes 20%. This project addresses the basic need for electricity for sustainable development; it will radically improve living standards and educational resources and it will unleash huge potential for further development in the area.
- We have provided 45 desks for 3 classrooms at Kyeibale Primary School so that students no longer sit on a dusty floor.
- Building projects were completed at 3 primary schools and 2 secondary schools including classrooms, staff houses and a latrine.

What next for 2023?

- Our ongoing community electrification project across the 5 village communities, including electricity connections at 3 schools. In 2021, 97% of Ugandan electricity came from renewable sources so it is affordable and green once the meters are installed.
- School building projects at 3 primary schools (Kanjobe, Kyeibale and Rwiragaju) and 2 secondary schools (Kamuronko and Kigata)
- A new latrine for Kyeibale Primary School – currently there is 1 latrine for all students, staff, and church members. The queue is long!
- School desks for Rwiragaju Primary School – Project Embabazi helped to build new classrooms and now they need desks
- New latrines for Kamuronko Secondary School – the girls’ latrine is almost full and the boys’ collapsed during heavy rains
- 4 school cows for Kamuronko Secondary School for teaching lessons in agriculture, for milk production and as a source of manure to grow food for the school

All communities have requested ongoing investment in animal sponsorship, school construction projects and teaching resources for art, sport, music and libraries. We are excited by the growth in our child sponsorship scheme and hope to find more new donors for next year.

Thank you to all our generous supporters!

You are helping us to make a real difference in impoverished communities

Who are we?

www.projectembabazi.org.uk

Project Embabazi is a registered UK charity (no. 1161140) established to work with Bakiga communities in rural south-western Uganda to prevent and relieve poverty by providing funding, training and support for sustainable community projects.

Please have a look at our website, Facebook or Instagram page to find out more about our projects, including child, electricity and animal sponsorship schemes, school building and equipment projects and our gift cards. If you are interested in supporting us, please get in touch via projectembabazi@outlook.com



A message from Byamukama Dicky, Ugandan Co-ordinator:



It's human nature to seek happiness but this is difficult to realise in places suffering from abject poverty, hunger, poor education, and diseases.

In southwestern Uganda, among the ethnic Bakiga community, Project Embabazi has continued to support the local people. The charity has been a champion of reversing household misery by funding community projects since 2022. Project Embabazi works with the local community leaders and in-country volunteering staff to provide solutions to local problems.

In the last year, this has included the following projects:

Ecosan toilet: a new composting toilet was completed at Kanjobe Primary school

School Kitchen: constructed at Kanjobe Primary School to feed the teachers and boarding students

Animal Sponsorship: The data below shows the success of this scheme which has improved diets and income:

	Cows	Goats	Piglets	Chicken
Kanjobe area Communities	10	31	67	108
Kyeibale area Communities	6	36	70	98
Kamuronko area Communities	16	53	94	132
Rwiraguju area Communities	4	20	41	90
Kigata area Communities	3	9	32	52
Kategure area Communities (New)	n/a	n/a	7	6

School fees sponsorships: this success is increasing educational opportunities in the community and the opportunity for self-reliance.

Community electrification: Once beneficiary households, churches, schools, the health clinic finally get connected to power, life will never be the same. Imagine a community that has never tasted electricity since the creation of the universe! Electricity will trigger the masses to start up cottage industries thus creation of employment and ultimately lead to financial break through.

School construction projects: there is ongoing work to construct classrooms, latrines and staff houses at 3 primary schools and 2 secondary schools.

Appreciation:

On behalf the local community beneficiaries and my own behalf, we extend our appreciation to the Project Chair, Trustees and all stakeholders that have supported Project Embabazi to carry out its mandate. There is enormous evidence of community transformation in the supported region. There is a genuine appeal from the neighbouring communities that have always yearned to be supported as well. If this request can fit within the strategic plan and budget of the charity, so it be.

Together, we can reverse the poverty levels that cause human suffering in our communities. After all, a candle loses nothing for lighting another.

Wishing you all a happy 2023.

Byamukama Dicky
Project Co-ordinator (U)

Project Embabazi 2022-23 in photos



Kanjobe Primary School Ecosan latrine



Community electrification



Animal sponsorship scheme



Classrooms before floor cementing



Classrooms after floor cementing



Kanjobe Primary School in donated uniform



Kanjobe Craft Cooperative basket weaving



Kanjobe Craft Cooperative sewing bags



Kyeibale Primary School class prior to desk donation



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
School Fees Sponsorship	-	8,974	-	8,974	8,229
Teacher Sponsorship	-	1,140	-	1,140	1,140
Peter Symonds College Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	3,469	1,375	-	4,844	21,607
Craft Donations	-	117	-	117	110
Building Projects Fund Raising Events	-	7,049	-	7,049	655
Animal Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	-
Stipends	-	240	-	240	240
Gift Aid refund	-	7,880	-	7,880	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,469	26,775	-	30,244	31,981
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,469	26,775	-	30,244	31,981
A3 Payments					
School Fees Sponsorship	-	6,298	-	6,298	8,787
Teacher Sponsorship	-	880	-	880	1,186
Craft Co-Operative	-	-	-	-	47
Animal Sponsorship Scheme	-	-	-	-	181
Stipends and in-country volunteer expenses	700	-	-	700	1,035
Other	300	350	-	650	3,592
Building Projects	-	135	-	135	19,384
Trustee Insurance	348	-	-	348	347
Accounts Review, website & miscellaneous	330	-	-	330	487
Sub total	1,678	7,663	-	9,341	35,047
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,678	7,663	-	9,341	35,047
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,791	19,112	-	20,903	- 3,066
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,613	0	-	7,613	10,679
Cash funds this year end	9,404	19,112	-	28,516	7,613

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
		9,404	19,112	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,404	19,112	-
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(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Matthew Hill	28/10/23
	Lauren Lewis	28/10/23



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Project Embabazi

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1161140

Set out on pages

1 and 2 of CC16a attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

K. J. Stratton

Date:

29/10/2023

Name:

Kenneth John Stratton

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.