

Community Based Initiative for Rural Development (CBIRD)

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A great year for CBIRD

Dear friends and well wishers of CBIRD, we are grateful for the support you have rendered our initiative which have enabled us to drive towards our goal – **empowerment through education!**

2011 has been a year of hard work; enabling us to get donations from four charities. From wheels4life we have received funds that have enabled us to purchase bikes for schoolchildren who travel long distances from their homes to their

respective schools. The Allen foundation have contributed essential school funds for two children; Polly Nakyanzi and Kaweesi Denis to clear their school fees for the year.



Above is Kaweesi Denis and his sister Polly Nakyanzi (left). The Allen foundation has supported them to pay their school requirements and tuition. Kaweesi has been promoted to primary three while Nakyanzi to primary six.



Text Books improve reading culture

Text books received this year have greatly improved the reading culture of children in CBIRD's beneficiary schools. In one village where a community library has been established, 247 readers have benefited from the books so far.

Books cater for the needs of readers from different education levels. In the picture to the right, children of Mugwanya



Complex day and boarding primary school are happily reading through the newly donated books from **Read international**.



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Text books received from Read International and these were also shared with Bwala secondary school. A few were retained to help in the community library.

Another CBIRD partner - **Biblionef** donated text books that are being used to serve children in primary, secondary and other levels of education.

Heartfelt thanks go to all those charities that have been the engine for CBIRD during the year.

Hundreds of children from CBIRD’s beneficiary schools have been empowered to move onto the next stage in their education



Pic. Above - Jude, the lead coordinator for CBIRD, stood with Martin Lamb and Holly, representatives of Read International to receive text books on behalf of the beneficiary schools. You have our sincere thanks for your support.



Mugwanya school is the latest school to benefit from CBIRD activities. The children in this school have already started to benefit from donated books, which include biology, English and geography text books, and novels for general reading.

The children told CBIRD that they are so happy to receive the books will be using them in the coming months and years to improve their educational prospects.

Previously, Mugwanya School had very few

books, and could not cater for the needs of its students – with CBIRD’s help, the children have taken the first step to a better future.



Above – The children of Mugwanya enjoy the donated text books

Narozari primary school was the first school to benefit from the activities of CBIRD in 2007. Today, academic performance has greatly improved and more children are able to join secondary schools than ever before.

A step towards food security at Narozari School

In 2009 Narozari primary school started a school garden to help improve the diet of teachers and children in the boarding section. The school has been growing maize, beans, cassava, and potatoes. This year the school started to grow carrots, onions, cabbages and has some fruit ready for consumption.

Great thanks go to the teacher in charge of school gardens for his constant support in this area. Through gardening, children learn agricultural skills and they helped to face the daily demands in their respective households after school.

To the right, from top to bottom; pupils have grown carrots, cabbages and onions to supplement their daily diet and are taught the skills which are needed to help their families grow their own crops in communities where agriculture is often the main, if not the sole, source of income.

In addition, in 2011 local friend of CBIRD donated 25 hand hoes to the school to help them improve their school gardens.

It is also a great achievement for the school to be able to renovate a two class room structure. Thanks to Masks diocesan for their support to Narozari School.



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Other thanks...

Sincere thanks go to our colleague and CBIRD UK Representative; Mr. Chris Elliott Mayanja for his tireless efforts to see that CBIRD gets a website. This has been a great achievement for the year. CBIRD also extend our sincere thanks to Chris Locke from CS Computer Services who designed our website free of charge. Mr Mubiru John Bosco a CBIRD associate who now is on

Netherlands for his studies also has our heartfelt thanks for his work that has kept us going throughout the year. We cannot forget Mr. Lwanga Lwanga a Ugandan residing in the USA for his constant advice. We also thank him for having kindly supported a number of needy children in Narozari area. CBIRD also give special thanks to Ingrid, Janet, Allen and their

team for the love, support and their daily contributions towards CBIRD. All that have not been mentioned but have contributed to CBIRD's work have our heartfelt thanks.

Plans for 2012? Volunteers needed!

In 2012, CBIRD looks forward to improving on 2011 and continuing to improve the educational prospects of children in Uganda.

We hope to roll out our programmes to new schools, as well as improving and building on the success we have had

in CBIRD's current beneficiary schools. Recruiting volunteers will be a major push for 2012, following on from previous successes, as will spreading awareness on the issues around rural remoteness and the problems facing rural communities in Western Uganda.

CBIRD has big plans for 2012, so keep looking at our website, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and lend a hand where you can!

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