

Drought destroys Kabubbu's harvest

Help us feed hungry families this summer



**Quicken
Trust**

Transforming lives in Kabubbu, Uganda

Summer Drought Appeal

The May rains have not come to Kabubbu this year. The impact on the crops has been devastating. Plots of maize that would normally yield 800kg, will produce 100kg at most. Beans are yellowing on the stalk, and the maize plants are only half their usual height. (See cover photo).

Many families in rural Kabubbu have to grow the food they need to survive. Beans and maize form a staple part of their diet, with the annual rains strengthening the crop. Any surplus harvest can be sold to pay for children's school fees and other essentials.

When a crop fails, there is no help from the government, no local benefit system, and prices of buying food in rockets, as demand for imported crops shoots up.

No food equals starvation.

We want to raise £16,000

This buys enough maize and beans to relieve the immediate danger.

We also want to plan for the future, by building a reservoir tank that can be topped up by rain water. In the event of a future drought, farmers can use this to keep their crops growing.

Will you help us save Kabubbu from a summer of hunger?

Very few beans have grown this year



How to give:



Scan the QR code

with your phone camera to use our online form



or use this web address:

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Enterprise Appeal

As well as tackling current problems, it's important we still support the people of Kabubbu in creating opportunities for the future.

A group of 15 women from Kabubbu Community Church have formed a small business, making and binding school exercise books. They work 80 – 90 hours per week using the back of the church as their workspace.

These high quality books are made and sold to provide a vital income for these women, not only to feed their families but also as fees for their children's education.

For their 80+ hour week, each member earns £22 per week, or 25p per hour.



A bookbinder displays her work

Their process is completely manual, but the group can produce up to 500 books every day!

At the moment there is higher demand than they can meet. A binding machine would speed up the process massively, allowing the group to complete a week's worth of books in a single day.

We would love to supply them with a binding machine and a pack of supplies to kickstart the upscaling of this profitable business.

As well as covering the drought relief, the £16,000 we hope to raise would also cover these small but valuable costs.



To reflect the urgency and scale of the drought, funds raised will be split 80:20 between the Drought Appeal and Enterprise Appeal

Malaria Prevention Saves Lives!

with Enoch Kagoda, CEO of Kabubbu Development Project

“Malaria is the most common killer disease that affects children and people in Kabubbu and in Africa at large.

Last year 2023, the average number of patients who tested positive for malaria was at 20% of all those that had a malaria test.

In December 2023, Quicken Trust ran a campaign of raising money to buy a blanket and mosquito net for all the children in the primary school.

KDP appreciates Quicken Trust and all the sponsors who donated towards this noble cause of reducing the rate of malaria cases in the community.

503 children benefited from this fund and each of them was able to get a blanket and a mosquito net.”

Quicken Trust Chair of Trustees, Simon Barnett, added his thanks to all the Quicken Trust supporters who have made this Appeal a resounding success. It is wonderful to know that these simple gifts are keeping children safe and warm in their homes.



Top:
Mosquito net
installed in a
bunk bed



Left:
Kabubbu children
receive their
blankets and nets.

New Nursery Classroom

Under construction thanks to School Skipathon

Last Christmas, in addition to the mosquito nets and blankets, we also started to raise money for a new nursery classroom.

To help us reach our target we enlisted the help of over 1,000 primary age children both here in the UK and at Kabubbu Community Primary School.

We were able to live stream video from Kabubbu of the children skipping in the halls of three primary schools in Eastbourne. All the children were very excited!

Children at the Haven School skipping along with Kabubbu children, thanks to a live web stream.



Now they can see the fruits of all their hard work.

Instead of a drafty wooden shack,, the children have a wonderful new classroom, almost completed and ready for occupation!

We will be sharing the grand opening on our Facebook page soon.

Our thanks go to

all the children, teachers, parents and donors from Willingdon Primary School, The Haven C of E and Methodist Primary School, Stafford Junior School and of course the children of Kabubbu. We couldn't have done it without you.

Who's up for doing it all again next year!

Kabubbu Health Centre

with Susan Babirye, Deputy Executive Director

Babirye Mayimuna's story

“A pregnant teenager, economically deprived, with no employment for both her and her spouse, entered preterm labour and was referred to Kawempe National Referral Hospital for further management where she delivered a baby weighing 1.3kgs, which was too small and needed extra care.

The parents could not afford its care. A Community Health Worker (CHW) identified her in the community and followed up the mother to her home, assessed their living conditions and reported back to the facility and the rest is history.

A new mother
receives vital supplies

Our Joys

Because of the CHWs program, clients served within the community increased by 67%. By the Grace of God we have managed to get connected to like minded partners like Gould Family Foundation who support this program. However, we still believe for more support in order to increase the number of CHWs and extend further in the community.

Renovation of the health facility has also seen a cashier's cabin constructed and in March a cashier recruited to oversee cash collection from our private clients who have increased in number.”



Kakura Harriet: an answer to prayer

“Harriet is a dedicated staff member at Kabubbu Health Centre. A senior Midwife, now nurse anesthetist after attending a certificate in Anesthesia at Mulago.

She completed this course in December 2023 and is currently supporting theatre operations for which recently we could use part time personnel.

Kakura Harriet at work



This came with a lot of challenges including delays, inefficiency which at times undermined health outcomes for our patients.

So we prayed for an always available anesthetist and Glory to God we have one in Harriet today. Harriet was supported by KDP in pursuing this course and we'd like to thank KDP and our Quicken Trust funders for this.

She is always available whenever there is an operation and this has improved decision making for good health outcomes for our patients.”

For your prayers and support

We haven't adopted an IT and data capturing system due to high implementation costs and this compromises efficiency, quality and timeliness for decision making.

Remember we are private not for profit so funding for growth currently depends on donor support!

In Pictures: Kabubbu Community Primary School



The new school year began on 5th February.

This year 54 children will complete their primary education and sit their Primary Leavers Exams in November.

Prefects are elected for the class.



Children wait at the start line in Athletics class.



Students are guided in their work by a Project Counsellor

Primary School staff met with the Human Resource and Project Counsellor, to stay up to date with their Child Protection Policy.



For your prayers and support

Retaining students is always a challenge, especially when their parents struggle to pay the school fees.

This leads to absenteeism, low numbers of students in some classes, and students dropping out when their parents can't afford to send them to school any more.

This is why donations from supporters like you are so important.

Trust High School

by Idude Tom, Headteacher at Trust High School

“I take this opportunity to extend our warm greetings to you all dear readers. We give Glory to God for His Grace and Mercy for the notable achievements of our first term of the academic year 2024.

In our first term of school at Trust High School -Kabubbu we participated in the annual Phaneroo Men's Conference on the 20th April 2024 organised by Phaneroo Ministries International at Kololo independence grounds in Kampala.

The conference was open to all men of all walks of life, age, race, affiliations, and professions. Our students interacted with men from all walks of life and a lot was shared.

The purpose of the conference was to engage men in their roles and assignments as sons, fathers, and husbands with the objective of transforming, inspiring and challenging them to become nation-builders, consummate professionals, and figures of inspiration in their families, market place, and communities.

Among the subjects we were addressed about included, among others, financial management and investments; grooming and well-being, career development, leadership in the family, workplace, and community; and relationships. There were also opportunities of social interaction and networking.

Our programs were adjusted to emphasize spiritual growth and maturity where staff took the lead in the various services e.g. in praise and worship with the students, preaching and community outreaches to the community. ”



“We also revived sports activities where our students participated in inter-class sports competitions, and inter-house competitions.

As we open for term two, we plan to hold friendly matches with various schools as a preparation activity plan for national competitions.

We are however challenged by lack of modern instruments to boost praise and worship in our services, sports kits for both student's team and staff team. The country as a whole is hit by economic hard times which has also affected our activities at school, for example failure to secure the necessary tools for our students to fully participate in all national sports events.”



Above: High School students in uniform at the school gate.

Below: Players shake hands after a football game.



Business School

brings financial stability to Kabbubu women

Atenyi was a poor woman in the community who attended the business school training by KDP.

“Atenyi was originally doing odd jobs which could hardly give her enough money to feed her family. After the training she was given a basic start-up and right now she has a shop for home commodities, is earning better, and is able to look after her family.

Gift Nansamba was a housewife completely depending on the little money given to her by her husband. Her biggest lesson from Street Business School offered by KDP was learning how to save that money. From these regular small savings, now she has opened up a big shop serving her community and improving greatly on the family income.



Matooke sold on a Uganda street stall.

Juliet initially had a small matooke [banana] stall, but through street business school training, she learnt to explore other income opportunities.

With the small startup given to her by KDP, she was able to venture into other areas of trade, especially the items greatly needed in the community. She is now earning better and her business has expanded.”