



Ugandan Report

14TH AUGUST, 2008

We convey greetings to One Village Australia and everyone.

We joyfully feel and fulfill the responsibility of letting you know everything happening in Namwendwa, as a responsibility entrusted to us. As we have come to the end of Term II, which started on Monday 26th May and ended on Friday 15th August 2008, we take the opportunity to report what has taken place during the course.

We received funds; for the scholarship scheme for the girls worth shs 1,300,000 (one million three hundred thousand Ug shs. Shillings) and for the agriculture project and kitchen/store building worth shs 3,000,000= (three million Ug. Shillings) the details of the accountability have been posted. The expenditures were done accordingly. We therefore extend our greatest thanks and appreciation to everybody for the kind support to the people of Namwendwa Community.

The enrollment at both schools has been observed with an increase compared to last year's enrollments. The enrollments have been as follows: -

Namwendwa Primary School

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
P.1	128	146	274
P.2	142	150	292
P.3	115	135	250
P.4	90	116	206
P.5	92	108	200
P.6	75	90	165
P.7	46	54	100
TOTAL	688	799	1487

St. Peter's Secondary School

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
S.1	152	123	275
S.2	140	112	252
S.3	87	74	161
S.4	65	39	104
TOTAL	444	348	792



Achievement and Progress

Achievements and progress in projects have been realised in all corners of Namwendwa Community. The achievements for this term have been:

Achievements scheme for girls at St. Peters S.S. at great success and its progressing.

Construction of the kitchen/store building, now at wall plate (roofing level).

We bought agricultural implements such as hoes, forked hoes, rakes, spray pump, gum boots, strings, Jeri cans and pick axes (mattocks). We bought seeds and seedlings such as maize, onions, egg plants, sukuma wiki, passion and beans. We slashed, ploughed and re-ploughed (used tractor), the area for planting the crops, and was thoroughly done.

Inviting and regular consultations with the sub-county agriculture extension officer and the community skilled persons in growing the various crops.

Besides the one village programs, we also planted 120 (one hundred and twenty) tree seedlings to help in further improving of the environment. These were developed from the seeds sent to schools from tree talk - a section of straight talk foundation (STF).

All the above achievement and progress would not have been possible without the effort and determination of one village – Australia.

Bravo! Bravo! One Village – Australia. Having been able to achieve those ones partly, we hope that the remaining part of the funds as budgeted, shall help to complete the remaining parts of the projects.

For effectiveness and to achieve the agriculture objectives, the staff was sub divided into three sections; the staff was sub divided into three sections; growing maize, vegetables and fruits, each with a group leader.

Challenges

There have been a number of challenges, which we encountered in the course of this term as below:

Increase of prices of commodities has been very high compared to the time we made the budget. That is to say; The increase in petroleum prices and food, due to food scarcity in the neighbours, has affected transport and commodity costs, in our case, the cost of agricultural equipments.

Climatic changes also have affected the regularity of rainfall, as it is not much as in the first planting season of the year.

We ran short of funds for administration, ever since you sent to us last year. And yet we cannot divert funds meant for other projects.

Failure to complete fencing at the roadside of the garden, and fencing the vegetable garden to protect them during our holidays.



We are very grateful to the people of Australia who welcomed the idea of one village Australia Committee, for their great work of funding projects in Uganda and in particular Namwendwa, to the achievements we have realised. The students of both primary and secondary and the staff convey their sincere gratitude to One Village Australia and a special one to Nikki Lovel "The path finder and candle lightener". With your greatest determination, the one village-Namwendwa, will continue to water the smallest seed, that change can be realised (from smallest seed grows change), and make the Namwendwa Community to live in greater heights.

On behalf of One Village – Namwendwa, the Vice President "Allen" wishes everybody there wonderful prosperity.

NOTE: 1. Term III (3rd term) begins on the 15th Sept. 2008 and to end on the 5th December 2008.
We have also posted report cards for the scholarship girls, receipts, photos, and memory cards.

Best wishes

Moses and Andrew
-Ugandan Committee