

# SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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## ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN GIFTS

This month's newsletter starts with some very happy faces of Musoto Christian School pupils on our Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) scheme receiving exercise books, pens, pencils and a solar powered torch. All 120 children on the programme were given these vital supplies to help them study, as their families cannot afford to buy the items for them. Read more about the OVC project at

<https://www.hsoa.org.uk/orphan-vulnerable-children-programme>



## CHILDHOOD ILLNESS TRAINING

Much like CPD (Continuous Professional Development) in the UK, our Community Health Promoters (CHPs) continue to receive training post-graduation. It's an important part of our work and something that we are very proud to be able to provide. This month our CHPs were learning about childhood illnesses and their early detection. It's so important to raise awareness about recognising illnesses at an early stage which is often very difficult in small children. This training was part of the UK Aid Direct programme.



<https://www.ukaiddirect.org/about/where-we-work>

Spotlight is run entirely by volunteers, so over 95p of every £1 you donate goes directly to our projects. With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!

# FORGING LINKS - TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

## UK AID DIRECT VISIT

Callum from UK Aid Direct has just been out to Uganda as part of a routine in-country assessment of the project work they are supporting following our successful application for their Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF) grant.

<https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/sccf/>

His visit started with a UK/Uganda working group Zoom meeting that included

- Dr Bethan Rees (UK Project Lead),
  - Richard Okotel (Uganda Project Lead),
  - Dr Edith Fomum (Uganda Medical Advisor) and
  - Joseph Osokeny (Uganda Health Educator)
- amongst many others.



The team in Uganda really enjoyed having Callum in Mbale and talking to him about the projects UK Aid Direct is supporting and are already looking forward to welcoming him back for his next visit.

## WORKAID TOOLS

Our team in Uganda have just received another bulk donation from **WorkAid** - 31 high quality tools for our carpentry training programme for which we are incredibly grateful. Economic Development is one of the 4 core areas that we work in as we believe that only by integrating Health, Education, Clean Water and providing a source of income can we truly uplift the communities we support.

<https://workaid.org/>



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Our work promoting health education doesn't just happen in Uganda. We are also very active in raising awareness in the UK and are honoured to have been invited to attend the UK-East Africa Summit in the House of Commons this week. The Spotlight on Africa team gave a presentation to 40 delegates from East Africa including Diana Atwiine, Permanent Secretary of the Uganda Ministry of Health, who is incredibly supportive of our Maternity Centre. Sincere thanks to HSoA Patron Bim Afolami MP who was our host for the day.



## NAMATALA SECONDARY SCHOOL



Image of the classroom block

Last month we told you about the groundbreaking ceremony that was held for the new secondary school we will be building in Namatala. This month we wanted to share some of the images and information we have just received from **CAUKIN Studio** for Phase 1 of the building works. This project will be hugely beneficial to the area and finally provide a place for 1200 pupils to continue their education after they graduate from Primary School.

The site will have a campus feel and accommodate several different buildings including 10 classrooms, a library and boarding accommodation for around 240 pupils.

The structure of the buildings on site will follow the traditional method of construction in Uganda; a reinforced concrete frame, infilled with ISSB bricks.



Interlocking stabilised soil blocks (ISSB) will be used due to their economic and environmental advantages:

- Increased structural stability of the wall by interlocking the bricks reduces the amount of mortar required.
- Using locally available soil blocks means the cost will be significantly cheaper than the alternatives.

- Their clean aesthetic also means the walls can be left exposed without the need for render.
- And their manufacture does not contribute to deforestation unlike the more commonly used 'fired' bricks.

Eucalyptus is another low-cost material that will be used throughout the buildings for solar shading in the verandah spaces and visual screening in the corridors.



We are all very excited about this project and will be giving you lots more updates about its progress throughout the year.

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