

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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Dear Friends of Spotlight on Africa,
We are writing to inform you of the sad news that Jean Lale has passed away aged 95. Jean was one of the founders of the charity back in 2006, and helped to provide the vision for what has turned out to be an amazing charity delivering life-changing projects in Uganda.

The funeral service will take place on Monday and the details can be found on the card opposite for those who would be interested in attending.

We are all so grateful for the charity's vision that Jean helped to create and the heart she felt for the poor of Africa. Long may we maintain that vision in all of our current and future projects.

With all good wishes,

Hefin

Hefin Rees KC

Chair of Spotlight on Africa

Spotlight is run entirely by volunteers, so over 95p of every £1 you donate goes directly to our projects in Uganda.

With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!

In loving memory of

Jean Charlotte Lale

7th July 1928 - 7th September 2023

Funeral Service
Monday 25th September 2023 | 12.40pm
Mortlake Crematorium, Kew Meadows Path, Townmead Rd, London TW9 4EN

Followed by a gathering

Social Media

We're excited to let you know that Spotlight on Africa has recently established a Twitter account and LinkedIn page! They join our existing Facebook and Instagram accounts to give 4 social media platforms for you to follow us on. Please feel free to have a look at them.

MAYOR VISITS MATERNITY CENTRE

Last week the Mayor of Mbale visited our Maternity Centre to meet some of the mothers who had given birth there and were staying on the postnatal ward. After the visit he went to the Town Clerk's office to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, which establishes the Public Private Partnership agreement and includes our Maternity Centre. Spotlight on Africa and the District's Council will be working together to make the clinic a Centre of Excellence, providing life-saving maternal health care to the poorest of the poor.



CLASSROOM BLOCK

Building work on the classroom block for the new secondary school is progressing really well.

We have started making the Interlocking Stabilised Soil Blocks (ISSB) that will be used for the walls. They are incredibly environmentally friendly and affordable, while still meeting rigorous building standards.

These ISSB bricks dramatically reduce the impact on the environment as compared to alternatives such as fired brick, they avoid carbon emissions during production and construction and save thousands of trees.

We have purchased an ISSB machine that can make 1,500 bricks per day. We have 10 workers dedicated to brick making as we need 30,000 for this stage of the works!



40 additional construction workers are concentrating on the rest of the building works. They have been busy with the steel and concrete columns that were constructed on the ground floor to support the upper floors.



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CLASSROOM BLOCK

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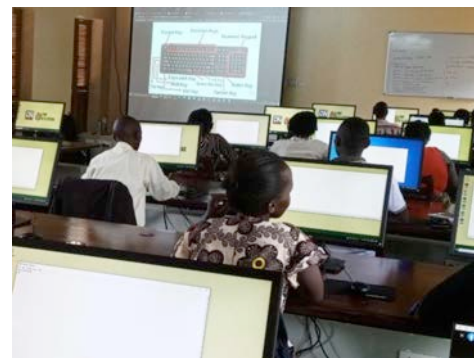
Following the column construction, the workers have moved on to the first floor and are using temporary wooden supports to start the framing for the first floor slab.



ICT CENTRE

Our Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Centre is gaining interest both at local level and nationally, as it is the first of its kind in Uganda. Please have a read through this fantastic article about the centre that was published by Africa Legal

<https://www.africa-legal.com/news-detail/technological-leg-up-for-ugandan-community>



If you're interested in getting involved with Spotlight on Africa, please email enquiries@hsoa.org.uk

CARPENTRY GRADUATES

Our carpentry students have now come to the end of their training and are ready to graduate. There are 24 from last year - 4 women and 20 men, two of whom are deaf. And a further 14 from this year, making a total of 38 student carpenters graduating which is just fantastic. As part of their training they worked diligently on the furniture for the ICT room, making chairs and tables of extremely high quality. We absolutely love the

amalgamation between these different projects as we believe that working with an integrated approach is the way to truly uplift the whole community.



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