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### Investing in education



**Pupils sing the Zambian national anthem during the opening of new classrooms and teacher housing at Matondo community school.**



#### **African Revival secures UK Aid Match**

For 3 months from September 2014, African Revival will run an appeal to raise funds to improve the quality of Early Childhood Education for children in Northern Uganda. For the duration of the 3 month appeal the Department for International Development (DFID) will match pound for pound any donation from an individual that African Revival receives. This is a fantastic opportunity for our donors to maximise their support and for AR to make a difference to the lives of future generations in Uganda.

AR has a target of raising £250,000, which when matched will be £500,000! If we exceed our target DFID will continue to match all donations we receive, further helping the work AR does to support primary education.

In the communities we serve in Uganda there is no government provision of nursery education. Parents have set up their own community nursery schools with the meagre resources they have, as they recognise the significance of pre-primary education on their own children's development. Our project will provide resources and materials, train teachers, construct playgrounds and mentor the community to improve the quality of nursery education.

We hope you will continue your generous support to us throughout the appeal to help us reach our target!

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## Updates from Zambia



### **Newly constructed classrooms in Matondo.**

In April 2014 AR completed and handed over a new classroom block and twin staff house to Matondo Community School in Zambia.

The new classroom block (above) contains two classrooms and an office with a built-in strong room. Exam papers and results can now be kept safely in school, the last requirement that needed to be met before Matondo can become a Government Basic School, and as a result receive government funds. The school now plans to enrol a grade 8 class for the first time too. The structure was handed over with pupil desks, and furniture for the new office.

With the new twin staff house, Matondo Community School are able to apply for 2 more government trained teachers and provide accommodation for them and their families. This will go a long way to boosting the quality of education at the school.

At the handover, the Head Teacher praised AR and our supporter for the work completed at Matondo and promised to work hard to make the school succeed!

### **Community Teacher Training Programme**

Our teacher training sponsorship scheme in Zambia launched in April 2014. AR selected twenty existing untrained community teachers from schools we support. Over the next three years the teachers will attend the Teacher Training College in Monze. They will study during school holidays and teach at their respective schools during the term. T

AR can currently support these teachers until 2015, and we will be looking to raise funds to enable them to finish their studies and improve the quality of teaching in some of the neediest schools in Zambia.

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### Doubt Mazuba

Doubt Mazuba from Muumba Community School is one of the community teachers selected to receive training. He is a young and committed teacher who wants to see his pupils pass their grade 7 exams and carry on to secondary school: "I am so thankful for this opportunity and I will work very hard to become a government teacher after the three years at College. This will help not only me but the whole community at Muumba."

### Construction Works in Zambia

AR's Zambia team has been busy so far in 2014. We have supplied 124 desks, and other furniture to Matondo, Muumba and Siamwaamvwa Community School, and we are about to complete more construction projects by the end of Spring!

We are nearing completion of classrooms at Muumba Community School and Mabuyu Basic School and the construction of a twin staff house at Musebela Community School. Next month AR will start the construction of a double VIP latrine block at Musebela, which will boost both the hygienic situation and morale at the school.

### Right: Materials are inspected for quality at Bwacha primary school



In every school we support the community always provides materials like bricks, river sand, crushed stones and gravel, while AR provides technical support and hard to access materials, like iron sheets for the roof and door frames. This partnership with the community allows us to achieve more with our donor's money! Our next construction priority is Bwacha Basic School where we need to build a 1x3 classroom block to provide enough learning space for the 637 pupils. The community has already shown its commitment by providing enough upfront materials for the project to start any time from now!

## New appointments at African Revival

### Andrew White– Chief Executive

AR has appointed a new African-based CEO for the first time. Andrew has worked at AR since 2011, running our programmes in Uganda, and will continue to be based there under his promotion to CEO in March.

Having lived and worked in Swaziland, Malawi and Uganda, Andrew brings over 7 years experience in international development to the role. In his time with us, Andrew has forged successful relationships with a number of partners and donors, including the EU, SNV, and the Japanese Embassy.

Andrew is excited about the future of the charity and is especially keen to work closely with our school communities to improve access to, and quality of education in the schools we support.

### Nathan Srokosz– Chief Financial Officer

Nathan has joined AR after four years at PwC as an auditor, where he obtained his chartered accountants status. Nathan will oversee the entire organisation's finances as well as operational functions.

He is committed to AR's mission and believes strongly NGOs can learn lessons from the private sector. His knowledge, experience and passion will benefit AR as we strive to be as effective and efficient as possible.



African Revival is also delighted to welcome to its new Advisory Council former trustee Dr David Taylor MA FSA and Professor Michael Day, Deputy Provost and Director, School of Education, Roehampton University.

### African Revival annual ball 2014

**Tickets are selling fast for our annual ball. This years Blackadder themed extravaganza will be taking place at the Dorchester Hotel on **September 26th**. For more information on how you can book a table, call us on 020 8939 3190 or email [info@africanrevival.org](mailto:info@africanrevival.org)**

**African Revival is pleased to announce that we have re-launched our website at [www.africanrevival.org](http://www.africanrevival.org). This new site will enable us to give you more updates about our work. Stay tuned for brand new content in the coming months.**