

African Revival

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We recently visited Siamwaamvwa, a school in Zambia's Zimba district, to see the difference clean water, washed hands and adequate toilets make to rural schools. Established in 2003 by the local community, the school has 560 pupils who attend from surrounding villages — with some children walking 13km each day to get to school.

Sourcing water remains a continuous problem for the school as the district is very dry and barren. There are five boreholes in the village, but all are dysfunctional. The next nearest water source is a river which is a 5km walk away. In the dry season, water levels become very low and water becomes increasingly scarce. To counteract this, African Revival is repairing the school's borehole, which will benefit the whole community.

Currently the children and teachers use rudimentary hut pit latrines which are unhygienic and close to collapse, so with funding from Just a Drop we are constructing latrines for teachers, girls and boys, along with girls washing and changing facilities, and also installing hand washing facilities. The school will set up a maintenance committee upon completion to ensure that the latrines can serve children and teachers for many years to come.

In addition to improving hygiene at the school, the facilities will be particularly beneficial to girls, as they will be able to wash and change during menstruation, rather than miss class. These facilities will make a huge difference to school life when the children return in September.





Meet Peter

In July this year we welcomed Peter Ftabu as our new Country Director in Uganda. Peter comes with more than 20 years' experience working with NGOs in a number of sectors using different approaches, such as the Rights Based Approaches, direct implementation vs Partnerships, participatory Policy engagements and Advocacy, and Sports for Development and Peace.

"I am motivated
to be part of that
legacy African
Revival
programmes are
creating among
the children and
their families in
Northern
Uganda."



Peter's last role was with Right To Play, and working with the children in that role for the last 8 years has made Peter very passionate about children's rights.

Peter explained his motivation for joining the African Revival team: "Our programmes are unique and holistic in nature and address all aspects of a child's learning and development."

"I am looking forward to building partnerships, engaging in networks and identifying in-country funding opportunities for growth and support of the existing programme so that the children we work with benefit most."

'Tis the season to be jolly...

We're pleased to announce that this year we'll be holding a Christmas Carol Concert! Join us for some merry yuletide fun on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church in Hampton Hill. As well as top carols from a selection of local choirs, there will also be delicious mince pies. tasty mulled wine and a festive raffle. What better way to start the Christmas season?! Book now to avoid disappointment on the night (tickets £10). Call the office or visit our website for tickets.

Empowering teachers to bring about change



It's official: Teachers are change-makers

Over the past few months, our **jumpstart!** team and our partners STIR Education have been mobilising "teacher-changer networks" in the Nwoya district of Northern Uganda. The networks, which meet 4 times a term, act as forums for teachers to brainstorm ways to improve their schools. In the past, innovations have included strategies for improving school discipline, as well as school hygiene.

We recently learnt that from 1,000 micro-innovation submissions nationwide, two of our fantastic jumpstart! teachers have been

"We really want to work together because we all have the same goal: to see our pupils succeed."

Denis, K2 teacher at St Kizito Bidati

selected as finalists.

Our teachers, Stephen and Charles, came up with innovations to energise their classes and increase punctuality and attendance. The ideas will now be implemented in classrooms nationwide. They will be congratulated officially at a year-end summit in Kampala, receiving certificates from Roehampton University and STIR Education. We send our congratulations on to Charles and Stephen and all the teachers we work with, for continuing to inspire change and bring about a better quality education for their pupils.

