

# Keep Girls in School and the Sky is the limit



African Revival is supporting over 4,600 girls in Uganda and Zambia with sanitary resources and training every year.



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# The Programme



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## OVERVIEW:

Due to a successful first year of the project, and partners including ATD Foundation, Just A Drop, Future For Kids, Wilmslow Wells for Africa, and BFSS supporting construction elements of the programme - such as latrines, boreholes and handwashing facilities (along with other trusts and supporters) we have expanded the project to 15 schools in Zambia - meaning we now support 38 schools in Uganda and Zambia supporting over 4,600 girls every year.

## PAD PROVISION:

In both Uganda and Zambia our pads are produced by local organisations that employ women in the community (EasyPads in Uganda & CHODORT in Zambia). This year we've adjusted materials based from feedback from the girls - which we collect as an ongoing monitoring method.

## ADVOCACY:

We are delighted to announce that to strengthen our girls education programmes African Revival Uganda have been awarded a grant from AmplifyChange to run a one year advocacy project in Northern Uganda. The project will launch in July and will fund design of local language information materials, events at schools, and a series of radio shows discussing girls education and key barriers to it. We are looking to support as many local partners as possible, both with material provision and by offering a platform to discuss their work. Please email [catherine.inch@africanrevival.org](mailto:catherine.inch@africanrevival.org) for more information.

## MH Day 2019:

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African Revival is part of a global movement that celebrated Menstrual Hygiene Day on the 28th May. The day is particularly important to us as we operate in communities that often stigmatise menstruation - negatively impacting the academic attainment of girls.

You can still join the conversation across social media.

## TRAINING & DATA COLLECTION:

Now that schools have started again for the year we'll be collecting our first year of data - looking at how the project has impacted retention and performance amongst girls at target schools. We're starting to work more with the community this year, and will be monitoring how community attitudes change throughout our project.

## CONSTRUCTION:

After constructing latrines at 2 schools in the first year of our programme we began construction of pupil and staff latrines at Palukere Primary School in April - supported by the British Foreign School Society. The school had no functioning girls latrines, so the project will make a big difference. The community contribute bricks and local materials to all of our construction projects.

## PAD PROVISION:

Easypads is a social enterprise based in Jinja, Uganda - that employs women from the local community. This year we are going with a slightly different design based on feedback from the girls.

## COMMUNITY:

This year our focus is shifting more to involving the community in our wider activities. We've been using drama to tackle issues that are more taboo in Uganda, and because children have already been trained in Y1 of the project they are able to teach and guide their parents through the workshops.

Last year we gave teachers manuals developed by Irise Uganda, supporting their own roles as trainers for pupils. This year we'll continue to support them so that they can deliver training on their own after the grant duration.

## ADVOCACY:

We're working with local partners and government to break down taboos and make sure girls are attending school. Our focus on producing materials in the local language will ensure they benefit the most rural communities.



# Uganda in pictures



Justin Ogen, Hygiene and Sanitation Officer





## CONSTRUCTION:

In Zambia the rains put a significant halt on construction which is just beginning again. This year the rains were very low, which means there will be a huge lack of water, and probably drought later in the year - making supporting schools with sustainable water sources to prevent their closure a key priority for the Zambian organisation.

Construction of latrines and handwashing facilities at Munyene School have started, supported by the German Embassy, as have construction of staff latrines and a girls changing room at Nachoncho School supported by Just A Drop. At Namabondo School the ATD foundation have just confirmed support of latrines and a borehole, the community will start collecting locally available building materials over the coming weeks.

Although we had two dry borehole digs last year, we have had a successful second dig at Nachoncho School (supported by Futures for Kids) using a traditional water diviner. At Siamoono (supported by Wilmslow Wells for Africa) we will be providing piped water from a new borehole the government put in at the Secondary School. Water is so important at rural schools, and without it many of them will not be able to stay open for the dry season.

## TRAINING & PAD PROVISION:

We supported almost 600 girls in Zambia with pads last year, and this number will increase as we expand to reach more schools with the programme this year. The training has been going well, and Miyoba (our Sanitation Officer) has been running drama workshops with the community to try and make it easier for parents and children to discuss difficult topics.

Feedback collected at the end of last year indicates that most girls were using rags or bits of cloth before the project began. Teachers have confirmed that attendance amongst girls is up, and they no longer remain home every month. We'll be monitoring how this affects academic attainment for girls in the coming year - and look forward to sharing our results.



# Zambia in Pictures

Inge Akerboom, Country Manager

