

Final Donor Report



Background

In 2018, funding from The Allen Trust, The Rasche Family Charitable and other contributions including an underspend from a previous latrine project, enabled African Revival to complete 1x3 Classroom Blocks at 3 schools: Aditiru, Nyakaliso and Anyau Community Primary Schools in Koboko District, Northern Uganda. These were handed over in February 2019.

All three community primary schools are very remote – located in the Kuluba and Ludara Sub Counties of the Koboko District of Northern Uganda, which borders South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. AR has expanded to West Nile in the year 2017 due to the influx of refugees.

Classrooms were a priority at all three schools as the children were being taught lessons in temporary structures.

Many children of school going age are out of school due several factors including a lack of safe learning structures, trained teachers, and scholastic materials.

The vast majority of teachers at these schools are untrained, with wages supported by community contributions. The community contributions are very low, leading to high staff turnover. The Local Government leadership has submitted an application to the Ministry of Education and Sports for coding of the schools, which would enable government funded teachers to be posted to the schools. This construction project will support the application.

Community engagement started by this project is leading to more participation of the parents. They have been making bricks, quarrying sand, collecting stones and paying their PTA fees.

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Image Caption:
The newly completed
CRB block

CRB Block

The students were studying in temporary structures, church buildings or under trees.



A good classroom contributes to a good learning environment as a teacher can organise, display and teach the class without external distractions (rain, wind, noise, etc) which would otherwise impact the concentration of the learners.

In Anyau one of the structures nearly collapsed on pupils as the wooden poles were being eaten by termites. Not only were the previous structures unsafe, students did not have furniture and on a windy/rainy day the roofs leaked – ending or disrupting lessons.

According to the ministry of Education and Sports in Uganda the teacher pupil ratio is 1:50 per classroom whereas in this location some classes have over 80 students in a classroom.

Construction of the new 3 room classroom blocks implemented by AR Uganda, are now ready to benefit an estimated 900 learners.

The Need



Project Implementation

Work began on the 1st July 2018 with a formal site handover to the selected contractors in the presence of both community and district leaders, who were expected to commence work in seven days for the handover date. The community pledged to collect local materials, hard core stones and clay burnt bricks as their contribution for the local materials.

Nyakaliso, Aditiru and Anyau community schools' parents made contributions of local materials. These were collected prior to the commencement of the project.

The community provided storage facilities, security for construction materials and guided contractor to sources of local materials on top of contributing about 9,000 pieces of burnt clay bricks, 8 trips of sand, 9 trips of hard-core stones at each Community Primary School.

The district leaders support the project well – along with our construction manager, Vincent Komakech - they conducted joint monitoring and inspection of our all projects to ensure compliance with design, specifications and the district development plan.

The community have also developed regular participation in school activities with Aditiru community primary school parents producing 8,000 pieces of bricks ready to be fired and other local materials for future construction projects.

Furnished classrooms will now make teaching more productive and meaningful. They will provide safety and security of students, learning materials and other school resources.

The Senior District Inspector of Schools - Koboko district, Mr. Dragamulai said “*Nyakaliso community had the highest dropout rate in the district,*” but now enrolment has increased by over 100% at both Nyakaliso and Aditiru Schools. The acting head teacher of Anyau said “*African Revival is the pride of the area*” as they had not previously had any permanent classrooms in the entire community. With the start of AR projects in the Schools, there has been continuous enrolment of learners, better commitment of the teachers, and high cooperation of community members.

There is good maintenance of the latrines that AR supported with the schools in 2017. This is encouraging, and is one of the reasons we would like to continue working with these schools.

The schools serve 3 villages with approximately 1,200 households and enrolment has increased at all three schools:

- Aditiru primary schools from 219 in 2018 to 494 in 2019.
- Nyakaliso from 224 in 2018 to 473 in 2019 out of these 222 are refugees
- Anyau has had a steady increase from 473 to 483 and is expecting this level of enrolment to continue increasing as students often take several weeks to enrol at the start of the academic year.

According to the Secretary Social Services - Mrs. Grace Goro “*Koboko District Local Government have introduced a policy that if a parent refuses to send a child to school the district will act on him/her starting this term Feb. 2019*”. We hope that with this infrastructure in place, the ordinance enforcement will continue to increase enrolment of students.

The schools still have other needs including resource books, clean water sources, trained teachers and teacher accommodation.

Progress in Pictures



Classroom
Block under
construction

Furniture in
the new CRB



New CRB block
at Anyau



Progress in Pictures



Aditiru Classrooms before



New CRB at final painting stage



Parents' contribution in progress



Newly completed
at Aditiru School





Chairperson SMC
receiving keys from the
Chairman Local Council
V Koboko district of the
new CRB block at
Nyakaliso

Receiving keys
for the new CRB
block in Anyau
School



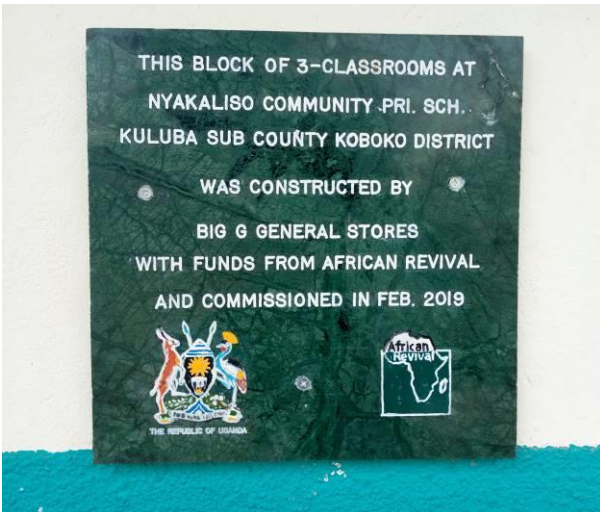
Section of the
students testing
the furniture on
handover



Nyakaliso Community Primary School



Students on the handover day at Nyakaliso School



Wall plaque, furniture in the classroom and rear view of the new block



Budget and Expenditure

The construction of 3 blocks of 1x3 CRBs were carried out using a donation of **£73,469.25** (an equivalent of **330,611,610 UGX**).

Description	UGX	GBPS
3 blocks of 1x3 CRBS	330,611,610	73,469.25
		£73,469.25

* Exchange rate used – UGX/£4500

**Thank you for your time, commitment and support
for African Revival**