

Final Donor Report- Koboko Latrines Project



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Image Caption:

The newly completed
latrine blocks

Background

In 2017 funding reallocated from the Wudu School Project in South Sudan (with donor approval) and additional funds from African Revival enabled us to complete the construction of 60 latrines for boys, girls, and staff at 5 schools in the Koboko District: Busia, Oyiga, Aditiru, Nyakaliso and Anyao Community Primary Schools. These were completed and handed over in October 2017.

All these Community Primary Schools are situated in the remote parts of Kuluba and Ludara Sub Counties, Koboko District in West Nile - Northern Uganda, bordering South Sudan and Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). AR has expanded to West Nile region this year to help schools struggling with an influx of refugees from South Sudan and the DRC.

Sanitation needs were identified as a key priority at these 5 schools – to prevent spread of diseases such as cholera breaking out in crowded school conditions.

Each school serves about 5 villages with approximately 2,000 households. Students' enrolment is expected to rise by at least **40%** with the inclusion of all the households in 2018. These schools have existed from between **5-10 years**, and were all started by the community to give their children a chance at accessing education. Currently the school names have been submitted for coding process with the Ministry of Education – which would secure them government funding.

The Communities of these schools have supported the program through providing local labour, contributions towards PTA fees, and provision of local building materials. This has been possible through consultative meetings with the school management committee and community leadership to commit to the education of their children.

The Need

Latrine Block

The latrine blocks built by AR Uganda in Koboko district are now ready to benefit approximately **2,500** students according to enrolment records in the five community schools. The schools didn't have functional latrines and although various needs were identified at each school, the latrines were prioritised to ensure that schools were not closed. The pupil to latrine stance ratio was 1:150 in most of these community schools instead of the government required 1:30. All schools had just 2 stances for all pupils and staff.

The previous structures were built by the parents in an attempt to provide a learning space and an opportunity for their school going children to attain primary school education.

The temporary latrines lacked basic elements including doors and shutters – that compromised privacy for students. Doors and designated staff latrines will improve privacy for both students and staff.

In some instances weak walls and unstable roofs also posed a safety issue. With the construction of these new latrines the pupil to latrine ratio will improve significantly. Hopefully these improvements will ensure the schools secure government funding.



Project Implementation

Work began on the 1st July 2017 with a formal site handover to the selected contractors in the presence of both community and district leaders. The community pledged and fulfilled to quarry pit sand, aggregates and bricks. The district leaders were expected to do monitoring supervision alongside AR team to ensure compliance to the design and specifications.

The community provided storage and security for construction materials, guided the contractor to good sources of local materials on top of contributing 6 trips (**about 7000 pieces**) of burnt clay bricks and excavations of the pits - especially at Oyiga Community Primary School.

During the handover ceremony, a number of stakeholders including parents, community leaders, district officials and children attended. They were witnesses that the latrines were completed and handed over to them for sustainability and ownership.

They had these to say in regards to African Revival's interventions in West Nile Region:

The landlord (person who offered the school land for Oyiga community school) Mr. Arike Isaac said, ***"This was the most neglected community and most of the children were left out of school and now with the latrines in place community and neighbouring villages will send more of the children to this school."***

The chairman LCIII of Kuluba Sub county, Mr. Mawa James said... ***"the population of the Sub County was 48,000 but with the influx of the refugee from South Sudan its now 68,000"***

About the projects' impact on the youth, the sub county chief had this to say ***"we have 28,000 youths in Kuluba Sub County out of which 18,000 are at school and 6,000 are out of school, we appreciate AR for helping 4 out of the 7 community schools in the district"***. (The fifth school AR constructed Latrines at is in Ludara Sub County).

From the district point of view, Senior District Inspector of Schools- Koboko district, Mr. Dragamulayi said ***"Nyakaliso community had the highest dropout rate in the district,"*** and because of this, he hopes that with these facilities in place, schools will be in a better position to secure government funding in the schools coding process. He also said improvement shall be realised in retention of the students at school, and that girls will benefit especially – given the improved privacy this project has provided.

The handovers emphasised the need for the communities to take good care of the facilities, and use them properly to help improve: sanitation, hygiene, enrolment, attendance and completion rates.

Many challenges were encountered during the process like heavy rainfall, bad road networks, and delays in local material deliveries stretching the project duration beyond the planned period.

Progress in Pictures

July



August



Clockwise from top left:

Excavation plinth walls, plastering and undercoat application on completed walls.

Progress in Pictures

September



Community contribution of excavating the pit and local materials being mobilised

Walls, roofing, plaster, render fittings awaiting painting



October



Section of the school leadership

Completed structures handed over



Row 1 (l-r): School children receiving visitors
and Tony giving out balls to the student
Row 2 (l-r): Handing over the keys
Row 3 (l-r): view of the completed facilities at
Oyiga Community primary school

Aditiru Community Primary School



Row 1 (l-r): Community support at Aditiru primary school
Row 2 (l-r): Semi completed structures and excited children
Row 3 (l-r): School leaders

Busia Community Primary School



Row 1 (l-r): Excavation stage

Row 2 (l-r): Handing over the keys

Row 3 (l-r): Completed latrines

Row 4 (l): Senior Woman Teacher with the girls in front of their latrine & changing room

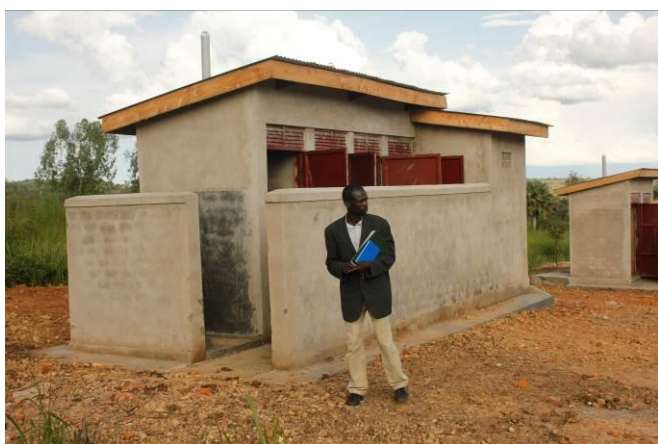
Nyakaliso Community Primary School



Row 1 (l-r): Semi completed structures at the school

Row 2 (l-r): Handing over by the district to the school

Row 3 (l-r): view of the completed facilities and P1 children at Nyakaliso Community primary school



The construction of 15 blocks of drainable latrines at 5 schools was implemented within budget at a total cost of £81,285. African Revival Thank You for your support that made this project possible.

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