

## African Revival Uganda:



## Construction of Teachers Housing at Juba Road

### Background:

Juba Road Primary School is situated in the North eastern part of Amuru District in Northern Uganda, nearly 75 kilometres off Gulu Town. AR has worked with Juba Road since 2009 through the School Linking and other structured programmes.

The school serves about 7 villages with approximately 420 households. Currently the school has 10 government paid teachers and 4 paid by parents. Including the nursery section, the school requires 19 teachers- making them short by 5 teachers. The overall school enrolment is at 948 pupils in both the primary and nursery. We believe that the new addition will attract and retain more competent teachers to this remote location. The nearest other schools are more than 5km away.

The Community of Juba Road has improved in their support of the school programs. This has been possible through consultative meetings with the school management committee and the local leadership. This positive change is also attributed to Fred - the head teacher. They are all in support and commitment to the education of their children. This has been evident through initiation of a nursery program and the construction of a local,

affordable facility by the community members; contributions towards Parents Teachers Association (PTA) fees. Over the years, their willingness to support construction projects has been through; provision of materials, unskilled labor for constructions.



Old teachers housing constructed by the community

## Teachers Housing and Latrines:

This is the second teacher house block constructed by AR Uganda at Juba Road Primary School in Amuru district. The school requires support, in the form of teachers accommodation, to facilitate growing enrolment rates. Ever increasing enrolment at Juba Road means more teachers are needed to facilitate good academic attainment. Currently the school has 12



**The Ground-breaking**

primary school teachers and 2 ECD teachers. Four of these teachers are housed in the permanent classrooms, while the rest are either living in the makeshift structures (built by parents) or commuting from market towns. Long commuting is a key reason for high staff absenteeism in the District.

The temporary structures were built by parents as an initiative to provide housing for the teaching staff and their commitment to the support of their children's education.

The donation of another block of teachers housing will improve the attendance of teachers, and allow for extracurricular interactions with students. This will be particularly helpful for students working towards their Primary Leaving Exams.

It is worth noting the different reactions of the district official present at the handover function. They are very appreciative of the partnership and support so far given to Juba

Road in a range of programmes geared towards achieving the noble cause of educating the children of Acholi land.

The District Inspector of Schools- Amuru, Mr. Ochan Christopher said this during the handover ceremony at Juba Road Primary... "AR has done 10 tangible projects in Juba Road, this cannot be said about other NGOs unfortunately"



**Starting the Foundations**



**Handover Ceremony**

This project was implemented at a total cost of £24,601.

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# Project in Pictures

Teachers housing for two teachers, and their families:



