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Girls & Sanitation

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TRAINING & DATA COLLECTION:

We've started peer to peer training at schools in Uganda. This means we work more comprehensively with a few older girls, who then mentor and discuss issues of sanitation with younger pupils. This method promotes open discussion, and also ensures that participants in the discussion are well informed in both the facts and their rights.

We're also training senior women teachers, who guide these peer training discussions, to ensure that girls have a point of contact available at schools - and to achieve project sustainability.

Our other focus over the last few months has been to promote a clean school environment - we've led school clean ups, to ensure available facilities are well cared for and fit for use.

PAD PROVISION:

So far materials for 3,984 girls have been distributed 23 schools. This girls are all in P5-P7, and will now have enough resources for the whole academic year. We've had some great success stories of girls performing much better now that their attendance has improved. We'll be collecting performance data after the Primary Leaving Exams take place in December this year, so we'll give you an update then.

COMMUNITY:

As issues surrounding girls education and sanitation can still be a taboo in many Ugandan communities we'll be working more comprehensively with the community in the coming year. At Koch Goma School, the sanitation groups have been working on musical performances to engage parents in these issues - and performed them last month.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

The upcoming months will be focused on data collection - ensuring we can show other stakeholders including government the value of our work, and encourage them to replicate our work in more sites

Uganda in pictures



Harriet Ageno, Hygiene and Sanitation Officer



**Prosya Adokorach, P5 Student,
Koch Goma Primary School**

Before the Girls & Sanitation programme Prosya missed a lot of school, because of challenges related to her menstrual health, so her academic performance was poor. After receiving reusable pads and MHM training from AR, her attendance has improved and she has become no. 1 in her Class

The New Borehole at Rec Ki Ceke School

As a result of a comprehensive survey we conducted of all the sanitation facilities available at our 23 schools, Rec Ki Ceke was supported with a new borehole. The local government funded this borehole, and it's brilliant to see other partners committing, and contributing to improve sanitation and ensure girls can stay in school



**Pupils performing songs about Sanitation at
Koch Goma Primary School**



Pagak Primary School

Zambia

Inge Akerboom, Country Manager



CONSTRUCTION:

Dave, our construction officer has been very busy overseeing all of our construction projects since the rains cleared up, and the communities have been able to mould bricks. Latrines (including hand washing facilities) are underway at Kasumo and Namabondo Schools, and are nearly complete at Malala School. In August we'll start constructing handwashing facilities at Lubombo and Siamwaamvwa, supported by Wilmslow Wells for Africa, along with latrines at Simbunji School - the Simbunji latrines are supported by the ATD Foundation.

We'll be sinking boreholes at the end of the Dry season - we're in the process of finalising sites, as the government has stepped in to provide a borehole at Malala School that we were planning to drill at.

TRAINING:

Miyoba Makoba, our Environmental Health Technician, has been busy conducting training at schools - including both the male and female students. She's run various workshops at 4 schools so far, with more planned for the coming months. The workshops cover a range of topics, including basic, sanitation to help reduce the spread of water borne disease.

Teachers also benefit from training as part of this project - so far 2,286 pupils and 21 teachers have received training with more due to receive it in the coming months.

PAD PROVISION:

In Zambia we're working with a very small social enterprise based here in Choma. The group is called Chodort and it trains and employs young women from the community - giving them financial independence. Our order has allowed the group to recruit and train more women. 960 girls will receive their unique packs this year, and will be trained in how to use them.

So far 221 girls have received pads, and this will increase substantially after the upcoming school holidays.

Zambia in Pictures

Inge Akerboom, Country Manager



Training kicked off in June at Bwacha - this particular training was supported by the Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission



The community at Kansumo School have welcomed us, and have provided materials for new pupil and staff latrines we have started constructing. The community have been struggling with digging the pits, as there's a lot of rocks in the ground - but they're working hard to get them done



Kalonda School - these facilities will be in all 12 G&S schools by the end of the project. These facilities were supported by the ATD Foundation in collaboration with Just A Drop. Six Latrine blocks were also constructed



Training at Malala School - where we've almost completed the staff latrines and a girls changing room