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Uganda



Harriet Ageno, Hygiene and Sanitation Officer

TRAINING & DATA COLLECTION:

Justin Ocen provided maternity cover for Harriet this year, and will continue to support the programme going into year 2. This extra support will allow us to conduct comprehensive monitoring of our impact next year - providing us with a data set we can share with other organisations looking to implement similar interventions. In Year 1 over 5,000 girls participated in training workshops at 23 schools.

CONSTRUCTION:

In Uganda we've constructed three blocks of latrines at Purongo P7 Primary School in the Nwoya District, which serves 853 pupils and had no functioning latrines. At Lujoro School in the Amuru District we gave pupils more privacy by constructing designated staff latrines. The community contributed local material, at both schools. We're currently prioritising schools to install a borehole, providing clean water for pupils and the surrounding community.

PAD PROVISION:

In Year 1 of the project 4,032 Girls received menstrual resources and were trained on how to use them. Feedback from schools so far is that many girls who were missing school every month are now attending, and performing much better than they were previously. Continued data collection over the course of the programme will allow us to measure the impact of this on educational outcomes.

COMMUNITY:

Community meetings were held at every school to discuss menstrual hygiene, and other barriers to girls education. Based on feedback from the communities, schools drew up their own action plans with support from the AR team. AR also participated in Nwoya Sanitation week - music and dance performances were used to explore the theme of sanitation.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP:

A total of 69 teachers at all 23 schools were trained on menstrual health management and related crosscutting topics/issues this year, to ensure girls are supported at school throughout the academic year.

Uganda in pictures



Harriet Ageno, Hygiene and Sanitation Officer



One of our Community Workshops



Girls Participating in sports to address taboos around menstruation



Above: Training for girls at schools



Headteacher Margaret at Purongo P7: The school has benefitted from pad provision, training, latrine construction and teacher workshops this year.

Zambia

Inge Akerboom, Country Manager



CONSTRUCTION:

We've had a really busy few months for construction in Zambia, before the rains start and construction cannot begin again until March/April. We have built permanent hand washing facilities at Kalomo Basic, Malala, Siamwamvwa and Lubombo with funding from Wilmslow Wells for Africa. Simbunji and Namabondo are getting the same facilities as part of the latrine project by The ATD Foundation. Bwacha, Kalonda and Siamoono already had the facilities built by African Revival through a latrine project earlier this year or last year. Boongo, Nachoncho and Munyenye will get the facilities as part of a latrine project that is planned for 2019.

We have built latrines for boys and girls – a 4-stance for boys with urinal and a 4-stance with wash room for girls - at Kansumo, Mabuyu and Simbunji, and have completed the 2017 projects of latrines at Malala and Kalonda. The Kalonda latrine project was implemented in collaboration with our partner Justa A Drop, with support from The ATD Foundation. The Kasumo, Mabuyu, and Simbunji communities struggled to get the pits ready. It was such rocky terrain that their picks broke, but they persevered and got there eventually. We've been unlucky with boreholes this year, with three boreholes coming up dry despite comprehensive hydrogeological survey conducted before hand. We're now looking to introduce rainwater harvesting systems at schools.

TRAINING & PAD PROVISION:

Our Health technician Miyoba Makoba delivered life skills and hygiene education to pupils at 12 community schools in Kalomo and Zimba district. She targeted pupils from grade 5-7 for sanitation workshops (toilet use, hand washing etc) and girls aged 12 and older for menstrual health workshops. This year 578 girls were reached with her menstrual health workshops. They all received a pack of washable pads (some still outstanding but all will have received when school opens again in January). Over 2000 pupils, both boys and girls, attended the sanitation workshops. They were part of entertaining sketches showing how germs spread, took part in group discussions about latrine use and puberty and received posters and leaflets. Miyoba will close year one of the project with a review: interviewing girls and teachers at Bwacha and Namabondo – the first schools where we distributed pads.

Zambia in Pictures

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Completed latrines at Malala school, with pictures from various training workshops that have been conducted throughout the year.



A visit from the ATD Foundation in November. The ATD foundation supported latrines at Simbunji, here at slab level. From slab level it takes just a few weeks to complete the superstructure and finish the latrines.

Future Plans

Catherine Inch, International Programme Manager



After a really successful first year we're looking forward to continuing the Girls & Sanitation Programme in both Uganda and Zambia.

In Zambia: Training and pad provision will continue, focusing on involving the community and ensuring good sanitation practice begins at home. This ensures risk of disease is minimised for children, who in turn miss less school. We're continuing to assess the construction needs of a number of schools in collaboration with our partners, and will be supporting more schools with latrines and either boreholes or rainwater harvesting systems.

In Uganda: We will continue to provide girls with resources to help reduce absenteeism of girls, and increase the number of girls passing their Primary Leaving Exams. We're fundraising for latrines at Palukere School. Although this was not part of our original project plants - the school currently has no useable latrines for girls - so 372 female pupils are currently using the stance latrines. This falls short of the government recommended ratio of 1 latrine: 40 pupils . If you'd like any more information about this please email us at info@africanrevival.org.



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