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A review of 2010

Thank you so much to all our supporters who make everything we do possible. We hope that you will continue to support Project Shelter Wakadogo in 2011. We are a small, grassroots charity that has administration costs of less than 4%. Every dollar or pound that you donate goes a very long way in northern Uganda, as we hope this report will illustrate.

An overview of 2010

We completed our first full school year, which ended at the end of November 2010, in accordance with the Ugandan curriculum. We therefore marked the occasion with our first graduation ceremony for the children graduating from K3 (the final year of nursery school/kindergarten) to Primary 1 this year, as you can see from the picture below.



In 2010, we focused on slow and steady expansion. We raised standards of care for the children as well as improved teaching methods. We expanded to three nursery school classes with 85 children attending in total. We recruited a school nurse who has transformed the health of the children and staff, especially with regards to treating malaria and ring worm on the school site and as soon as it is diagnosed. We began (and have now nearly finished) constructing a small medical and administration block so as to free up our last classroom in order to trial our first primary class. This opened at the end of January 2011.

A very important day for the school was when we installed solar panels, generating solar power for the first time. We now also have access to the internet at the school, which means that we are able to communicate with the staff and children on a much more regular basis, especially with regards to daily financial needs and trouble-shooting. This will also help immensely when communicating with partner schools around the world, an initiative that we would like to develop further.



Finally, we identified, recruited and fully sponsored 20 children. Some of these children are orphans, some come from ultra-poor single-parent households and some are the children of our staff. We feel that it is important that these children are included in our school, despite not being able to contribute the small amount required by the other children in school fees.

The teachers

Our teachers receive ongoing training to ensure their teaching methods are of the highest quality. The largest class has less than 40 children and each class has an assistant teacher. Each child is therefore closely monitored, taught and looked after. At our recent AGM, we were given feedback by the parents about how amazed they were at how much their children had learnt and developed.

The feeding programme

The feeding programme has been a blessing for the children and the staff of our school. We have seen an improvement in the overall health of our beneficiaries and this has a lot to do with the daily meal that we offer everyone at the school. This year we have started to offer a wider variety of food with improved nutritional value.



Fundraising and expenditure

Raising funds continues to be tough in the current climate, but we have found that our donors have remained loyal because they know of the incredible impact their donation has on our school and on the children. In 2009/10, we raised an incredible \$100,292 and collected \$2,403 in school fees income.

And in 2009/10, we spent \$45,790 on running the school which included paying teacher and support staff salaries, funding the medical programme, and funding the feeding programme. This also includes some investments that we made like for example, equipping the school with solar panels for electricity and buying a motorcycle for our Programme Manager to allow him to travel to and from school quickly and easily. The funds that were not spent are being kept in reserves in order to build a primary school which we will commence once we have raised enough money to complete the project.

We are immensely grateful to our donors and volunteers, without whom we could not offer hope to the children and their families who come to our school. Thank you.

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Chairman

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Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Financial Officer

9th February 2011

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