



PROJECT SHELTER WAKADOGO

36-9520 174 St. NW • Edmonton, Alberta • T5T 5Z3
P.O. Box 27093 • Kampala • Uganda
Canadian Registered Charity Number: 826373474RR0001
www.shelterwakadogo.org

Only the educated are free.
Epictetus (55 AD - 135 AD), *Discourses*

A review of 2011

Firstly and most importantly, we would like to thank our donors for supporting Project Shelter Wakadogo so generously. We would not be able to give so many children and their families hope through education without our supporters.

An overview of 2011

As we enter into our third year of operation, we are proud to report that we have successfully doubled in size with 160 children graduating at the end of the 2011 school year. Our team on the ground, which includes teachers, assistant teachers and cooks, led by our Programme Manager Patrick, has worked very hard to ensure that with this growth, the level of education provided and the school's professionally run operations are maintained.



This increase in size is testament to the confidence that the Acoyo community has in our school. It took a number of months of community engagement initiatives to achieve this.

In 2011 we launched a school medical programme, which has now been in place for a year. All children are monitored daily by an onsite nurse in our medical block, kindly donated by Hazel's Footprints Trust, UK. The school nurse is also available to each staff member and is a free service. Our new medical and administration block has been a success, providing the children, their families and the staff with a local, accessible and free first point of call for their medical concerns.

A year of challenges

2011 was a year of huge increases in food and fuel prices, which caused fluctuation in our budgets and uncertainty amongst our staff and the families of our students. Uganda experienced high food prices since the beginning of 2011, with prices of some commodities like sugar, fish and milk rising by over 200%. The cost of most other foods increased by 45% and the staple food in most Ugandans' diet is plantain, which went up 23% between August and September 2011. Unfortunately, inflation has also risen to a record 30%. Therefore, ensuring children remain in school and ensuring they are fed and that their health is maintained has been at the forefront of our efforts.



Education

We promoted our most high-achieving teacher, Jerolyn, to become the Headmistress of the school, in order to allow our Programme Manager to focus on operations whilst her focus remained on the teaching and curriculum. Jerolyn has done a wonderful job and has implemented new initiatives such as: teacher monitoring and peer-led professional development workshops. During the past year, we have sponsored Jerolyn's continued education. This has helped to further enhance her development as a headteacher and has also given her the resources to share her new teaching knowledge with her colleagues. Promoting Jerolyn to headteacher has given her the confidence to develop and lead in our continued efforts to improve our quality of education.

Fundraising and expenditure

In the 2010/11 financial year, we raised \$34,060, a decrease on the bumper fundraising year of 2009/10 when we raised \$100,292. In 2010/11, we collected \$3,619 in school fees income (2009/10: \$2,403).

In 2010/11, we spent \$40,683 (2009/10: \$45,790) on running and improving the school, this included:

- Paying teaching, nurse and support staff salaries
- Funding the medical programme
- Funding the feeding programme
- Building a recreation shade
- Building the administration and medical block
- Classroom, playground and teaching supplies
- Buying a new transformer and installing our solar panels
- Maintenance of the school compound and road



Plans for 2012: an exciting year begins

A new primary school

2012 will be an unprecedented year for Project Shelter Wakadogo because we plan to fundraise for and begin building a primary school (construction will begin in 2013 however we will buy the land and begin clearing it in 2012). One of our major donors has generously pledged a large donation, which will fund nearly half of a new primary school. In 2012, we plan to raise the remaining funds that we need to build the school (c£70,000). The school will include a slightly higher fee-paying boarding facility for those students who can afford it and this money will be used to cross-subsidise day school fees to keep them low. This will allow the school to work towards becoming sustainable.

A women's agriculture project

We are also currently setting up a small agriculture project run for and by local women who are single parents. We will provide the land, training, tools and seeds to grow cassava, pomegranate, papaya, millet, soya beans, rice, eggplant and okra. They will receive training by PEBRA (Pan-Africa Bean Research Alliance) and half of the foods produced will go into the nursery school feeding programme. Our agriculture project will inject much needed income, trade and investment into the village economy. The project will allow a group of women and mothers from the community with the opportunity to be employed and provide for themselves and their families whilst also creating some sustainable income and food produce for the nursery school.

Two primary classes and a day care programme

Last year we trialled our first primary class (P1), which was a success. This year, we are expanding to a second primary class (P2) because of the need in Acoyo village for good quality, low cost primary education. We did not want to let the children who have been with us since the start of our project down by asking them to go to other schools that are far away and that their parents cannot afford. This will serve as a temporary measure until we open our new primary school.

Our teachers and staff are central to our success. We are therefore going to introduce a small childcare facility for teachers and staff because most of them are new mothers and fathers. This initiative will provide our teaching staff with the necessary support to allow them to focus on their work while also having the security of knowing that their own young ones are safe and well looked after.

2012 will be an exciting and important year for Project Shelter Wakadogo. In line with this, we plan to update and re-launch our website alongside the fundraising campaign for the new primary school. Watch this space!

Thank you once again to all our friends and supporters for their invaluable support.

With warm wishes,

Farah Williamson
Chairman

Andrea Charbonneau
Chief Executive Officer

Nilmin Williamson
Chief Financial Officer

27th February 2012



Thank You

We owe our deepest gratitude to the donors and volunteers who have believed in our mission and vision and supported us in the 2010/11 financial year. Thank you also to those who have already pledged to support us in 2012. We would particularly like to thank the following donors for their generosity:

Foundations or Organisations

- Alberta Culture & Community Sprit, Community Initiative Program, Edmonton, Canada
- Edmonton Mayfield Rotary Club, Edmonton, Canada
- Hazel's Footprints Trust, London, UK
- Holy Trinity School, Ontario, Canada
- Jasper Place High School, Alberta, Canada
- The Mohamed S. Farsi Foundation, London, UK
- The North London Line Dancing Group, London, UK

Companies

- Best Plumbing and Lighting, Edmonton, Canada
- Blue Star Mechanical Ltd, Edmonton, Canada
- Fancy Doors & Mouldings Ltd, Edmonton, Canada
- Haweli Restaurant, Edmonton, Canada
- Kordun Mechanical Services Ltd, Edmonton, Canada
- Nu-Dawn Developments, Edmonton, Canada
- Roofings Ltd, Kampala, Uganda
- The Valmont Club, London, UK
- Ted Appleman Holdings Ltd, Edmonton

Individuals

- Anonymous donor
- Alexander and Anna Abraham
- Nafees and Silvia Akbarali
- Karim Amlani
- Diane and Gerry Charbonneau
- Grant Dewar
- Hani Farsi
- David Flanagan
- Stan Gehring
- Dr Stephen Edmund Goodwin

Individuals

- Josh Hanfling
- Azim and Nazira Hassam
- Aliya and Aleem Kabani
- Salim and Munira Kara
- The Lalani family
- Anil Ladha
- Shellina and Shaheen Lilani
- Dr D A Lobb
- Dilshad Meghani
- Mohamed Moledina
- Al-karim and Bashir Nathoo
- Gregorio Oberti
- Cristina Oberti
- Dr Tashi Osman
- Dipak Panchal
- Herta Park
- Evan Pearson
- Blair Penner
- Tee Perkins
- Alzin Pradhan
- Hasni Suleman
- Mr and Mrs Suterwalla
- Taslim Tharani
- Julia Tsampalieros
- Yolande Tsampalieros
- Sadru Valji
- Naznin Adatia Virani
- Jane and Michael Virro
- Ron Wahid
- Mabs and Azmina Yusuf