



# Action in Africa



## Autumn Newsletter

**NYAKASIMBI STUDENTS ARE GIVEN HAND SANITISERS TO TAKE HOME**

### Taking Control of Covid 19 in Nyaishozi

Action in Africa has helped schools reopen safely in Nyaishozi, by providing funds for the purchase of disinfectant, masks, gloves and hand sanitisers, as seen below, as a Ruhinda student prepares his classroom for lessons.



Children were provided with personal hand sanitisers and wash stations have been set up outside classrooms, ensuring that students have access to hand washing facilities throughout the school day. Also, very simple solutions, such as 'tippy taps' have been constructed from readily available materials and work just as well. Teaching the children the importance of good personal hygiene, as

seen below by Nyaishozi's deputy head teacher, has been imperative to keep Covid 19 at bay, in a community where social distancing and self-isolation is impossible.



Educating and keeping our students safe has not been our only focus.



The photograph above shows just one of the Covid 19 initiatives which targeted the females in the community. By instructing the local womenfolk how important it is to use gloves, masks and hand sanitisers, the local ladies can do their bit to keep the virus under control. With fundraising here at a standstill, we appealed to charitable trusts for help. We would like to thank Scott Bader, the Oakdale Trust and Heb Finn for coming to our aid.

## GIFTS FOR KIBOGOIZI DISPENSARY

**Maternity Equipment a hit with the Mums**

Pictured above is a photograph that captures the arrival of a suction machine. This piece of medical equipment is critical for mums who have difficult births and could save their lives as well as those of their babies.

Kibogoizi Dispensary is situated in the heart of an inhospitable, isolated part of the region and in order to serve the local community properly, it badly needs life-saving equipment. The medical technicians are a very professional, dedicated team, but have only the most basic of resources at their disposal. Kibogoizi was the first dispensary to benefit from our motorbike for nurses scheme and it is hoped that we will be able to continue supporting this well-deserving clinic in the future.

## DID YOU KNOW

**Tanzania is one of eight countries representing 60% of global maternal and newborn deaths**

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*Pictured left are students from Rugu Secondary School, looking slightly unimpressed at having to wear their masks. We wanted to remember how lucky we are that our students, teachers and Action in Africa committee members have remained safe during this crisis. We have a lot to be thankful for. We would also like to thank all our supporters during these challenging times.*

**Other News from Nyaishozi**

**'When you encourage a mother, you are solving many problems.'**

**African Proverb**

**New Mill Machine for Rugu Secondary School**

Maize gruel makes up the main meal of the day for most school children and where schools have to cater for boarding students, such as Rugu Secondary School, milling the grain can be costly.

We have recently contributed to a diesel milling machine. The impressive looking piece of kit pictured below will grind the maize for the students' nutritious daily snack. It will also bring in some revenue, as locals will pay to have their home-grown grain milled there too.

Rugu Secondary School is a boarding school by default – many students live too far away to walk every day. Classrooms have become makeshift dormitories and land has been turned over to make room for an allotment, with students being encouraged to grow their own food supplies – including maize. They will now be able to mill the grain themselves.



Kibogoizi also benefitted from the arrival of a blood pressure machine – crucial for new mothers and those who are still awaiting the arrival of their babies. Pictured above is the first new mother to have her blood pressure checked. (Unfortunately the BP machine is behind the suction machine).

We had initially sent funds for the medical equipment before lockdown came into being – for these clinical technicians and patients, the long wait is finally over!

