



# Action in Africa Christmas Newsletter



2020



## Keeping our students safe in Nyaishozi

Action in Africa has supported the community of Nyaishozi by funding the purchase of disinfectant, hand sanitisers, masks and gloves, as seen here at Nyakasimbi Secondary school



## Great News for a Straight A Student



Nyaishozi Secondary student, Jewels Philbert, pictured above left with another of our sponsored students, Debora Elmerick, has qualified to study at Sengerema Health College. The three year course at this prestigious institution will enable Jewels to become a clinical technician – bringing badly needed medical skills to Nyaishozi. Well done Jewels, we are proud of you!

## Dean in the Marathon 2021



We are fortunate to have been allocated a place in October's race next year. Our own Marathon Man, teacher at St. Andrew's secondary School, Dean Macklin, is already in training and fundraising will begin in earnest next year. We are confident that he will do well. Thank you Dean!

## Covid 19 will not beat Nyaishozi ...

What a strange, challenging year it has been for everybody, worldwide. We have helped the community of Nyaishozi through the pandemic, as best we could. We have not allowed the virus to overshadow all our other projects for 2020 and have a huge amount of work to celebrate as we look to 2021 with hope and expectation. We hope you enjoy catching up with all our news...



## Christmas Appeal 2020

This year, in addition to sending out food for the most needy of the Nyaishozi community, we would like to ask you to help us provide the money (£1,400) to buy a motorbike for the medical staff at Ithembe Dispensary. As with other dispensaries in the area, Ithembe is a very rural location and at present has no form of transport for nurses and doctors to reach their patients.

You have, through your generosity in recent years, helped us to buy Chinese motorbikes for dispensaries at Rugu, Kibogoizi and, Kahanga, pictured right. This form of transport is vital for medical staff to reach their patients living in remote locations, where offroad driving is the norm. Please give what you can to help us. There is a Gift Aid form attached to this newsletter with all the details you need to make a donation.



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## *Nyakasimbi Secondary School Feminine Hygiene*

Pictured right are schoolgirls examining their Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits at Nyakasimbi Secondary School. These kits were donated by Days for Girls U.K. but we will, in future, be able to use stock made up by the ladies of Ashted – lead by Mary Merrett. Nyakasimbi is the fourth secondary school to benefit from our feminine hygiene programme, which will be expanded next year to include Kajunguti and Ithembe Secondary Schools as well as girls at Nyaishozi Primary. Our aim is that every Nyaishozi schoolgirl will have a Days for Girls kit by 2022.



## *Life Saving Medical Equipment for Kibogoizi Dispensary*

Number one on the equipment wish list of Kibogoizi Dispensary was a suction machine for the maternity unit and they were delighted that Action in Africa was able to help them make that wish come true. The machine, pictured right, was eventually delivered after a long delay due to the Covid 19 restriction of movement.

In addition, we were also able to supply this busy medical centre with a blood pressure machine, which is invaluable for mums to be, who tend to suffer from life threatening anaemia.



## *Rugu Secondary School Maize Mill*

As Rugu Secondary School has developed strong ties with Action in Africa in recent years, we were thrilled to contribute funds to a badly needed diesel maize milling machine. This isolated school boards the majority of its students, and as a result, school land has been given to students so that they can grow their own vegetables.

By owning their mill, the students will be able to grind their own grain to provide their nutritious maize gruel at no cost. Also, the school will be able to charge the local community for milling maize, providing a source of income.



## *A Special Mention for a Sewing Superstar*

While Covid 19 restrictions have meant that we could perhaps take life a little easier, one local lady, Mary Merrett, pictured above, used her time to create components for over 250 Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits (also pictured above). Mindful that the July 2021 deadline for the completed kits is not that far away, Mary got on with it all – ordering fabric and poppers and then went on to make over 1750 liners, 500 shields and 250 bags!

We are so grateful for her dedication to this cause, which now makes creating over 1000 kits achievable. These kits are earmarked for all the Nyaishozi secondary female students and will be hand carried out to Tanzania by Guildford High Schoolgirls, who will be visiting the community next summer.

If you would like to be involved with this project, please get in touch with us using the email address on the page below, whether it is to donate soap or to sew or help pack, we already have a sewing group set up for you join.







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Fadhira Omari, pictured above is one of our youngest sponsored students. If you would like more information about sponsoring a child's education, please visit us at:

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### *Christmas Appeal 2020*

At this time of year, we always launch our Christmas Appeal. This year, Father Vitalis has asked for funds to be sent to help him buy sugar, oil, tea, milk, soap, sardines, meat and rice. These goods will be distributed to the most needy in the community, such as the family pictured right with charity General Secretary, Paul Mubiligi. (Christmas 2019).



### *A Special Message from Our Committee*

2020 has been an extraordinarily difficult year – and our hearts go out to supporters who have suffered terrible loss or ill health. Yet, you have continued to help us. We are so grateful for your loyalty through these challenging times. Our friends in Nyaishozi are thankful that we have been in a position to send funds that have enabled them to protect themselves against the virus. We would like to thank charitable trusts Scott Bader, Heb Ffin and the Oakdale Trust who contributed to our Covid 19 Appeal, as well as those of you who donated to this appeal.

In addition, despite struggling with their own Covid logistics, St. Andrew's School has provided the badly needed monies to ensure that it was business as usual for Action in Africa 2020 projects. We would also like to thank Days for Girls U.K. and Smalls for All who have kept our feminine hygiene programme running, by providing kits and underwear.

We count ourselves fortunate that we have had you by our side throughout what has been one of the most challenging years in the history of the charity. Thank you for your generosity! We would like to wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and a better, brilliant new year!





## **Donor Details**

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## **Donation Details**

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**Carolyn Higgs**

**Treasurer of Action in Africa**

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