



A MIRACLE ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT NYAISHOZI DISPENSARY

Action in Africa 2024



Spring Newsletter

Incubators Already Saving Lives in Nyaishozi

A big shout out to St. Mark's Overseas Aid Trust at Reigate for giving us the funds to purchase the incubator below. Above is the photo of the incubator in use. Twin boys were born at midnight on Christmas Eve. They were two months premature and would have surely died without this machine.



It is comforting to know that expectant mothers, who walk miles while in labour to the dispensary, can now be confident that their babies are going to receive the very best neonatal care. Another dispensary to receive their incubator was Kibogoizi. The incubator, pictured left, was kindly provided by the Randal Charitable Foundation and the JustGiving memorial fund set up in memory

of Veronica Exworthy, the lovely wife of our late founder and chairman, Peter. David Umba, the director of Kibogoizi dispensary has already been in touch to say that 50 babies have used this machine since it arrived in December.



As this newsletter goes to live, two more incubators are on their way to Kahanga and Ruhita dispensaries – at the request of our committee member, midwife Rebecca, who tells us they are in the most need, being the most isolated of Nyaishozi dispensaries.

Marathon Superwoman Shannon in Training



Shannon Palser, pictured above, is our super heroine teaching at St Andrew's Catholic School, Leatherhead. She has kindly volunteered to represent us at the iconic London Marathon. If you would like to support us by donating to her taking on this gruelling challenge please visit: [Action In Africa: Shannon's First Marathon for Action in Africa! \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A STUDENT?



Adola Ansbert has just started year one at Kasheshe Primary School. She is one of five new students to join the Action in Africa family this year. Due to her desperate family circumstances, we will be sponsoring her now until she decides to leave formal education. It costs just £40 per year to fund the education of a primary school pupil. If you would like to sponsor a student, please go to our website www.actioninafrica.org and click on 'Sponsor a student' for details. Alternatively, please email us at: actioninafrica.ashtead@gmail.com. Your sponsorship is of huge importance to us. If a child's education is paid for, that incoming money releases funds for us to support other projects.

DID YOU KNOW

Only 27%

Of newborns from the poorest families receive postnatal care within two days after birth

(UNICEF 2015)

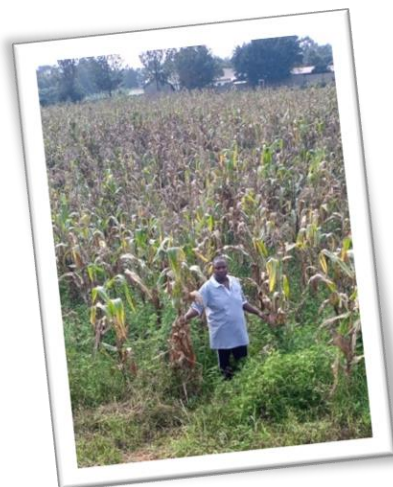
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Pictured left is Nyaishozi Primary teacher and Action in Africa committee member Evaster. She is standing in front of the maize field which is ready for harvest. The Maize for School Dinners project was put on hold during Covid but is back in earnest. This bumper crop should feed over 1,000 students a nutritious gruel throughout the school year.

Other Fantastic News

Nyaishozi Goes Digital Thanks to Computeraid!



Pictured above is a Computeraid technician hard at work. This is a charity that reconditions computers and laptops and creates computer labs in Third World countries. We are delighted to announce that they have secured funding to provide each Nyaishozi secondary school with 25 computers, a projector screen, printer and router. They will also train teaching staff.

That's not all – a village community computer hub will be housed at a refurbished Action in Africa building and a resident technician will be on site to help locals to access the internet and advance their computer skills.

Computeraid have also kindly agreed to provide laptops for nurses at Nyaishozi dispensaries, making their lives much simpler. Action in Africa is busy getting the schools and the village computer hub ready for this project, which will take be completed over 2024/2025.

Ashtead Quizzers Raise a Staggering £1600



We recently held our annual quiz night at St. Michael's Church Hall. (Pictured above). As usual, our lovely treasurer, Carolyn Higgs oversaw the evening, ensuring everyone had a great time. The fish & chip supper was a huge hit with our quizzers, as was the raffle. Teams 7 Samurai and Chilled shared the brainbox crown and a staggering £1600 was raised.



This kickstarts our £7,500 project to refurbish a derelict classroom (pictured above) and equip it to provide a resource room for the disabled female students at Ruhinda Secondary School. A huge thank you to everyone who attended.