



A DISTRICT 1040 PROJECT, SUPPORTED BY THE FAMILY OF ROTARY IN ENGLAND, SWEDEN AND TANZANIA

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Our aim was to improve health care, water supply, help schools and establish a Microcredit programme - all in one community!

Many well meaning humanitarian projects focus on one of several needs of a recipient community. District 1040's Ukerewe project is a holistic approach to help a community to help themselves!

The Family of Rotary from England, Sweden and Tanzania recently joined hands with leaders of a marginalised African community on the island of Ukerewe, for a 'holistic' programme to 'make a difference'.

There were 25 volunteers from (Yorkshire, Harlow, Reading and Sweden) in the team.

If you would like to know more details about our work and hear about the exciting plans for our revisit (Autumn of 2011), please contact John Philip (01484 421032 or johnphilip@btconnect.com

Maternity and Child care



AN ABANDONED BUILDING WAS PLACED AT OUR DISPOSAL.

Imagine fully pregnant women walking miles to access care, especially when complications are imminent. A waiting hostel near the hospital with free accommodation for such women may save calamitous consequences.



WE WORKED WITH LOCAL STAFF, MADE GOOD FRIENDS AND TRANSFORMED THE BUILDING.



THIS WILL PROVIDE FREE ACCOMMODATION FOR NEEDY PREGNANT WOMEN NEAR THE HOSPITAL.



ISLAND OF UKEREWE IN LAKE VICTORIA - 3.5 HOURS BY FERRY FROM MAINLAND



THIS WILL BE SUSTAINED BY THE HOSPITAL WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT UNDER ROTARY SUPERVISION

IN ADDITION WE PROVIDED:

Solar panel lights, improved water supply, eye clinic and surgical equipment.

School with no water, few books, empty lab.



DIGGING 2 KM TRENCH WITH HELP FROM PUPILS AND EVEN PRISONERS



WATER - FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL



3400 BOOKS!

We shared the task of improving facilities in a secondary school with staff, pupils and 30 prisoners!

We also invested in improving Vocational Training to increase the intake of pupils receiving training.



A LAB TO BE PROUD OF!



VOCATIONAL TRAINING, IN TAILORING, DOMESTIC SCIENCE, CARPENTRY, ELECTRICAL AND MASONRY.

WE ALSO INSTIGATED A COMMUNITY BASED COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAMME AIMED AT TEACHERS AND PUPILS.

MICROCREDIT Transforming a community



WE FORMED A LOCAL ORGANISATION WITH THREE TRUSTEES TO START A MICROCREDIT PROGRAMME TO EMPOWER WOMEN.

"My friends from England and Sweden, I don't have sufficient words to express my sincere appreciation to all that you did. I say thank you very much for your help and it is my hope, that, the longer we are together, the better we understand and help each other."

Disrict Commissioner of Ukerewe, Queen Mlozi

WHAT NEXT?

This project has been supported by many Rotarians and members of the Inner Wheel in England and Sweden, some hospitals in Yorkshire, schools, businesses, charities and many individuals.

This leaflet describes briefly Phase 2 of a multi-phase 'hands on' Rotary project, sustainable, recipient driven community owned and with measurable outcomes

Phase 3 will focus on Health, Hunger, Water, Literacy (Vocational Training) and Microcredit. A team will go to the island in October 2011 and Phase 3 will take place in 2012.

If you would like a presentation about the whole project or if you wish to have further information particularly about Phase 3, please contact:

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