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MOVING FORWARD

1st Quarter 2007 Highlights

Project activity stepped up during the 1st Quarter of 2007 despite the dampening effect of the rainy season. Project donations increased dramatically with 44% of total donations coming in the 1st Quarter. The first orphans' dormitories became ready for occupancy and the outreach program (to encourage local families to take in orphans) started the process of matching families with orphans needing shelter. In addition, planning for the HIV/AIDS prevention and abatement program got underway. The last school classroom was completed and work started on fixing up moribund medical clinics to improve them into Mini-Hospitals.

In summary, Project works completed to date are:

- All building sites excavated
- Three dormitories framed up and work started on furnishing
- Orphanage Matron & two housemothers hired
- A few more orphans moved into foster homes
- Assisted in the improvement of local schools & clinics
- Planning started on HIV/AIDS prevention & abatement programs.

1st Quarter 2007 Strategies

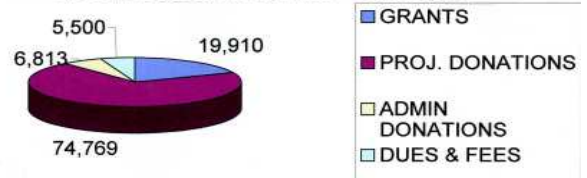
Emphasis will continue on starting up Project components not yet underway. The first 3 dormitories will be made fully operational by end June and work will start on construction of an additional 3 buildings. Other items to be addressed are:

- Finalize plans for providing electricity and water to dormitories and other buildings to be built.
- Continue to provide Project employment for local people not otherwise gainfully employed.
- Complete planning for the HIV/AIDS prevention and abatement programs and begin to implement seminars and medical treatment activity.

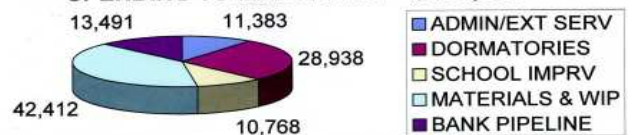


PROJECT FUNDS STATUS

INCOME TO MARCH 2007 = \$106,992



SPENDING TO MARCH 2007 = \$ 106,992



NOTES ON FUNDS ALLOCATIONS:

- Funds shown above include only money that has gone through the Project bank account. A small amount of other funds have been donated directly in the form of payments for materials and labor.
- Administrative costs have been totally covered by funds solicited expressly for that purpose.
- Spending has been heavy on materials and work-in-progress in order to use recent donations to prepare for next Quarter's construction activity.



TOP: Two dormitories undergoing the final stages of construction - Jan 07

LEFT: A cell phone picture of the first 3 dormitories - Jan 07

Chairman's Corner

One of the major concerns we had about this Project was the question of funding the infrastructure and ongoing activities after the Project ends. The other day two Canadian couples made a pledge to support operations and maintenance for 10 years after Project end to the tune of US\$ 40,000 per annum. That is certainly a blessing and I think it will suffice given the other provisions made for future self-sufficiency of the Orphans Center and Vocational School.

We will soon complete the last of the 12 classrooms for the Igoda Primary School. It looked for awhile as though we would run over Budget on this activity, but a small UK charity suddenly came through with 4,000 UK Pounds to help finance the last two units. Another worry off my back. Rule Britannia!

We're hoping that the above mentioned donation will also be enough to complete two deep boreholes (hand dug) along with hand water pumps for the village.

Regarding the Mini-Hospital project, we haven't made much progress as yet. Funding support is urgently needed. However, we have marked out and started building foundations for the first (Ibwanzu) unit. In UK, a container has been packed and is ready to be shipped out with hospital equipment. This will be for the Mdabulo hospital which we plan to upgrade to "Referral" status to support the four planned Mini-Hospitals. Some 45,000 people will benefit from this important project once we can get it completed. Our new Canadian friends are also hoping to ship out another container of hospital equipment once we have a place to use it.

That's about it for now. We look forward to a very productive summer now that we have some funds to work with. Cheers, Geoff



ABOVE: Igoda Medical Clinic with children waiting to be immunized for polio, measles or TB - August 2006.



ABOVE: Mothers and children at the Clinic for immunization - October 2006



ABOVE: Big eyes are common when young children face the Doctor. All too often Igoda Clinic visits are followed by sudden death from AIDS. - October 2006

LEFT: A village woman feeding her sick baby—August 2006