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# HABARI YA MUFINDI



A quarterly Newsletter designed to inform donors about progress made in the implementation of the Mufindi Highlands Orphans Project in Mufindi District of Tanzania, East Africa.

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## PHASE ONE COMPLETED ON TARGET

### 4th Quarter 2007 Highlights

4th Quarter 2007 Project activity concentrated on completing building construction started in 2005. This work included:

- 3 orphans houses
- 1 guest house,
- 6 new school rooms,
- 6 refurbished school rooms
- 2 hospital ward buildings.

In addition, other construction activity, not previously planned for the period, was carried out:

- Another orphans home was started
- A school library was erected, furnished, and supplied with books donated by the African Children's Book Box Society of Vancouver, Canada.
- Construction started on a hospital laboratory to provide a head-start on HIV/AIDS testing while the Care & Treatment Center (CTC) is constructed, furnished, and staffed.
- 4 houses were constructed for grandmothers caring for orphans in Igoda Village.

Work also continued on planned programs including:

- An HIV/AIDS census in 4 villages surrounding Igoda. An incidence rate exceeding 20% of the total population was determined.
- An Outreach program to match orphans with related families willing to house them. Over 120 orphans were thus housed and the families supported by the Project on a case-by-case basis.
- Two candidate NGOs were contacted and asked to submit bids for putting on HIV/AIDS Awareness Seminars.
- Government contacts were consulted for purposes of approving Project-initiated improvements, as well as for staffing schools and hospitals with qualified government personnel once furnished buildings are in place.

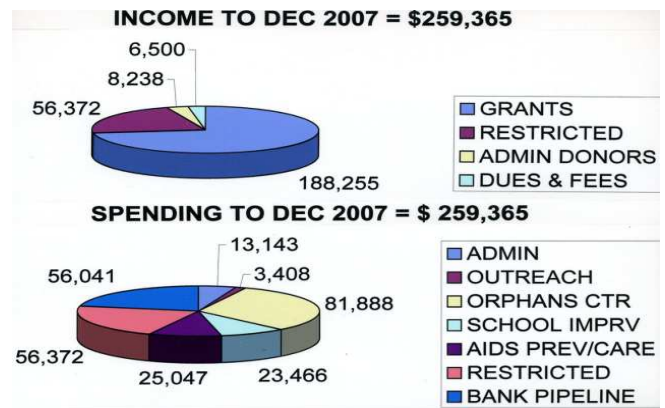
The Project Budget was adjusted upward from US\$ 350,000 to US\$ 1.8 million to reflect the need to put more emphasis on the construction and staffing of medical facilities to treat the steadily increasing numbers of identified HIV/AIDS victims.

### 1st Quarter 2008 Plans

Emphasis will continue on original planned activity as well as increased activity in medical facilities construction. The main items to be addressed are:

- Provide electricity and water to dormitories and other buildings to be built.
- Initiate the HIV/AIDS prevention seminars. Use an NGO which employs Tanzanian medical students.

## PROJECT FUNDS STATUS



### NOTES ON FUNDS ALLOCATION:

- Funds shown above include only money that has gone through the Project bank accounts.
- Administrative costs have been totally covered by funds solicited expressly for that purpose. (Admin Donors & Dues shown above)
- Restricted Funds are donations made for specific Project programs or activities not yet underway.



ABOVE: A wing of the Mbabulo Hospital showing the old ward to be demolished, (right-rear), on-going construction (left-rear), and the new laboratory building yet to be furnished and staffed. (right-foreground) . - February 2008



ABOVE—LEFT

The orphans of House 3 with Lena their housemother.

ABOVE—RIGHT

Housemother Eva with the newest orphan Musa  
Feb 2008



### Alice Scherp's Passion



Mufindi Orphans, Inc. would like to acknowledge the Project's most frequent donor and share her reasons for giving so generously.



"Hi there,

I became acquainted with Mufindi Orphanage through Harold and Joan Barton. They inspired me to join the effort to help make the world better. I really believe that if we follow where our heart leads it will benefit us all. I live in Alaska and enjoy the fiber arts crafts of spinning, knitting and sewing furs. In the summer I go to fish camp near White Mountain to catch and dry fish and pick berries for winter. I am Eskimo and traditional ways are very important to me and helping others is a big part of that tradition. We all need help at one time or another and this is kind of like helping myself" in advance."

"Thanks also for remembering the elders and helping them. It has always been traditional with Eskimos to give the first berries, the first fish, the first game killed to an elder. If you didn't you would not have good fishing or hunting. The Great Spirit has been good to me and it is impossible not to pass it on. I am starting another parka. That is how I earn my 'allowance' ."

"I am so grateful that you all do the hard work in the trenches for me. Everyone wins!"

Honey (Alice) Scherp

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### SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL MUFINDI HIGHLANDS ORPHANS PROJECT DONORS.

Your donations have made the progress reported in this Newsletter possible. Those of us who have visited the Project site get the benefit of receiving the gratitude of these children and their elders and it makes life take on a new dimension for us. We hope that the pictures convey to you some of what we are lucky enough to feel.

LEFT—MIDDLE School mistress Evina by the new library building.

LEFT—BOTTOM Mbabulo Hospital new construction. This shows the covered patient waiting area and Doctors' offices.

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