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Progress March to June 2009

It has been a very pleasingly productive quarter here in Mufindi, in fact one of the busiest we've ever had.

The Mdbulo CTC has hit an impressive construction phase now that it is underway, and it is looking as though it should be completed by the end of this year. There is still a long way to go, but it was promising to see the quality and speed of the construction of the foundations and outer walls.

Another project sure to be completed this year is the Ibwanzi Health facility construction. This has been a long-running project, but it will give the area its first official 'Health Center' as the facility will be officially upgraded by government officials from a Dispensary to "Kituo cha Afya" (Health Center) later this year.

In other construction news, the Igoda Community Hall is well underway with all roofing complete already. This building will serve as a giant meeting place, and hopefully will host a bevy of events that will be appropriate for the entire family, and serve as a great community-driven tool in prevention education for HIV/AIDS.

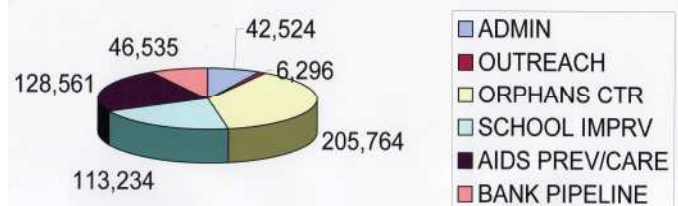
Also in Igoda, we have initiated a school kitchen program where each day the entire student body receives a local dish, that is a porridge-like substance called 'Uji.' Since this service started in February, not only has attendance improved by over 10%, the teachers have told us that behavior has improved in the classrooms, thus improving the quality of education at the school. Previously, many of the students would have to go to school, not eating for the entire day.

At Luhunga Secondary School we have started a Scholarship program to address the growing problem of lack of teachers at the school. The program gives scholarships to students to get a teaching degree provided they return to teach at Luhunga Secondary School. Our first student is Sifa Chumi who has been volunteering at Luhunga Secondary already, and who's family lives in Igoda village (Luhunga's neighbor). She has told us already of her interest to continue teaching at Luhunga.

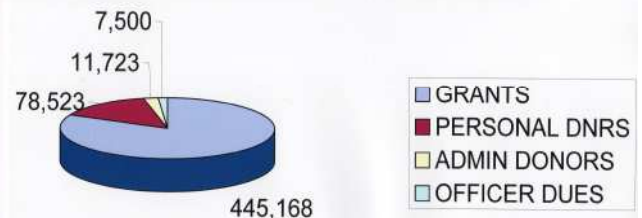
At the Orphanage, we now have 3 homes open and in operation, and over 30 children staying with us. In a nice development, 9 of the children with us now are girls. The disparity between boys and girls has been a concern for some time, as so often girls are used as commodities at
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PROJECT FUNDS STATUS

SPENDING TO JUN 2009 = \$ 542,914



INCOME TO JUN 2009 = \$542,914



NOTES ON FUNDS ALLOCATION:

Funds shown above include only money that has gone through the Project bank accounts. Our financial statements do not include the monetary value of donations-in-kind.



Game time at Orphans House #1 - No kids can respond to simple pleasures like our orphans. They have seen the worst side of life and anything pleasant is great fun. - Jenny Jun 09

home for chores, and are frequently denied their basic right to education.

Our community outreach program increased interests regarding income generation projects during this time, as we have started a much needed Chicken Project. This project includes 16 HIV+ members of the community who have been given a loan to start a business of keeping chickens in order to sell the meat, eggs, and even fertilizer, to create a supplementary income.

Something noticed by our Pediatrician, Dr. Leena Pasanen, during her many visits through the villages here, is the lack of nutrition and the threat of death to many children this has brought. She has said that protein is needed most, and the meat, and eggs that will come with this project will hopefully not only give these families an income, but also improve the overall health of the community as a whole.

The NGO received a great honor this month as its Orphanage manager/Community Outreach volunteer Jenny Peck was the honored guest at the celebration in Luhunga ward for Children of Africa day (June 16th). Peck gave a speech highlighting our position as servants to the community giving a service that can only be used how the community sees fit. The honor is a great reward to Jenny, and also is a great example of how the NGO's many projects have been accepted and appreciated by the community.

Geoff Knight - June 2009

Visual Progress

The following pictures illustrate the Project progress noted by Geoff above:

1. Igoda Community Hall - Below
2. Care & Treatment Center (CTC) - Top Right
3. Ibwanzi Health Facility Ward Room - Mid Right
4. Improved Sanitation - New Public Toilet - Bottom Right

