

Kaloko News



HELPING RURAL ZAMBIAN COMMUNITIES TO HELP THEMSELVES

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Editorial: The Road Ahead

As we approach the end of a year of financial crisis in the West, we are thankful that Kaloko has been able to continue and, in some areas, expand its vital support of rural communities in northern Zambia. Despite the inevitable impact of the economic downturn we have seen a resolute effort by donors, small and large, to continue to support us. As a result, we have not only maintained our income but have been able to initiate new funding partnerships to carry our work forward. We are immensely grateful.



Children play on the unimproved road to Kaloko

As the programme in Zambia moves along what is called the *development continuum*, Kaloko has been able to extend the geographic area of its activities to the villages surrounding the original agricultural training and resettlement site. Working closely with Zambia's Departments of Education, Health and Agriculture, Kaloko is raising funds for and implementing an infrastructural development programme which will eventually see five satellite communities each equipped with its own primary school, health outpost and clean water-point. Progress has been steady. Two school buildings with teacher accommodation have been built, together with basic health outposts, and work is underway on the third site. Several boreholes have been drilled, wells dug and protected and better latrines have been installed. This has not all been achieved solely by Kaloko, but in partnership with local communities, government agencies and other charities. Access to health and education has improved tangibly and we are proud that, in the villages where our efforts have been focused, most children are now receiving a basic education, are being vaccinated against preventable diseases and have access to safe water.

Crucial as they are to development, however, infrastructure, services and educational support will not generate the benefits intended unless we work with equal determination to improve livelihoods. The Zambian school year ends shortly and, no matter how bright or hard-working they are, school-leavers face a saddening reality; almost no chance of formal employment. The country's two main employers, the mining sector and Government, are particularly vulnerable to see-sawing world copper prices and cannot provide the jobs needed. The third largest sector, however, is agriculture. It is here that we need to redouble our efforts under the Enterprise Development Programme, offering training and support to communities to expand and improve agricultural production and add value to their produce. Similarly, training in other areas, such as carpentry, building, motor and bicycle repair and basic business skills, is essential to broaden economic opportunity and, if Kaloko cannot provide the training, we will work with others who offer appropriate expertise.

We see with great pride what the communities have achieved in partnership with Kaloko, but we cannot rest there, knowing that our efforts have reached too few. Using our existing structure and with the help of our UK donors, we must continue to extend the provision of basic infrastructure and services to more communities in need. At the same time, we will work to extend our Sponsorship Programme which provides scholarships and teaching resources sorely needed by schools. In building a real future for the people of rural Zambia, however, economic development must run in parallel. It is this double-edged challenge that we take up as 2010 approaches. I thank you all for your past support and send best wishes for the festive season and the year ahead. RENATO GORDON



The newly tarred Mpongwe Road runs within 6km of Kaloko, improving farmers' access to markets

HELP NEEDED WITH OUR PLANS FOR 2010

THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT will see ten new boreholes being drilled and equipped with hand-pumps to provide enough accessible, safe water for 2,500 people in the Luansobe area. Many rural communities have to travel long distances on foot for clean water and, instead, often use closer but contaminated sources. The danger to health is great. This project will improve community health and radically cut the time spent, mainly by women and children, fetching water. Target communities, who will help identify appropriate sites for the boreholes, will contribute to the project in kind, providing local materials and labour. Moreover, a community-elected committee will be trained and equipped to manage, maintain and repair the water system to ensure a continuing safe supply.



£6,610 per borehole

BUILDING FOUR PERMANENT HEALTH OUTPOSTS is another priority project, providing staff from the Rural Health Centre at Luansobe with basic but sanitary structures in which they can hold regular outreach clinics. The clinics, aimed largely at women and children, are currently held outside or in derelict buildings. Many patients do not attend, particularly in the wet season, because of the lack of shelter and privacy. The new buildings will also allow health staff to expand their consultation and health services, including malaria testing, health education and HIV/AIDS counselling.

£7,506 per outpost

THE MITENTE BUSINESS CENTRE PROJECT forms part of the 2010 drive to support wider economic development at Luansobe. Following the recent arrival of mains electricity in the area, Kaloko Trust is to build a small business 'hub' near the market, at the heart of the community. The project comprises five simple units with a safely installed power supply, which will be let to local entrepreneurs eager to take advantage of the potential offered by electricity. Many small businesses are now looking to improve productivity in various ways, including working outside daylight hours, employing more mechanised operations, storing perishable goods and gaining better access to information through radio and television.

£16,812

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR MAKANGO COMMUNITY SCHOOL in Mwaitwa village are the focus of the next community construction project. Like many others in rural Zambia, 100 children in Mwaitwa are currently taught by willing, but unqualified, volunteer teachers in a dilapidated shelter or out in the open. As part of its consistent effort to improve access to proper education for more children, Kaloko Trust has launched a new project with the community to build a two-classroom block, with an office, store-room and safe. The project also includes housing for teaching staff with the aim of attracting qualified teachers to the school.



Makango's sole classroom for its 100 children

£33,146

THE NEW OUTREACH POULTRY PROJECT builds on the tangible success of this year's HIV/AIDS Support Group which established a small-scale collective chicken production unit at Luansobe. The group has won the admiration and support of their community. Kaloko's new project aims to train and equip a further 50 HIV/AIDS sufferers who live in surrounding villages and cannot travel to join the central poultry-rearing team. The scheme will enable them to rear small batches of chickens at their own homes and to sell the mature birds locally. Not only will this allow them to contribute to family income, but will also enhance their sense of self-worth and their status in the community. Following the pattern of the central group, the outreach scheme should be self-supporting after the initial support provided by Kaloko.

£7,046



Members of the HIV/AIDS Support Group and ... a free range chicken with its chicks

Soya Sees Success

Farmers at Luansobe continue the drive to diversify, producing soya bean and other alternatives to maize.

Following last year's successful pilot project, a group of 19 farmers has retained a quarter of its soya harvest as seed to plant in three blocks at Kwesha, Luesenga and Mwaitwa. The remainder is to be sold and the group, part of the HIV/AIDS Support Scheme, will use the revenue to buy fertiliser for this year's planting.

Meanwhile, a second group of 14 producers has opted to experiment with other dried bean crops. These farmers, also graduates of the initial training project, have sold their entire soya harvest and are putting the proceeds towards buying bean seed and fertiliser for a sugar bean trial plot near Kaloko. In addition, Kaloko Trust will assist the group to demonstrate soya production to other farmers by providing seed and fertiliser. Under phase 2 of the project, the farmers will each plant two half-acre plots at their homes, one for their own use and one to be used as a demonstration area to train 10 friends and neighbours in how to grow the crop.



The scheme was launched last year by Kaloko, with the Department of Agriculture's local Extension Assistant, in response to the urgent need to find viable alternatives to maize which produces increasingly poor yields in the area. Soya and other leguminous crops are attractive options. Not only are they more profitable for farmers, they are better suited to local growing conditions and have the added advantage of helping to improve soil fertility.

SOLD OUT!

Residents of Luansobe and the surrounding areas have eagerly snapped up all the second-hand bicycles which were sent to Kaloko Zambia earlier this year. The bikes, sourced in Britain by the charity *Re~Cycle*, have been sold at affordable prices to help meet the transport needs of the community.

Parts, spares and tool kits in the same shipment have been allocated to the new bicycle repair shop recently established at Kaloko. The workshop is run by six young mechanics who, under the same scheme, successfully completed six weeks of training provided by UK volunteer Russell Edwards. As trainees, their first task was to check and, in some cases, assemble the bicycles prior to sale.

Using funds raised from the sale, plans are underway to send a part-container of second-hand sewing machines and carpentry and building tools in 2010, to be followed by a second consignment of used bikes. A small portion of the revenue will be retained to cover further training and administrative costs in Zambia. Supporting the drive towards enterprise and broader economic

Construction of the new double classroom and office block at Kwesha School is moving ahead rapidly, with the project scheduled for completion before the rains begin in November. Work on teacher housing will commence in the New Year after the wet season has ended.



New housing for agricultural staff

Kaloko is to allocate land to the Zambian Government's Department of Agriculture to allow them to construct permanent housing for personnel stationed at Luansobe. The Department has received funding from the Ministry of Finance to build one house for its Agricultural Extension Assistant, who currently occupies a Kaloko staff house, and it hopes to receive further funds for a second house. This would enable the Government to send a much-needed veterinary officer to work with farmers in the area. Agreeing in August to the Government's request for land, Kaloko Trust Zambia has earmarked two plots situated near existing LUBS teacher housing. Kaloko hopes that the permanent presence of qualified agricultural technicians will facilitate improvement in agricultural production as they can provide training and advice to local farmers.

development, Kaloko UK also aims to recruit a qualified volunteer to train new entrepreneurs in basic business skills such as costing and quoting, budgets and cash flow, stock-control and marketing.



The six new bicycle mechanics in their workshop

Fundraise as you shop

If you ever shop on line there's a new way you can help Kaloko's projects. **Easyfundraising.org.uk** is a free fundraising service that works with most of the major name retailers' websites. For every purchase you make, from Amazon or Marks & Spencer for example, Kaloko can benefit with a donation of up to 15 percent of the value your purchase, at no extra charge to you.

There are even some special offers available through the website. Apparently 20p of every pound spent Christmas shopping is spent on line. While we don't want to encourage you to spend money, if you're buying anything on line please take a look at the easyfundraising website and see whether you can support us at the same time!

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Or pass it on to family, friends and neighbours

The Kaloko Trust UK works to relieve poverty and raise livelihoods in rural communities in Zambia, southern Africa. Promoting local development of agriculture and self-help projects to generate income, it encourages the sustainable and responsible use of natural resources. The Trust promotes education and healthcare through improved access to schools, clinics and clean water.

Established in 1995 as a registered charity (No. 1047622), The Kaloko Trust UK (KTUK) supports the activities of our partner organisation, Kaloko Trust Zambia (KTZ) by securing funds for KTZ programmes and providing management support and capacity building. It also offers technical assistance, recruits specialist volunteers and publicises KTZ's activities. In 2008 over 90% of funds raised were spent on charitable activities with the rest used for governance and generating further funds.



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Nine UK sixth form students worked alongside local Zambian contractors to construct a new pit latrine at Kwesha School in July. The development studies students from Varndean College in Brighton, led by their teachers Emma Iavarone and Alrik Green fundraised to buy the materials before spending two

weeks at Luansobe constructing school desks and benches, as well as helping build the toilet block.

Share a Gift

If you're looking for gift ideas for friends or relatives - for birthdays, Christmas or any occasion - please consider donating to a Kaloko project on their behalf. You'll introduce them to a new community and culture as well as making a real difference to people in rural Zambia.

Your friend or relative will receive a Certificate of Appreciation explaining how the gift will be used. We will also send them *Kaloko News* for a year so they can see what we achieve and the importance of their support. Please send your 'As a Gift' donation to the Kaloko Trust stating the name and address of the recipient of your gift. If you contact us we can suggest specific projects that need support.

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