



the kanga project

Tanzanian women doing it for themselves.

In partnership with Rural Women Development Association

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

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When a woman has next to nothing, it takes next to nothing to make a difference.

But when a girl gets an education, she can provide that next to nothing for herself and her community.



I must start this report with sincere apologies for the time it has taken to produce it. Today is the 1st January 2011 and more than 6 months have passed since the end of our financial year. Time never seems to be on the side of the volunteer who has to work full time. With just 3 days left before going back to work, I have gone into a panic. It's not that I have been wasting my time over the last 6 months, quite the contrary. In fact I can't remember a day that has not seen me attending to some "kanga" or "Together 4 Africa" business of sorts and next year's report will reflect this. But as far as this year's update is concerned, it is rather grim and thin and so instead of spending time going through the issues encountered on the projects and leave you feeling rather disappointed, I have decided to only write a brief report this year but complement it with our December Newsletter that also includes the period June to December and shows how issues were resolved later on. So on now with the matter in hand.

Our income this year came to £15,426, a small drop of £1,000 on the previous year. We are particularly grateful to Nick Furlong who donated £4189 (5000 euros). This was his second very generous donation to the kanga project. We also received welcomed, unsolicited grants of £3,000 from The Bower Trust and £1,000 from Sydney E Franklin. The Paget Trust (£1,000), CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust (£500) and Just Trust (£500) responded once more to our request. To all of you we are immensely grateful. Your ongoing support is not only essential for us to achieve our aims, but was, largely what kept us going during this difficult year.

The rest of our funding was down mainly to 2 young ladies who raised funds by climbing Kilimanjaro in July 2010. Ismat and Razan raised a staggering total of £4,680 of which £3,385 are accounted for in this year. We participated in the FSI small charities car raffle and also raised small sums through the various fundraising websites we use. Finally, secondary school sponsoring for the girls has been slow to get going but we are thankful for the two lucky girls who found sponsors this year.

The accounts were kindly audited again by Les Leavitt, free of charge and can be found at the back of this report.

But somehow, funding was not the issue this year and we would have struggled to allocate other funds as we were hit by unexpected events that meant delays, postponing and reassessing. As the core of our work is project based, we have to ensure that each one is carried out to a satisfactory and sustainable conclusion before we consider the next one and, sometimes, this causes long delays or rethinking as you will see in the Newsletter.

However, early in the year our main concern was with our project coordinator in Tanzania, Gloria Nkungu, as she experienced the sudden death of her father in January. He was at the time the main carer for her mother who had been bed-ridden for sometime. With no close relative on hand, Gloria had to take on the care of her

mother until she also passed away in March. This double chock left Gloria understandably very distressed for several months.

I personally also went through a few months of uncertainties following a notice of redundancy due to closure and had to spend a lot of my time searching for work before the final end. Fortunately I did find work without suffering a gap, but at a cost to the kanga project.

I mentioned last year the impending launch of Together 4 Africa, a coalition of small charities working in Africa that got together due to our own initiative. We did launch in July at our first awareness and fund raising event at the Altrincham Festival. While the day went very well for all those involved, the actual fundraising was rather poor. However, this was a chance to see how well we could work together and in that respect, it had a positive result. As the Chair of this new organisation and the main driving force, a lot of time was spent preparing for the day. Time that, ultimately, I am convinced, will benefit the kanga project as our main issue in the UK is the lack of volunteers and opportunities to network. Together 4 Africa members then spent the remaining of the year refining their mission and objectives as well as start work on their first main event aimed at charities due to take place on 28th January 2011.

We had several enquiries from people wanting to volunteer in Tanzania, but as we can only consider offers from volunteers who have previously spent time in Africa due to the remoteness and loneliness of our projects, we only ended up with 1 Italian lady for 3 weeks. However, Assunta proved to be most useful, not least providing a thorough independent report on activities and suggestions for the future. Assunta is now teaching for a year in Ethiopia but has kept in touch and is still helping with ideas and research.

Finally, we had two enquiries from girls wishing to enter the Vodafone Challenge Competition which allows 6 winners to work overseas for their favourite charity for 12 months, an opportunity that comes with a £25,000 wage/grant. We did not win, but it was rewarding to have been picked.

At the close of this year, I am getting ready to head to Tanzania in late July to regroup with Gloria and her organisation, to "knock some heads together at the school and the District Office" I am pre-warned, and to meet up with Ismat & Razan on completion of their Kilimanjaro climb, show them around Ilongero and see the new solar egg incubator they have helped purchase, in action.

So for now, I would like to express my gratitude once more to all of you who generously gave and helped us get through this tough year. I also want to apologize again for being so late in getting this report to you. I can only hope you will forgive me and be willing to support the kanga project and its partner, Rural Women Development Association again. We are doing our very best to bring opportunities

and hope to the community of Ilongero and especially its women and girls. The future is looking very exciting and we hope you will want to be part of it.

Annie O'Connor

Chair of the kanga project

REVIEW OF 2009/10 PLANS

ILONGERO SCHOOL—ELECTRIFICATION

Finally, after many months of waiting, electricity did arrive at the secondary school in May 2010 and we did not need to contribute to the costs of installing the posts and sub-station, only the connection to the hostel.

LIBRARY

We planned last year to start setting up a library at the school by collecting unwanted books from secondary schools in the UK and we got in touch with READ International to see if they could provide the logistics. Unfortunately, the April deadline for getting books to READ was missed as the two volunteers, for various reasons, did not manage to meet our objectives.

KITCHEN

This had to be postponed due to the difficulties we have had with the School, but is being revisited as issues are now cleared.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The first stage of the long term plan we mentioned last year to build a large training centre has been put in place with the building of a chicken breeding training centre on the edge of 8 acres of land bought from the villagers at a cost of £500. By the end of May it was almost finished.

Building at the end of August 2009.

FUTURE HOSTELS

We committed ourselves, right from the start, to the ongoing building of hostels for girls in the grounds of secondary schools so that distance, danger and cultural duties may no longer interfere with the education of some of them. However, it is not

anticipated that we will make a start on the planned Kinyeto one this year.

THE CHICKEN REARING GROUP PROJECT



Photos taken June 2009

The project started in earnest in March. Unfortunately by the end of August, the group had disintegrated due to disagreements between the women and the owner of the land on which the chicken house had been built. Most of the building material were recovered and used on the training school project, including all the equipment and the chickens that got distributed between the women. The training they had received was used by each woman as they built themselves some small kibandas and carried on breeding in line with the training. They are all doing well. More information is provided on this in the newsletter.

A ROUND UP OF OUR HOUSEKEEPING

RWDA CAPACITY BUILDING

As explained last year, although we have, until now, geared our fundraising to specific projects and will continue to spend funds raised from Trusts on the projects made in the applications, it was our wish to set aside one off individual donations to build a reserve of 6 months salary and on going costs of RWDA. Once this is achieved, RWDA will be able to take on a full time community development worker to organise regular training seminars and supervise & evaluate projects. The problems posed by a lack of a permanent presence was vividly highlighted this year. Funding is now in place and recruitment is in progress.

MARKETING

We were not able to secure free help to improve the website and so, until a better solution could be found we created a blog page for updates. This allowed us to have a platform to display our new sponsoring pack which was launched in time to coincide with our Christmas appeal "What a feeling" which was sent out by email and displayed on Facebook. The message was about giving the gift of education and

also included a poster entitled "Become a girl's guardian angel, sponsor her education".

In January we found ourselves featured in a small American newspaper "The Sheridan" and are, slowly, building up a little exposure.

We also registered the kanga project on "The Big Give" website.

2010/11 PLANS

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

RWDA have asked for a 1000 egg incubator to be installed at the training centre that was built during the year. The incubator will expand the capacity of the training centre into a self sustaining non profit business that can fund further training opportunities. The villagers will be encouraged to use it and increase the speed and quantities of eggs they can hatch. Payment will be made in chicks that can be sold on, once ready, at the market.

TRAINING CENTRE

Briefly mentioned last year, it has now made it on our project list. It will be very comprehensive in its extent, incorporating seminar rooms, an information centre, an agricultural school, workshops, internet facilities and the chicken rearing training school already in place. It will also generate an income from hiring of the facilities for training to other NGOs, Government bodies and social events. This last point is one that we, in the UK feel unsure about and I will be investigating it at my next visit.

Although this is going to be a rather big project for us, we do believe that it represents the best possible economic and social solution to development long term and we will work on its marketing and costings throughout the year in order to have a professional proposal for funders. We have already had a pro-bono offer of help from an architect lady who knows Tanzania and Annie O'Connor works in the building industry, making it easier to have a technically sound proposal.

OTHERS

These will be discussed during Annie O'Connor's visit in July 2010.

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Income And Expenses Accounts for the Year ending 31st May 2010

2008-09		2009-10
	Income General	
1445.00	Donations	4898.14
1793.80	Fund raising activities	4015.21
28.82	Online fundraisers	32.44
13150.00	1 Grants from Trusts	6000.00
	Sponsorships	480.00
<u>16417.62</u>		<u>15425.79</u>
	Income Specific	
	TOTAL INCOME	<u>15425.79</u>
	Expenditure	
18670.53	General Grants to RWDA	14100.00
0.00	Donor specific grants to RWDA	
	Project evaluation	945.00
100.00	Transfer Bank Fees	80.00
1127.24	2 Administration	954.40
<u>19897.77</u>		<u>16079.40</u>
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>16079.40</u>
	Net Position at Year End	<u>-653.61</u>
	Notes	
1	The Paget Trust	1000
	The Bower Trust	3000
	CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust	500
	Just Trust	500
	S Franklin Charitable Trust	1000
		<u>6000</u>
2	Charity choice donation service & advert banner	249.00
	Fundraising costs	705.40
		<u>954.40</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MAY 2010


2008-09	ASSETS & LIABILITIES	2009-10
1683.69	Bank	959.86
<u>-87.91</u>	Petty cash 1)	<u>-17.69</u>
<u>1595.78</u>		<u>942.17</u>
	representing	
	NET WORTH	
5075.93	Fund Balance at 1st June 2009	1595.78
<u>-3480.15</u>	Net Position at Year End	<u>-653.61</u>
<u>1595.78</u>		<u>942.17</u>

1) Petty cash due to A. O'Connor

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 May 2010 and the Balance Sheet at that date are in accordance with the books of account of the Charity, that the operations recorded therein comply with the terms of the Charity's Objects, and that I have received all the information and explanations I required.

A certificate in the format of Charity Commissioners' Form CC65(b) will be lodged with the copy of the accounts submitted to the Commissioners.


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