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# SINGING GORILLA *Projects*

Singing Gorilla Projects (SGP) funds and manages community based projects in remote parts of Uganda that improve the welfare of communities and enriches the lives of individuals. SGP work on the Nteko ridge and the surrounding hills in the Kisoro district of Uganda, a stone's throw away from the DR Congo border, close by to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, the home of the last remaining majestic Mountain Gorilla.



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SGP have four different types of projects:



Creative



Healthcare



Community



Education

## Improving life chances by supporting health care

With funding from Dunstan Thomas Group Limited, work has commenced on extending the health clinic. This includes the building of a new maternity and paediatric ward to ensure a greater level of care and facilities for young children and pregnant mothers.

The facility is now complete and the fit out will soon begin. Services are to start in January 2020.

### How can you help?

You can help fitting out the maternity ward, for instance by helping to purchase a bed at our [wonderful.org](https://www.wonderful.org) page.



## Creating opportunities through education

SGP are supporting seven primary and two secondary schools in the Nteko and Kisoro area. Ensuring that children staying at school for longer and achieve better results is a key target for SGP, and will assist the welfare of the community as a whole.



## Helping girls stay at school for longer

SGP have been building girls changing rooms and latrines as part of each school building project. The changing rooms are a crucial innovation for schools, as this is a huge step towards ensuring that girls continue to stay in school while they are menstruating.



## Keeping the weather out of classrooms

In May 2019, SGP funded the re-roofing of six schools located in remote areas with iron sheets. The schools, located in the villages of Mwumba, Rushabarara, Rutooma, Nkuringo and Rubuguri, were given 100 iron sheets each.

In an amazing effort, parents and children alike arrived at the SGP residence in Nkuringo, the Volcano House, to collect and transport the iron sheets on foot back to the schools showing the exceptional spirit and teamwork of the local community to work together for the benefit of their local schools.

### How can you help?

You can help Singing Gorilla Projects by:

- Donating to Singing Gorilla Projects through our [wonderful.org](https://www.wonderful.org) page.
- Donating to the [Empower Her project](#).
- Donate £15 for a [school pack](#) consisting of a text book, notebook, pencil case (filled with equipment) and a calculator.
- Donate £20 to install a [solar panel to improve conditions for studying](#).
- Donate 170 to [school a child for a year](#).

## Helping the community

In addition to the new latrines and changing rooms, a new bio toilet has been installed at Rubguri Primary School. Below, Father Nestorio, the parish priest, is stirring additional cow dung in the bio toilet to kick off the chemical reaction which will see human waste transformed into methane, which will in turn be put into use in the kitchen and for animal feed and fertiliser.

## Capturing water means more time for school

SGP have installed over 70 water tanks and water filters across the villages of Nkuringo, Suma, Chicomo and Rugandu, as well as the areas around Nteko Ridge and Lake Mutanda. These tanks are positioned to locate water closer to where the communities live and reduce the amount of time collecting water. Women and children traditionally collect water. With the water tanks, children will spend less time collecting water and more time at school.



## Creating opportunities through education

Singing Gorilla Empower Her Project aims to provide young girls with the tools and knowledge they need to preserve their optimism, restore their confidence and create a better world.

A fundraising event was held in August. Over £1,600 was raised through this event, which will be used to pay the salary of a teacher and rent a class room. The girls will learn skills such as basket weaving and sewing which will enable them to generate income for their families and contribute to their children's education.

*Music and dance – a common language that brings people together and improved self confidence*

The Singing Gorilla Music School was founded to “create self-esteem through music, dance and drama”. Since its creation, the music school now has recorders, ukuleles, drums, harmonicas, melodicas, brass instruments and string instruments to name a few.

Chris Read, founder of Singing Gorilla Projects, says “One day, I hope in my lifetime, I would like to see the Music School visit us here in the UK to perform. I am always on the lookout for more musical instruments, do drop me a line if you have lurking in your home that are not being used”. If you wish to help, contact [Chris](#).



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- Donating to the [Empower Her](#) project.
- Donate £30 for a [water filter to remove unwanted impurities from water](#).
- Donate £600 for a [3000 litre water tank to store rain water in hard to reach areas](#).



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