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Singing Gorilla Projects **NEWSLETTER**

A warm happy new year from all at Singing Gorilla Projects. We aim to continue the successes we've seen in the previous decade and strive to hit higher heights and help more people in the coming years.

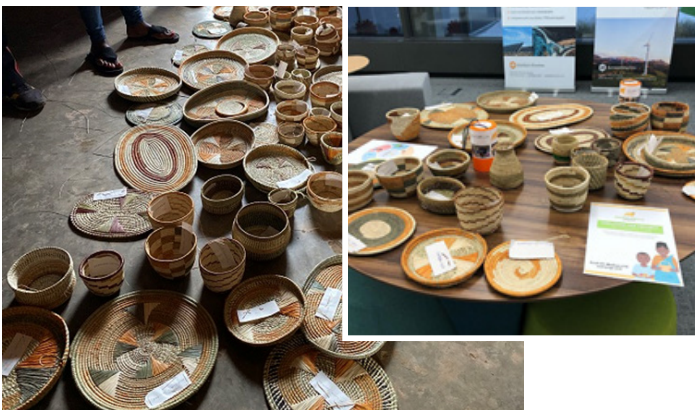
Empower Her

In October 2019, the Empower Her project was officially launched by Singing Gorilla Projects. This project seeks to help young girls whose education has been interrupted by pregnancy.

The Empower Her programme will work on restoring the girls' confidence and building their self-esteem, by providing the tools and knowledge needed to preserve their optimism and create a better world for themselves. By achieving this, these girls will be able to develop skills which will allow them to sustain themselves financially, giving them a platform from which to thrive.

The programme is now underway and has been a huge success. Some of the sessions teaching women to prepare dye and weave baskets have been fully booked as the local women rush to benefit from this excellent new scheme.

After a month of operations, the Empower Her women have produced a large number of baskets and mats. Many of these have been transported to the UK where they have been sold to staff at Dunstan Thomas for Christmas gifts.



This initiative was an immediate success, with the baskets selling rapidly in the DT office.

**RAISING
£400**

Sandra visits the UK

For the first time since Singing Gorilla Projects established in 2014, Alexandra Kamanyire, General Manager of Singing Gorilla Projects, visited the UK. During this period, Sandra attended the Dunstan Thomas conference, where she spoke in a question and answer session with Chris Read, founder of Singing Gorilla Projects. Sandra discussed the various challenges she has faced in her time as general manager, ranging from the difficulties of being a female in a senior position, to more general day-to-day practical issues with implementing initiatives.

In addition, Sandra presented Dunstan Thomas with an award for the company's generosity and support throughout the years.

In other news, Singing Gorilla Projects are delighted to welcome Michelle Cracknell as the latest trustee of the charity.

Education

Ntungamo primary school in Nkuringo have received text books donated by Singing Gorilla Projects. A special thanks to Colin and Carol Easton for funding the books.

We welcomed three new sponsors this month, they will fund six of the children from St Andrews Secondary School & Iryaruvumba . We still need additional sponsors, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in funding primary or secondary school children, please contact Luisa

In addition, the bio toilet at St Joseph's secondary school in Rubuguri will soon be completed. This bio toilet is designated specifically for the girls who board at the school, and provides eco-friendly, maintenance-free disposal of human waste.



Community

Two water tanks were issued in November. The first is issued to Izdolo who works in the local district. He is responsible for the delivery of Health Care. Izdolo will install the water tank in a community building to provide water to his village neighbours, while the second tank is for SGP's neighbour at the Volcano House. The old man is called Boy and has had leprosy for most of his life. Here he is with his daughter and Evarist, the Singing Gorilla Project manager for community projects .



Healthcare

The maternity ward as part of Green Hill Health Centre has a new floor installed. The maternity ward will be opened formally in early 2020 upon the building's completion.



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.

SGP have four different types of projects:



Healthcare



Community




Education




Charity

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