



SINGING GORILLA PROJECTS NEWSLETTER *October 2021*

Message from Chris Read, Founder of Singing Gorilla Projects

Dear All

I will be returning to Uganda on the 12th November for a few days. It would have been over a year since I was last there. Covid has devastated the economy in Uganda and more so in Nkuringo which of course relies on tourism to provide incomes. I look forward to catching up with all the projects and characters in the village. There are some key tasks to get through:

1. Assess level of completeness of the maternity ward and push for an opening date. I also have to secure the financial involvement of the health ministry in its ongoing funding. I suspect there will also be an NGH board meeting.
2. Assess viability of solar stove project that has been passed to me by a US donor.
3. Review education infrastructure projects for 2021. Review the funding for the education sector in the light of school closures.
4. Consider funding for 2022 projects.
5. To complete the 2022 budgets and plans.

We are expecting 2022 to be quite busy with visitors to the Volcano House. There are two Dream Challenge trips scheduled, one in July and one in October. I shall be there to help run these. I also plan to be there in March.

I hope you will be able to visit the project again in the coming months or not too distant future. Your contribution to SGP has been invaluable and has helped to keep the show on the road. Just a word of thanks for your support, do drop me a line for more information.



Regards,
Chris Read

October Update

We hope you are well. While normal activities have continued to be interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Singing Gorilla Projects have made strong progress with the completion of several community projects in Uganda, alongside the ever-growing Empower Her project.

We have interviewed Pius Rwoshumana, Head of Education in Uganda, and Alessandra Kamanyire, General Manager of Singing Gorilla Projects, about the progress made by Singing Gorilla Projects in the last few months.

Be sure to keep up to date with all our projects in Uganda on our [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)

COVID-19 in Uganda

Uganda has now administered nearly 3 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with only 584,000 people being fully vaccinated, out of a population of 46 million people. Vaccination is continuing in Uganda, but some parts of the population do not trust the vaccines. More vaccines are due to arrive in November or December, which will accelerate the doses administered.

However, the level of infections in the population has reduced, in part due to the hot weather.

School Education has not yet started. The Government has focused on vaccinating all teachers, medical workers and children in University and tertiary institutions. University and tertiary institutions will official open on 1st November 2021. Primary and secondary schools will open in January 2022, once the majority have been vaccinated.



Community Projects

In the past few months, there has been excellent progress on community projects. Since May, classrooms have been completed at Kaihumure Primary School, Kanyampiriki Primary School and Kavumaga Primary School. Unfortunately, these classrooms have not yet been opened by SGP, because children are not yet back to school.

Looking forward, SGP are planning to continue developing local infrastructure through the development of 3 new classrooms and a pit latrine. Once these are completed, SGP's schedule for 2021 will be complete.



Empower Her

The Empower Her has continued to progress strongly throughout the last few months, despite interruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, it has proved to be so popular, that SGP has had to limit the number of women that can take part due to the few available machines.

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