

a little bit of news

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Nurturing hope in the Butaleja District of Uganda by enabling people to overcome the hurdles that prevent them reaching their full potential.



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hope after the storm

On 31 March parts of Butaleja experienced what only can be described as a freak weather event. The wind was so strong, and the rain so intense, that approximately 60 houses in the District were destroyed or seriously damaged and many people were injured.

In conversation with the local government and other NGOs that operate in the area, our team in Uganda conducted a detailed assessment of the damage and created a plan of action.

Meanwhile, in the UK our supporters generously gave over £3,500 toward our storm appeal. Thank you so much!

We are now supporting families as they rebuild their homes and lives. For some, this means working with them to build a new house from scratch. For others, it means supplying them with some cement, wood, nails or iron sheets so they can rebuild their homes from the materials they were able to salvage. We have also arranged for a building expert to advise families so they can make sure their houses are stronger and can withstand future storms. This can also include strategically planting trees to shield their homes from the wind.

But a picture says a 1000 words...



It wasn't just houses that were destroyed – crops and possessions (including school books) were also lost. We're not going to stop working with families once their homes are rebuilt, we want to support them as they rebuild their lives.



Mr Woola almost died in the storm and his house – where he and his wife live with their nine grandchildren – was seriously damaged. You've enabled us to rebuild it for them! Thank you.

An engineer teaching people how to build stronger houses.

health: training the trainers

This year we are continuing to fund the Busolwe Health Worker's Association to conduct an education programme in villages in Butaleja.

As well as visiting new villages to teach families about the importance of basic hygiene they are also revisiting villages they worked in last year to conduct further education programmes on subjects such as nutrition.



We want to ensure that the Health Worker's are as effective as possible, so recently we organised some training for them. This was led by government health educators. The next stage is for the trainers to visit households with the Health Workers to help them put into practice the skills they learnt in the classroom.

The Health Workers are extremely appreciative of the bicycles we were able to give them. This will enable them to visit more families as they'll spend less time travelling between households. Thank you for making this possible.



We would like to thank the **a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)** team for working so hard over the past few weeks as they have developed programmes to support those impacted by the storms.

While doing all this extra work, they have done their best to keep all our other programmes running as well. We believe that this is important as many of our programmes will ultimately ensure that families are less vulnerable to events such as the recent storm.

Here is an overview of some of what's been happening over the past few months.

EDUCATION

We've entered into a partnership with the Busolwe Library, enabling them to employ a librarian. This has ensured that the library – an essential resource for the community – remains open and will continue to develop its programme of educational activities.

Each week, a team of women visit schools to teach girls how to make reusable sanitary towels. This will help girls to remain in education when they start their periods. This year, we're encouraging their mothers to join them for the lessons. We believe this will increase the likelihood that the girls put into practice what they learn.



After employing an agricultural expert our four school farms have been given an amazing boost of energy and expertise! Fred is a whirlwind of activity as he seeks to make sure the school

farms not only provide food for lunchtimes, but become educational centres for the whole community.

VENTURE CAPITAL

We have run a second business course for business owners. Once again, at the end of the week-long course participants were determined to put into practice the skills they learnt and expect it to have a significant impact on their business activity. (Read more at: alittlebitofhope.org/lessons-in-business)



WATER

So far this year we have fixed two boreholes and installed the first pilot rainwater harvesting system to a house. We plan to install several more in June, including one to a community building. If successful, this could be one of our 'feature' programmes in 2014.

WIDOW CARE

Two more houses have been completed (taking the total to five) and a training programme, to teach the widows about income generating activities and encourage them to work together is about to begin. This will include the 40 widows of Bugosa establishing a small loans and saving group.

JOIN US

If you already give to our work we would like to say a massive thank you. If you don't, would you be willing to give a small amount of money each month? This year, we would like to find 20 people to start giving £14 a month. This would ensure that the programmes you've been reading about can be continued and developed further.

orphans and

vulnerable

children

The year started with us providing 30 children with school uniforms, sports kits, and other essential school equipment such as exercise books. These children were from Busolwe Orphans Home and the village of Bugosa (the village where we are establishing a widow care programme.) Thank you to those of you who have given money to make this possible.

In Uganda, there are plenty of free schools, however, parents are expected to pay for uniforms and exercise books. This prevents many children from getting an education.



Grace, a **little bit of HOPE (Uganda)**'s social worker, has been spending two days a week at the Busolwe Orphan's Home. She is ensuring that the Home is well run and the children have the best start possible to life.

She is currently conducting home visits to see which of the children could be supported to live with their extended family rather than in the Orphan's Home.

We will then develop a support programme for vulnerable children who are living with their (extended) families in the community.



Did you miss our recent event?

If you did, you can catch up on some of what you missed:

An introduction to Butaleja District

Article: alittlebitofhope.org/an-introduction-to-the-butaleja-district

Meet the people who make hope happen

Film: alittlebitofhope.org/the-people-who-make-hope-happen

Building hope for the future

Impact Report 2013: alittlebitofhope.org/slides/building-for-the-future-impact-report-2013

Online Banking

Our Bank: The Cooperative Bank
Account Name: a little bit of HOPE
Sort Code: 08-92-99
Account Number: 65521142

Cheques

Please make cheques payable to "a little bit of HOPE" and send them to: a little bit of HOPE, 16 Priory Road, Sheringham, Norfolk, NR26 8EW.

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alittlebitofhope.org

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