

African Great Lakes Peace Trust

AFRICAN GREAT LAKES PEACE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

SUCSESSES

Despite Covid 19 and lockdowns, we have been able to raise over £6000 during this year. It has been a hard year for our friends in the Great Lakes countries, where lockdowns, as well as the virus itself have caused great hardship. As always we have focussed on programmes where we know the leaders and their work personally. We aim to give to programmes that will have a lasting impact through a sustainable structure.

FOOD RELIEF

In Rwanda, we gave £1000 to Friends Peace House to enable food relief for elderly people. Casual labourers have been unable to work and support older people in their families. Although food aid is not normally in our remit, the pandemic has made this kind of work important.



Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities is a long-standing programme first started in Rwanda in the wake of the 1994 genocide. We have been delighted this year to contribute £1650 to pay for HROC sessions held in primary and secondary schools in the Kimonyi and Muhoza sectors of Musanze District in northwest Rwanda. These workshops are for both teachers and students, helping them to heal from trauma.



BUDUDA
Learning Center

We have continued our support of the Bududa Vocational Centre in Northeast Uganda. Thanks to continued support from donors, Bududa were able to pay their staff throughout the long, comprehensive lockdown imposed in Uganda. In 2020, we funded a nurse to run workshops and provide contraception supplies. Many girls said they had no teaching on the subject and welcomed the chance to discuss issues around sexual expectation as well as contraception. As lockdown lifts, the school is planning to restart workshops, reaching out to schoolgirls and young women in the area.



HROC AND TAILORING FOR REFUGEES IN KENYA

In northeast Kenya, there are vast refugee camps at Kakuma and Kalobeyi, housing displaced people from several countries. The conflicts that drove them from their homes often continue in the camps. Transforming Communities for Social change (TCSC) have several programmes there. It is difficult for refugees to find employment, even if the authorities allow it. We have supported a women's group in setting up a sewing group. They have bought sewing machines and are running a programme teaching more women to use them. This programme continues to flourish and there are hopes of extending it. We also support HROC training in Kakuma and Kalobeyi camps.



INDEPENDENCE FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS

North Kivu is an extensive area covering part of eastern Congo and western Uganda. It comprises rainforest, small settlements and great instability, where a variety of militias fight over land and natural resources. We have helped fund a programme for albinos to set up a market garden, working with non-albinos. Albinos suffer prejudice and discrimination for their condition, so the integration in a community is as valuable as the financial independence provided by the venture.

CHALLENGES

We need to reach a wider range of people with our fundraising efforts. Peace building work is not quick and easy to explain, so it is not always easy to enthuse potential donors.

Our publicity material needs updating and reprinting. We need more opportunities to describe the work we support.

PROJECTS AND PLANS FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

On 4 February 2022, the singer and broadcaster Tom Robinson will perform his long-awaited benefit gig for AGLaPT at St Austell Arts Centre. Postscript: The gig was sellout and we raised £2800 from it. Heartfelt thanks go to Tom and Joe Holtaway who appeared in support. Apart from raising money, it was a good night out and a chance to talk informally about AGLaPT's work.

African Great Lakes Peace Trust

We are a UK-based charity supporting peace-building work in Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. We make grants for peace-building initiatives and for travel in support of them, working closely with our partners in the Great Lakes region. All our funding comes from donations, and contributions to support this work are very welcome.

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