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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 this work are very welcome. You can donate online at www.aglpt.org.uk or send to the AGLPT Treasurer, 17 Front Street, Wearhead via Crook, DL13 1BL UK.

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Children of Bududa

African Great Lakes Peace Trust Annual Report October 2021 – September 2022

SUMMARY

INCOME –

We have received £5000 in total donations from personal gifts, Local Quaker Meetings, birthday fundraisers on social media and from ticket sales and donations at a benefit concert held at St Austell Arts Centre with the singer and broadcaster Tom Robinson, supported by Joe Holtaway. Our heartfelt thanks go to Tom and Joe for their generosity in performing for no charge for us.

OUTGOING –

We have donated a total of £5300 in separate grants to Bududa Learning Center (£1900), Kakuma Refugee camp (£1500) and HROC Rwanda (£1900)

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The trustees have met in person and on Zoom, a total of 8 times. We have been pleased to welcome our partners in Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda to our Zoom meetings on 3 occasions. Thanks to our recent practice of having partners present at our committee meetings and recording what they say, we feel well informed about the results of several of our grants. This is good evidence to add to the written reports we have received showing how our grants have been spent.

SUCCESSSES

We have supported three main groups this year, Bududa Learning Center, Kakuma Refugee Camp and HROC Rwanda.

CHALLENGES

We are a small, aging group of trustees who remain full of enthusiasm for the work we support. We need new trustees who will be able to take on more of the administrative work, as well as firing us up with new ideas. If you are reading this and think you could help, please do get in touch.

THE YEAR AHEAD

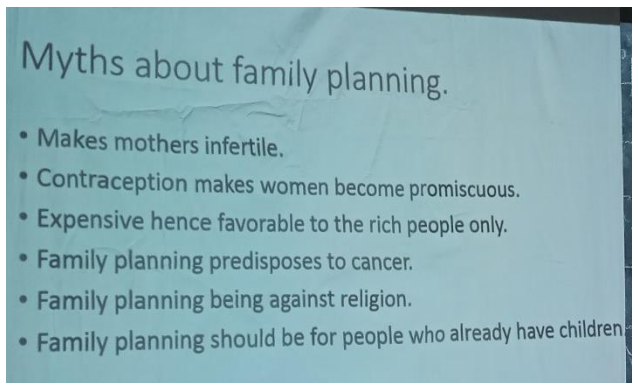
We have plans for a poetry night to raise both funds and awareness to be held in September 2023.

We have decided that our strength lies in the close personal contacts we have with peace workers in Uganda, Kenya, north eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda and we will therefore concentrate on projects that we know to be well run and successful. This allows us to deepen those relationships and provide some measure of continuity in our support. This in turn allows our partners to plan ahead, making the best use of resources.



We have been delighted to send £1900.00 to Bududa near the eastern border of Uganda in the past year, to help them cover basic costs and continue their excellent contraception advice work. We have paid the expenses and salary of a contraception nurse, who writes her own programme and reports to us on her progress. This began with a session for

schoolgirls, expanded to include young women not in school and recently to offer sessions for boys and young men. Grace Namyeka and Nanzala Martha attended our Zoom committee meeting and talked about the challenges faced by young women seeking contraception. Schools are a better starting point to contraception for young people than hospitals and school programmes may give young people the confidence to seek contraception at hospitals. Teachers have noticed that there are fewer young women bringing babies into class and even exams.



Accurate information is vital in helping young women to make intelligent choices.



In a new initiative, family planning classes are being opened to boys as well as girls

Kakuma Refugee camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement

We have donated £1500 to the women's sewing project at Kakuma Refugee Camp in north eastern Kenya.



The women attend sewing classes and are able to use the sewing machines we have paid for to make items for sale. Recently, the project has been expanded to allow some men to join the classes. Our trustee Margot Lunnon has visited the camp with our friend Peter Serete of Transforming Communities for Social Change to hear at first hand how the work is going.

In a new initiative, men are invited to join the sewing class.

Healing and Rebuilding our Communities (HROC)

We have donated £1500 to HROC Rwanda in the past year. We are pleased to receive detailed narrative reports of progress from Solange Maniraguha, the HROC Coordinator.

Kisojji Shining Primary school.

The HROC team have helped to establish a nursery school for the children of single mothers. They write:

Room to Grow Nursery school has 24 kids in total. 3-4 year olds are gathered in one room called “Baby class”, 4-5 year old are in the Middle class, and 5-6 are gathered in the third room “Top class”!



The school is looking forward to generate income through sewing new school uniforms of different primary and secondary schools in camp starting this April.

Morning circle, singing, dancing and a prayer before they go to class



Sharing porridge at break time in the HROC hall

Esther reading a story in the Children’s Peace Library

Solange Maniraguha, HROC Coordinator, writes: “HROC Rwanda wants to express its gratitude to AGLPT. If it wasn’t for your support, those kids could suffer hunger, coming to school would be a big challenge, as they hadn’t enough clothes wear and couldn’t afford to buy school uniforms. HROC itself is adding its values of not only healing from the inner wounds but accompanying one through her journey of healing.”



HROC Training for teachers

From June 2022 to August 2022, HROC Rwanda has conducted HROC workshops with Musanze primary teachers and Advanced training with teachers.

1. BASIC WORKSHOP WITH TEACHERS FROM COMMUNITY TWO (FROM KIMONYI TO MUSANZE)

From 03rd to 05th of June 2022, HROC has conducted a second basic workshop with teachers in a new community (Musanze sector), attended by a group of fifteen teachers: 7 men and 8 women. This second workshop had its usual objective (Trauma awareness and personal healing from it), but also to get to select among the trained teachers who will attend a HROC advanced training.

Here are some of the testimonies from the participants:

“I Gaudence could not know that I am traumatized until I attend this HROC basic workshop. Through causes and symptoms of Trauma, I understand what Trauma is.” “Train the rest of the teachers if possible” she added.

Augustin said “I learned that through crying one can heal from trauma. I thought crying was considered to be a weakness for man. Thank you so much HROC. I can now listen to people, especially to the kids I teach”.