



Direct Rainwater Intervention Project (DRIP)

Information for sponsors

DRIP's Vision:

“To Provide a Sustainable Answer to Hunger”

DRIP's Mission Statement:

**“To Achieve Food Security through Rainwater Harvesting
and Education in a Domestic Setting”**

Drip as an organisation has been in operation since 2005 and has been a registered company and charity since November 2008.

Why was DRIP formed?

There has been much research published in recent time about “Climate Change”. It has been acknowledged that areas that are feeling the effects first and in the most extreme nature are those countries already affected by extreme weather conditions. One such place is Uganda. DRIP formed with the aim of combating the effects of climate change, namely, reduced food security in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly Uganda.

What does DRIP do?

Drip utilises a simple model of rainwater harvesting and horticulture training in kitchen garden production and thereby alleviate hunger and poverty. DRIP is based on a small scale domestic dwelling model. It aims to provide a water collection system and horticulture training to individual compounds and to date has done this in one area in Uganda.

DRIP aims to contribute to holistic water resource management by sustainably collecting and utilising water without having a detrimental effect on the water table, or have any other detrimental effects on the environment.



Growth of DRIP

In 2006 and 2007 the DRIP team consisted of three people and a simple idea, and was to a large extent self funded. By April 2009 a team of fifteen volunteers visited Uganda to implement a simple idea as widely as possible. Two follow up and evaluation trips were undertaken in October 2009 and April 2010, to support the local organisation established in Uganda and to evaluate the training methods we used so far.

Achievements to date:

As of August 2010, DRIP has carried out six project visits to Uganda (2006, 2007, 2008 (2) and 2009 (2)) and during those visits has installed a total of one hundred and thirty three rainwater harvesting systems.

To support the construction of the tanks, horticulture training is given to facilitate the effective use of the water in a small kitchen garden.

A single tank has a capacity of 1500 litres and will support a community of approx. 10 people. Inferential statistics would therefore suggest the total number of beneficiaries would be: -

Tanks installed to date	133
Number of individual beneficiaries	(133 x 10)
Total	1,330

Simple idea that works

The results of previous visits demonstrate that not only does the tank and associated horticulture methods produce enough high nutrition food for an entire family all year round, but also enough to sell a small amount at market, and in some cases provide enough income to pay for secondary school fees for children in a family.

Fundraising

The organisation has a policy of ensuring overheads are kept at an absolute minimum. All funding is used on tank construction, training, community mobilisation and sensitisation and volunteer facilitation. No funding is used on salaries or renting space in the UK. Each volunteer is set a target of **£1,500** to help fulfil our aims and objectives.



Where does the £1,500 go?

Team overheads (inc. flights, basic accommodation and food)
In-country building supplies and materials
In-country horticultural materials (inc. seeds and irrigation)
In-country training costs
In-country wages (inc. local builders and drivers)

To us it is important that DRIP projects positively support the local economies in which we operate; all materials, supplies and provisions are sourced and purchased at the local level.

Volunteers

All of DRIPS activities are carried out wholly by Volunteers. No salaried staffs are currently employed. To date DRIP has a total of in excess of 40 volunteers, some part of the In-country team and some UK based. The volunteers who take part in the visits donate their time free of charge and many make personal contributions to the organisation.

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For the next trip we plan the following: -

- To travel with 15 Volunteers
- Constructed 40 more tanks
- Delivering horticultural training within the communities

At present the plan is to concentrate the work in the region of Pallisa, this is the region that has been recognised as in the most need of support

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