



A DISTRICT 1040 PROJECT,
SUPPORTED BY THE FAMILY OF
ROTARY IN ENGLAND, SWEDEN AND
TANZANIA

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WIDE SUPPORT

We have been amazed at the support for this project from our clubs as well as some beyond Yorkshire – amongst them the RCs of Harlow Tye, Reading, Helsingborg, Inner Wheel District 104, I W of Helsingborg, numerous schools, hospitals and private individuals.

The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester has agreed to send a research student to the island to look at the possibility of improving agriculture and food production.

Mwanza Rotary President Shekar and colleagues have been working hard to ensure the safe passage of our container from Mombassa to Nansio.

A Uganda Rotarian is coming to help us install water filters in seven primary schools.

A Rotarian in Delhi is helping us with the purchase and shipment of an autoclave to Ukerewe!

Nansio Club President Deus Shayo is overseeing all local arrangements.

Twenty volunteers getting ready to go to Ukerewe in Tanzania

The team will leave on 12 July and together with the community undertake numerous projects to improve health, water, sanitation, education and vocational training. In addition, they will also support a number of microcredit programmes and help a group of Albinos and another group of orphans.

OUR CONTAINER IS ON ITS WAY

Our 40 foot container is currently on its way from Mombasa (Kenya) to Ukerewe (Tanzania). It arrived in Mombasa ahead of schedule, having safely sailed around the Horn of Africa and the Somalian coast!

There were some 35 Rotary volunteers on Easter Saturday at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary forming a human conveyer belt loading the massive container with medical items, school books, laboratory equipment, children's clothes and toys, agricultural tools, IT equipment and a huge amount of stuff to help us boost our microcredit programme on the island. Thank you to all those who donated, packed, transported, cleaned, repaired and labelled the items.

AN EXCELLENT TEAM

We have an excellent team of 20 volunteers, all excited at the opportunity of making a difference to a section of the island community of 350 thousand people. In the team there are 9 Rotarians, 3 Inner Wheel members and 8 Rotary friends. Two are from Sweden, one each from Essex and Cheshire.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

We have a very ambitious programme which evolved following our visit to the island in January and six months of discussion with our partners there.

Team Farewell: Sunday 1st July 3-5pm at Huddersfield. If you wish to join us please give me a call. The team will leave on 12th July and return on 7th August.

Speaker: If you would like a speaker from the team, please let me know.

Exhibition: Tony Caunt organised a very successful exhibition about the project at York Minster during May. It will move to Leeds Central Library on 1st August. Please contact Tony for more details (tony.caunt1@btinternet.com or 01535 273709)

WATER: We will improve water supply to the residents of Nansio town and supply water to 6 primary schools by laying new pipes and outlets. This will benefit about 5600 pupils aged 7-11, who now have no access to running water.

We hope to provide water filter in each school so that the children will have access to drinking water. The headmasters have arranged to dig the trenches and take responsibility for maintenance.

SANITATION: Our construction team, under the able leadership of George Watson (Halifax) will construct two blocks of toilets and add to each one a unique facility – a stainless steel urinal trough, generously donated by company in Hull.

COMMUNITY AMENITY AND PLAY

GROUND: Chris Philip and her team hope to transform a 2 acre waste land into a community amenity with a volley ball court, play equipment and seats. We will landscape this area and also construct a public toilet – the first of its kind in Nansio thanks to the support of Reading Rotary Club.

HEALTH: Our man – John Ennis – who knows about hospital things condemned the autoclave at the Nansio hospital, but when we went back it had found its way back to the operating theater. A steel vessel on a kerosene stove was also on standby.

Dennis Northcote from Harlow Tye came up with the idea of buying a steam autoclave, except that it was manufactured in Delhi! Through the RC

of Delhi South, he located a supplier, raised funds and paid for it. It is on its way to Mwanza. Dennis has packed cables and other bits and pieces to connect the autoclave and make it work. John Ennis has sent a water filter so that the autoclave will use clean water. Dennis is secretly hoping to connect the autoclave to solar panels!

MICROCREDIT PROJECTS: We have a very successful microcredit programme running on the island. We hope to expand this by providing a clay oven to bake bread, a fruit juice bar, an incubator to hatch chickens and a briquette maker to make briquettes for fuel.

Each one has the potential of triggering new businesses, hopefully reducing dependency on imported food, adding value to local produce and reducing the devastation of the environment.

ALBINOS AND ORPHANS: In the container there are several boxes of sun creams for the Albinos, hats, sun glasses as well as a huge supply of tools to help them boost their income.

As to the orphans we hope to support the work of local volunteers who provide education and food. In addition, in the container there is a large quantity of children's clothes and toys for them.

SCHOOLS: We will work with six secondary schools, supplying books, science equipment, supplying electricity where necessary and improving vocational training.

Hands on Rotary: This is hands on Rotary. We do not send money to an external group in the hope that things will get done. Every penny we collected will be spent on the project. The team members pay their cost in full. No admin cost is charged to the project funds.

Simple and basic: This is a very basic project, planned and implanted at the grass root, largely conceived by the recipients. Those who have been involved with this project – by donating funds, collecting things, helping in the planning, in shipping arrangements, in talking about it to others and in encouraging – all feel that what we gained from this project is more important than what we may give to the people of Ukerewe.

More information/Speaker: This is our third project in Ukerewe. We know lives have been saved by what we did during the first two visits. For real life stories and more information or a speaker, please contact John Philip, 4 Dorchester Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2JZ 01484 421032 johnphilip@btconnect.com