



KENILWORTH-UYOGO FRIENDSHIP LINK

Newsletter – December 2023

GREETINGS AND THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2023

Review of 2023:

This year, KUFL has concentrated on funding two main projects.

Uyogo Water Project

For KUFL, providing water to Uyogo village has been a number one priority for many years. Agreed plans for bringing water to Umiki Secondary School from a borehole nearby (0.8 km) started with successful pumping capacity tests and water quality tests towards the end of 2022. Unfortunately we then learned that this borehole was no longer useable having been clogged up with things put down it which could not be easily removed. Around the same time, Tanesco, the national grid supplier for Tanzania, had many disruptions in power supply – sudden surges and frequent power cuts. To avoid damaging the electrical pumps put into the water route through Uyogo village to the dispensary a couple of years ago, the electrical pumps were turned off. This meant there was, and



still is, no running water or electricity in Uyogo. Villagers collect water by hand from boreholes. Local advice was to install solar panels to avoid having to rely on the erratic electricity supply. KUFL is acting on this advice, pumping water from the original borehole drilled by KUFL in 2009, and using solar powered pumps for all water distribution in Uyogo. A pumping test on the 2009 borehole has recently been done and the results are good in terms of both capacity and quality of water. The next stage is to fit solar panel powered pumps to the original 2020 water pumping and piping system, and

Umiki students digging trenches for pipes

build an extra branch to reach Umiki Secondary School. When it is ready, people, schools and local organisations will pay for their water usage. (For people who cannot afford to pay, Uyogo village will provide water for free.) Money collected from water payments will cover maintenance and pay for a security guard.

Lucky Mgeni, our liaison person and a qualified water engineer, has recently installed a very similar solar powered water system in another village for Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala (a similar organisation to KUFL, with whom we have cordial relations). KUFL decided earlier this year to wait and watch that process, and benefit from lessons learned. That project was successful so we are now ready to start work on Uyogo's solar powered water project.

New Primary Classroom for Igembensabo School.

Igembensabo is a sub-village in Uyogo Ward. This building project is similar to a project at Kasela primary school (another sub-village in Uyogo Ward) we supported a few years ago. As usual, the villagers have made the bricks and done most of the building. KUFL funds the purchase of expensive materials for roofing, plastering, and mosquito netting. The roofing, foundation plastering, window and door frames have been completed leaving the floor to be laid using hardcore and cement, after which the door and mosquito netting can be fixed and the whole room painted. Pupils will probably be able to use the classroom once the floor is completed.



Outside of new Igembensabo primary school classroom

KUFL will continue to support, when funds are available, other projects such as the **schoolgirls' reusable sanitary pads project**. A daughter of Margaret Simon, the Womens' and Girls' Affairs officer in Uyogo Ward, continues to make reusable pads, distributed free to Umiki schoolgirls.

Completing the Maternity Unit in Uyogo The Government has now disbursed funds to the Uyogo dispensary's account, to finish the Maternity unit, although work is yet to be started on this. The govt processes of tendering can be long drawn-out but receiving the funding is a big step forwards.

KUFL is able to fund projects in Uyogo thanks to your great support over the years. KUFL has received generous donations this year from St. John's Church, Kenilworth Lions, and Kenilworth School, as well as subscriptions and some private donations.

KUFL's partnership with Kenilworth School continues to be very mutually beneficial. Huge thanks go to Mr Luke Ovenden, who was KS's International Liaison person as well as a full time teacher. He did much over the last several years to further develop the close relationship between KUFL and Kenilworth School. Luke has now stepped down and Mr C. Bailey has taken on this role now. We look forward to working with him, too. Kenilworth students have had many opportunities to see, hear and learn how their peers in a different country live.. They have also raised large amounts of money for specific projects, channelled through KUFL, and we are really grateful for their enthusiasm and support. The sixth form USU organising group are tremendous at organising events, particularly during Africa Week, which in 2024 is the week beginning 5th February. Kenilworth school pupils will again help design a window display at Kenilworth Books to support Africa Week, facilitated by KUFL.

Would you like to be part of this long-running local Kenilworth link with Uyogo, a village community in Tabora District of Tanzania? We are always pleased to welcome new members to the committee. If you're interested in becoming involved please get in touch with Kit Lawry, our Chair, who would be happy to talk with you (email address below).

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Upcoming Events

KUFL are having a **stall in Talisman Square on Saturday 16th December 2023**. We hope that we will be able to meet with some of you there.

Our **AGM in Kenilworth Methodist Church will be on Saturday 20th April 2024**. 10.30am for coffee and cakes and the AGM will start at 11.00am. Please put this date in your diary.

Please do look at our website: www.kenilworthuyogofriendshiplink.org

This is updated regularly with news, photographs and videos of the current projects in Uyogo.

Thank you all so much for your generous support this year, and please remember KUFL in your Christmas giving!

There are a few ways that you might wish to consider doing this. **If you save your branded used printer cartridges** for us, we can collect these from you for recycling. **Each cartridge will add about £1 to our KUFL funds.**

Finally, we have set up the facility to **donate £5 by text to KUFL** – by dialling 70085 and text-messaging 5R4UYOGO This can be gift aided if you wish.

Together, we work with the people of Uyogo towards a better future. That's a gift worth giving!

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