

Uyogo Village in Tanzania



Agriculture

Each family has a plot or shamba on which they grow crops like maize, cassava, yams, peas and beans. They often have a hollow log with bees hanging in the forest. They smoke out the bees to obtain honey, with a wonderful unique flavor. In the rainy season the whole family will work from sunrise until dusk planting, weeding and harvesting their crops, by hand. Fruit is plentiful, mango, bananas, papaya and pineapple for example.

The government provide tobacco seeds and the villagers have a cooperative to dry the leaves, and sell them. This is a major source of income.

In the dry season the men make bricks from the local clay. They fire them in the village and build new houses, classrooms etc. The money from Kenilworth is important for buying roofing sheets, and cement for the buildings. More substantial houses are far more practical than the old thatched style.



Health

The project started by building a mother and child clinic which has now been refurbished and a dispensary for the safe storage of medicinal drugs has also been rebuilt. It now needs to be made more secure. The mothers give birth in the village and babies are vaccinated against polio, and measles. Malaria is still the number one killer so we have provided more mosquito nets through the clinic.

The nurses were living in poor housing so we are in the process of building two houses for them and their families.

We supplement the government supplies each year, sending vitamin and iron tablets and extra equipment.



Education

Primary schooling is free and available in the village up to 14 years. After this they must travel into the town of Urambo for secondary school, often having to board or stay with friends during the term.

The village school has large classes and few resources. Children share books between five. We have paid for cupboards and extra books. Having houses to offer teachers encourages people to come and work in the village school. So we have built 3 so far, but plan for more.

The school has its own committee as has the village. Decisions are made democratically involving as many people as possible.

Despite difficulties the people of Uyogo are cheerful and optimistic about the future.



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Mother and baby clinic	Rebuilt	Government added 2 maternity rooms.
Dispensary	Rebuilt	extra security measures required
Extra drugs and equipment	vitamin and iron supplements	mosquito nets
Teacher's houses	3 houses built	more houses needed.
School Classrooms	3 new classrooms built	more classrooms needed
Covered wells	3 built	
Wells with pumps	2 built	
Deep bore holes	8 built around the village	A central bore hole requested
Sponsorships	Students to secondary school	Students to folk development college



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