

# Nkondo Project Update



## Nkondo Project Visit – A helicopter overview!

Many Rotarians in the Club still have sweet memories of the Batumbya's Patrick and Frances' home hospitality events. Others remember the so-called 'Fred Luzinda' bulls while others remember the 'so well organized ladies in a remote place'

Those were the days when the Club was 'prospecting' on serving the 'not easy to reach' community in Kidera village of then Kamuli District (and now

Buyende District). As a result, the community established a Rotary Community Corp (RCC).

Today, with contributions of members and in partnership with Rotary District 5340 in San Diego, California, Nkondo community is benefitting from a US\$114,500 Global grant.

The components of this project are shown in the side bar in this bulletin.



## April 9 Trip Objectives and achievements

On April 9, 2011 14 members of the Nkondo Project team accompanied by 2 guests left Kampala to join PP Patrick in Nkondo for a project visit. The team aimed to achieve a number of objectives including:

1. Attend the closing of the training of the community in Microcredit financing. The training had been going on the whole week
2. To assess the requirements for distribution of water (A technical team had already identified a source of water within a distance of 300 meters).
3. Provide additional training in

farming

The meeting took place at Immeri Church of Uganda (Anglican).

### Achievements during this trip

- The team presided over the 'passing out' of trainees on microcredit finance (see separate story in this bulletin)
- A training session on 'urban' gardening using 'doodo' seeds was conducted.
- The Water team took measurement to establish requirements for pipes
- There was a focus group discussion on diversification of cash crops.

## Project Highlights

### Total Budget: \$114,500

1. **Water and irrigation:** \$25,000 will be used to drill a deep water borehole fitted with a submersible pump driven by solar energy, with a 10 cubic meter water storage tank elevated to 12 m to supply by gravity.
2. **Education:** \$15,000 to provide school furniture, books, and computers to be fitted with solar power.
3. **Health:** \$10,000 for medical equipment to reopen the local clinic that has been closed for a few years. \$1,500 to start a safe motherhood, child health & HIV/AIDS counseling and testing project.
4. **Community Development and Microcredit:** \$6,000 to buy furniture and a solar energy system for the local community center. \$10,000 to start a microcredit project in the village. \$15,000 to buy farm equipment to help the local community to process maize, cassava, millet and fruits.



## Micro Finance Takes off



On Saturday, April 9, 2011, a 'pass out parade' of potential Microfinance beneficiaries was witnessed by the project team that visited Nkondo. This is a milestone in the project plan especially within the microfinance component of the project.

The conclusion of this stage means that the potential beneficiaries have been trained on the obligations of the borrower, the conditions of borrowing and the responsibilities attached to borrowing for development.

A total of 23 groups of 5 members have now been formed and these

are the groups that will participate in this scheme.

In addition, a Loans Officer has been identified and was expected to start training today Monday April 11, 2011 with M/S Salama Shield, the implementers of the microcredit component of the project.

Members of the Rotary Club of Kampala North will also be trained on Microfinance credit monitoring and evaluation at a date to be given.

(Additional reporting by Rtn. Eric Byenkya)

## Coming up next on the project

In December 2010, the project hosted a team of 7 Vocational Training Team (VTT) professionals from District 5340 San Diego, California. It is planned that Our District (District 9200) will send a reciprocal VTT to District 5340 to study irrigation in Imperial County (East of San Diego). The team will comprise professionals from Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia.

It is planned that ahead of their trip to USA, the VTT team from District 9200 will come meet in Uganda and will stay in Nkondo village for at least 5 days. It is also planned that the team will meet Kampala North members during one of the fellowships.

## Who is Nkondo?

Nkondo is a village located about 285 kilometers from Kampala going beyond Kamuli Town. Its geographical location is given by as 1° 12' 53 N and 33° 8' 59 E.

