

Welcome to the 2020 Chilli Children Autumn Newsletter. There's lots happening in Uganda that we're thankful for and we're launching our Give 2021 Campaign!

From our project leader, Evas



Evas, social distancing at the Project Office

COVID 19! Things were never the same! The lockdown started March 20th and most of the Project activities were done on phone and from home premises because of the Presidential directed lockdown that had to be adhered to. Hospitals and patients program for review and initial assessment were all affected including cancellation of both the field surveys and surgical camp that was to be held at Kisiizi – hopefully postponed until next year 2021. Come June when the transport ban was lifted, our Project Chilli Feld Extension Workers resumed to complete the chilli harvest in a

challenging 'COVID style!' By August a few project patients resumed to go to CoRSU and other hospitals for medical check-up and operations. Also the clubfoot and learning life skill clinics resumed but on a smaller group of 1-3 and individual home visits. Other activities during lockdown include improving the project rehabilitation compound and distribution of food to Kitaz school pupils despite us having to temporarily close our school. *Evas*



Working to improve the Rehabilitation Centre compound

Give 2021

In **2021**, we are looking for **20** new people to commit to giving **£21 a month** to the Chilli Children Trust.

Your money may go towards*

- A club foot treatment for a child - £60
- A return trip in the project ambulance to Mbarara for a neurological clinic and review (every 2 months) - £42
- A hydrocephalus shunt surgery for a child - £200
- A bow leg / knock knee surgery for a child - £100-£200
- A malnutrition programme - £40
- A wheelchair for a child - £100-£200
- Project hostel rent for one month (where children + their caregiver stay pre and post travel to hospital) - £30
- Termly school fees for a student at Hornby Blind School - £42
- Food at Kitazigurukwa Special Needs Unit (feeding 35+ children) for one month - £550



Can **you** be one of our 20 new donors? Do you **know** **someone** who could be a new donor? Can **you** continue to change more lives like these (and so many more!)?

If you can give, please **sign up** using the **Giving Form** in this newsletter or via our website.

We are happy to say that over 98% of money donated in the UK goes out to directly support the work of the Chilli Children Project in south western Uganda. *estimates – prices vary depending on child and exchange rate

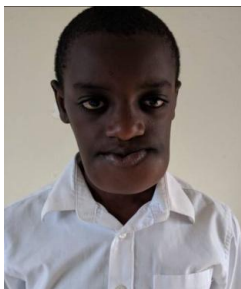
Amanda's Story - Age 4 with Down's Syndrome

Project social worker Abony has been working with Amanda and her mum this year. She says, "before Amanda visited the chilli rehabilitation centre, she couldn't stand without support, feed herself or associate with any person apart from family members. Now, after training her mother she has learnt to feed herself, she can walk and she has learnt to better express herself whenever she is in need of anything." We know Amanda has a bright future with the support of the project and her loving, committed family!



Ronald's Story - Age 15 with a mandible tumour

Roland had been suffering with a debilitating mandible tumour (on his lower jaw) for a long time. COVID travel restrictions delayed his treatment but we are so pleased that his condition is improving! He and his mum are so thankful to the project for stepping in and covering the costs of his surgery and treatment. They brought a jug of honey to the project staff to express their gratitude!



Medical Outreach



For a number of months this year, transport has been severely limited to foot only! This has meant that children needing to travel for operations haven't been able to do so. Thankfully, in the past couple of months, lockdown has begun lifting so children are

travelling to CoRSU, CURE, Kisiizi Hospital again for much needed treatment and Jones was able to treat 12 children for clubfoot.

Children receiving medical support through the Chilli Children Project since lockdown (March 2020)

No. of children receiving treatment/surgery from CoRSU hospital	30
No. of children receiving treatment from Kisiizi Hospital	8
No. of children with neurological cases receiving treatment	11

Kitazigurukwa School Food Distribution



We are so thankful that we were able to invite all 34 children who attend our special needs boarding unit at Kitazigurukwa Primary School to the Project Office. The children were delighted to see each other again after over 6 months apart and it was a joyous reunion all round! The children will not be able to return to school until February/March next year. Please do continue praying for them during this extended time at home.

Chilli Harvest 2020

Factfile:

 **596.5 kgs of chilli**

 **211 chilli farmers**

Difficult times for the chilli harvest


In March, the chilli farmers were ready for the harvest, but unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, the activity was postponed until the lockdown was lifted. Usually,

farmers would gather at 'collection centres' where the project chilli workers come, assess, weigh the chillies, and then give an immediate payment according to the number of kgs collected. Hundreds of kgs of chillies would then be loaded onto the project truck and sent to ESCO, who export the chillies. This process normally takes around two weeks across three districts of Uganda. However, due to the lockdown and restrictions, the harvest was done slightly differently this year, and involved a number of new challenges!

This was the most difficult harvest ever. eMany of the farmers lost hope due to the long delay and didn't take care of the chillies resulting in a poorer quality than usual in some cases. The price of chillies has fallen, but we hope that it will rise again as world markets stabilise

Adapting and learning: Chilli Harvest 'COVID Style'



 Chilli farmer 'representatives' received the chillies from local farmers, and kept them in their home, until one of our field staff came to collect them on their motorbikes!

Left: Waiting for collection



🌶️ Field staff, Zaire, Martin and Victory, used their motorbikes to travel to the homes of the representatives and collect the chillies. Curfew for motorbikes was 2pm which meant that the staff were limited in how much they could do each day

Left: Chillies being loaded on to the motorbike

🌶️ Usually, staff work together with the farmers to sort their chillies into Grade A and Grade B. This close contact was not allowed, so the grades were not clearly separated.

Right: Weighing the chillies



🌶️ The project uses radio announcements as their primary form of communication, however this was not allowed so communication was often difficult as many farmers do not have mobile phones.

Left: Kato, one of the project children, with the chillies her family has grown

🌶️ Instead of payment being immediate, it came at a later date, after ESCO had collected the chillies. It was not easy for some families to release their chillies without immediate cash payment!

Right: ESCO collecting the harvest





Gift aid and giving

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Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box: ☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Chilli Children Trust / ☐ I am not eligible for Gift Aid.

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Please make cheques payable to Chilli Children of Rukungiri Trust. Send to 37 Forest Road, Bingham, Nottinghamshire, NG13 8RL

Regular Giving (and our GIVE 2021 campaign)

Chilli Children of Rukungiri (Uganda) CHARITABLE TRUST Reg. Charity No. 1106601

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