

Welcome to the 2020 Chilli Children Winter Newsletter. We have lots planned this year and we're looking forward to seeing many lives changed. Thank you all for everything that you do to support this.

Recap of 2019 from Project Manager, Evas Nahabwe



*Evas with pupil Darius at Hornby
School for the blind*

The Chilli Children project remains a department of excellence in assessing and providing corrective surgeries for children with disabilities aged (0 – 18 years) using partnerships with Kisiizi Hospital, CoRSU Hospital and CURE Children's Hospital Mbarara. Over 150 children underwent surgery in 2019.

The project also conducted deep rural field surveys in Kisoro and Kanungu districts where over 600 children were registered with disabilities and plans for each child were made appropriately.

The chilli growing production was hit by the declining world market, which affected the farmers in Rukungiri and even prolonged the harvest/purchasing season but thankfully on 30th July 2019, the Project delivered 1773kgs weighed at Kaseses Esco Uganda Limited Branch and our 410 farmers were paid.

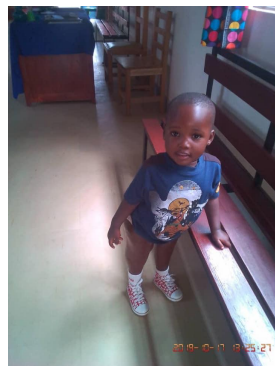
34 students were cared for at the special unit at Kitazigurukwa school and the Hornby Junior Primary School project cares for 7 blind pupils.

As usual, Occupational Therapy, Clubfoot assistance and general rehabilitation has been practiced at the project main office hall using our new facilities that were built to assist with this.

I commend the parents and guardians for their endless support, love and care to the management provided to their children that enables us to accomplish great success and achievements in 2019. Also I thank all our management members and project staff who do both clinical and non-clinical to provide administrative and operational support for the processes.

Evas

A great success story from CORSU Hospital



Rihanna was born with severe lower limb deformity. Following assessment and surgery to amputate, she was given prosthetic legs a couple of months ago. She is now learning to walk, and a whole world of opportunity has opened up to her. We are grateful to CORSU Hospital in Kampala for operating on hundreds of chilli children every year, and to you, our donors, for making it possible!

Chilli Harvest 2019



Factfile:

- 🌶️ **1,773 kgs of chilli**
- 🌶️ **410 chilli farmers**
- 🌶️ **Three districts in SW Uganda**



Meet one of our chilli farmers..

Teresa has been with the Chilli Children Project since 1994! She gave birth to her last born son in 1993, however he was severely malnourished and so they joined the project on an intensive feeding programme.

Her son is now fully healthy and well, working in the Ugandan army! Teresa says that she paid his school fees using her chilli income.

For the past 25 years, Teresa has continued to faithfully grow chillies, and now uses the income for the grandchildren she is supporting. This harvest, she harvested 6kgs of chillies, the income for which she is planning to buy new school uniforms for her grandkids.



Fiery Foods Festival 2019



In August, we were invited to join the Fiery Foods Festival; a three-day event on the Brighton sea front. The festival comprised of food stalls, chilli produce stalls, entertainment, bars and live music. The organisers kindly allowed us a free stand, donation buckets on every stall and the option to distribute leaflets about the project.

We raised £216 and met some Chilli celebs like Chilli Sid who has since featured us on her YouTube channel [youtube.com/chillid](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCchillid). Huge thanks to the organisers for allowing us to be involved!

Visit us in Uganda in 2020

If you'd like to join us in 2020 then please take a look at dates on the Mission Direct website. More information can be found through our partner [Mission Direct](#) or by emailing us at contactus@chillichildren.com

Online Shopping and Giving



When shopping with online, please make Chilli Children your nominated charity and remember to always shop at smile.amazon.com or via easyfundraising.org.uk

It costs nothing to you but for every purchase that you make, we receive a donation that can change lives!

Rehabilitation & Learning Life Skills Centre Work



Ronald first came to the Centre with his Mum in July, unable to stand or walk, and with very limited verbal communication. Thanks to lots of patience and persistence from his mum and our team, he can now walk independently (in fact he is unstoppable!), is able to feed himself and can communicate using simple words. We know his future is bright!

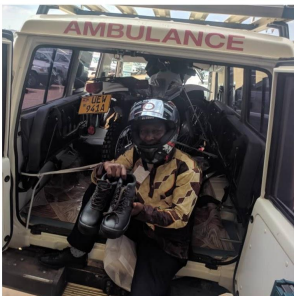


The Centre continues to be utilised daily by parents and caregivers, who come and receive advice, support, understanding and new friends!

New Motorcycle Arrives!



Thanks to CMS Ireland we were provided a grant in 2019 that allowed the Chilli Children Project to purchase a new motorcycle. Motorcycles are very important in rural Uganda as they allow the team to get around quickly and reach areas that large vehicles cannot. CMS has also kindly provided funds to refurbish the 20-year-old ambulance for fetching and carrying supplies. Thank you!



An update on your donations

At our Trustees meeting in February 2019 we agreed to increase the grant that we send to Uganda each quarter to help the Chilli Children Project manage rising costs. Our current commitment is around £70,000. Unfortunately, we have fallen short of our fundraising needs in 2019 and this is projected to continue in 2020. This means that Evas will need to make hard choices about which activities she is able to continue to fund in this coming year.

If you can, please consider helping us with a financial donation.

How you can help:

- Do you have a Gift Matching or Give as You Earn scheme at work? *Please let us know if we are not listed as a registered charity so that we can enroll.*



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- Are you a member of a church or organisation that is searching for speakers?
- Are you looking for a named charity for a future sporting or calendar event?
- Are you an organisation or school looking for a charity to sponsor in 2020?

What does my donation mean?

£30 can correct a minor deformity such as removing digits or club foot

£200 treats osteomyelitis (bone infection) or post-injection paralysis

£250 can treat a child with hydrocephalus or spina bifida

£500 can fix genu varum (bow legs) and genu valgum (knock knees)



Leaving a Legacy

You may like to consider leaving a lasting legacy to the work of the Chill Children Project in your will. If we are one of your favourite charities, then would you consider leaving a gift in your will? It would enable the work of the charity to continue and you would be passing on something wonderful to future generations. If you are making your will, or updating your will, we would be thrilled to be included in your plans. Any gift, large or small makes a huge difference to the children and families involved with the Chilli Children Project. If you would like to speak to someone in person about this, then please do get in touch.



Gift aid and giving

In 2020, we have committed to send 312 million UGX (approx £70,000) to Uganda. Please help with a donation if you can.

First Name Last Name

Address.....

Postcode :.....

Email address:

Amount £..... Date.....

If you are able to give monthly, please email us for a standing order form or go to <https://goo.gl/jBGgW1>

Charity Gift Aid Declaration (please return an updated form to us)

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.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title First name or initial(s)

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Please notify the charity if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

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

