



Many children with disabilities are destined to a life of immobility and hopelessness. How grateful they are when equipped with special seating, wheelchairs, prostheses or tricycles which may give the opportunity for a new life of education and employment. However, this project also

needs following up as children grow, their artificial legs need replacing or their wheelchairs need mending and so the Foundation enables them to have repairs or replacements when necessary.





Every pound raised goes directly to the Kumi Community Foundation.

All donations are welcome!

Mature Goat	£25
Wheelchair	£125
Tricycle	£125
Bicycle	£75
Afripads	£5 per pack

For more information or to make a donation, please visit our website or social media pages, or send us an email.



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# KUMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A community based programme for children with disabilities in Kumi, Uganda

## Caring for Kumi children

with

Rehabilitation
Improved Mobility
Education
Nutritional Support
Income Generating Projects

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The Kumi Community Foundation was started in 2002 by Elspeth Robinson who first went to Kumi Hospital in Uganda as a physiotherapist. She has continued visiting for about ten weeks each year and now her Foundation supports many families with children with disabilities and malnourishment who are living in extreme poverty in remote areas of the bush. Harriet leads the team which continues with the activities whilst Elspeth returns to the UK to raise funds.

#### **MALNOURISHMENT**

Drought and flooding can destroy the crops which the peasants rely on for survival causing severe malnourishment which is so often left untreated. Many parents fear to take their children to the Nutrition Unit in Kumi Hospital knowing they cannot pay the fees and so our fund can settle the

hospital bills and provide transport costs for the very poor. Our team may follow up these families with home visits to identify their needs and to improve their situation by initiating income generating projects.

#### **FUNDING FOR SURGERY**

Children needing orthopaedic or plastic surgery from the extremely poor rural bush areas do not have access to Kumi Hospital due to the necessity to pay for their hospital admission. The Kumi Community Foundation team identifies these children in outreach clinics or by word of mouth and then they select those who are the neediest. The family can rest assured that the child will have the best available care without the concern of payment.

### **INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS**

So often visits to the bush identify children with severe physical and learning disabilities living in hopeless situations. The immediate assistance is important but, more so, the family needs to become independent and self-supporting. Income Generating Projects (IGP) such as the provision of goats, cows, oxen and ploughs, education in sanitation, fuel-saving, animal husbandry, compost-making being a few, give opportunities to lift these families out of poverty.

#### **EDUCATION**

Kumi Community Foundation sponsors pay school fees for children with disabilities or for a sibling of such a child. Children with cerebral palsy and brain damage, who are blind or deaf and dumb or with other disabilities are admitted to nursery, primary and secondary schools, technical schools for vocational training and university. Schools in UK are linked with local schools in Kumi and support sport, Girl Guides and provide supplies of AFRIPADS reusable sanitary protection.

#### HOUSING

A leaking thatched roof or washed-away walls on a mud hut makes families depressed and desolate. The foundation has a builder who builds simple "permanent" houses with iron-sheeting roofs which last many years. The provision of a pit latrine helps to reduce the spread of infection.

