



Annual Report 2008/9

INTRODUCTION

My first year as Chair has been another successful year for Water for Kids (WfK). WfK has continued to provide water and sanitation in Uganda and Zambia during the year and has supported the completion of a project in Kenya. There were two WfK field trips to Uganda and one to Zambia this year; this meant that 47 people were actively involved with our projects.

WfK maintains a high profile in the world of Environmental Health (EH) and many EH people and others make great efforts to raise money to help fund our projects overseas. A variety of fundraising events have also taken place this year and the charity continues to get a great deal of support from both its individual and corporate members.

This year has shown that the partnership between Water for Kids and overseas EHOs is a good formula for providing not only safe and sustainable water supplies, but also adequate sanitation and hygiene education. This has been exhibited by the work with the Zambian Institute of Environmental Health in the success of the projects in Fumbelo and Chipapa and by the many projects completed in Uganda. In Uganda Muzamiru Bidondole, Public Health Assistant for Iganga, and his team have identified and carried out the projects. Without the work of these partners, WfK would not be able to support this number of projects, so we are especially grateful to them.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Firstly, I would like to welcome our two new corporate members, Long Mountain Gallery of Ireland and Discday Ltd. Also continuing thanks go to our other corporate members Transparency Data Services, The Red Cat Partnership, Association of London Environmental Health Managers, Kew Environment and Training Consultancy, Machin and Toplass, Civica Software Systems, Killgerm Group, Nevis Computers and Enviroflow.

OUR PROJECTS

Secondly, I would like to update you on our projects, the very reason for the existence of WfK.

This year has seen the completion of two new projects in Zambia. The first project has provided safe water to a busy Clinic in Chipapa, a school, a market and a village in a large rural community 30km south of Lusaka. Within the clinic, the delivery room now has a flushing toilet, a hand basin and a shower and the two treatment rooms have hand washing facilities with running water for the first time. Until September, water had to be carried 1km to the clinic.

All this has been generously provided at a cost of £17,500 by Ged Pike, who raised the money following the death of his wife Jan, to pay for a water project in Africa. He then identified Water for Kids as a suitable charity (through its website) and joined the field trip to Zambia in 2007 to make sure that WfK was a charity he would want to support.

Further works are underway in Chipapa to increase the water supply and provide water in two more villages. The whole installation will then provide safe water for up to 4,000 people in the area.

The second project has provided water in Fumbelo, a peri-urban community on the edge of Lusaka. To cater for the density of population of 15,000 people a water kiosk was built. It has six water taps and it doubles up as a shop. The person running the shop will be there all day to look after the water system and collect a fee for the water to ensure it is maintained. (The fee is a small fraction of a penny for 20 litres and vulnerable people will be exempt).

During the field trip in May the UK team of five worked with the local people to decorate and add the finishing touches to the projects before the handover ceremonies. The water systems were formally handed over to the local water committees who promised to ensure they were maintained into the future. During the handover in Fumbelo the Mayor of Lusaka (Zambia's capital city) said "The city of Lusaka continues to experience perennial outbreaks of cholera and other water borne diseases due to inadequate clean water supplies. This project will not only improve the health of the people of Fumbelo, but will also enhance the development of the area."

Training will now be organised for local people on hygiene education, and a few individuals from each community will be trained to carry out simple maintenance and repair of the installations. Most households in Fumbelo and Chipapa already have a toilet (pit latrine) but many are not adequate; the Local Environmental Health Technologists will advise households on how to improve their sanitation.

Trustee, Peter Minhinnett has once again worked tirelessly with Muzamiru Bidondole to provide clean water to a number of communities in rural areas around the town of Iganga. Most of the work is done during field trips, two of which have run this year. 21 WfK members took part in the June trip and 11 members and ten teachers went to Uganda in February. The second trip was part of a new Global Schools partnership between Daventry and Iganga.

In just one year six more springs have been protected, two boreholes have been installed and two water harvesting supplies have been constructed. In addition, washing and toilet facilities at Iganga hospital have been renovated; they were in an appalling state. Peter, Erica and Sheila ran the first in a series of health education workshops, for representatives of the communities which already have water supplies funded by WfK. This also included maintenance training and improvements to previous projects have been seen since the training was carried out.

The protection of springs involves transforming a contaminated pond, where there is a danger of people falling in, to safe clean supply from a pipe with drainage to a soakaway. These low cost works have improved the health and well-being of hundreds of people in each village. Other villages are continuously asking for their springs to be improved in this way. However, where this is not possible, water harvesting is a cost effective alternative, especially for the orphanage and polio clinic, and at the health clinic in Numansaala village. All of these have had water harvesting systems installed by WfK this year.

The fifth annual field trip organised jointly by Daventry Friends of Iganga and WfK returned from Uganda four days ago. Peter will report on the progress to protect more spring water supplies, provide water harvesting facilities to a health centre, provide a second health education workshop etc. In addition Kate Rogers, at her own expense, is assessing the effects on the communities, of providing the safe water supplies that WfK has installed in Uganda.

Our partners, the Kenya Acorn Project, completed the WfK funded rainwater harvesting project for a nursery in Nhdiwa village in Western Kenya this year. Two trustees, Peter Minhinnett and Barrie Whitehead, visited Ndiwa in February 2009; they found the installation to provide water for toilet and handwashing facilities was of good quality. There is also an outdoor tap providing water for the local community. John Craigs of the CIEH North East Region initiated our partnership with KAP, we are sorry to hear of his recent death and send our condolences to his family.

FUND-RAISING

2008/9 was another successful fund-raising year for WfK; the credit crunch has not significantly affected our income so far. The vast majority of donations are small amounts raised by a large number of committed supporters to whom we are very grateful.

We are very appreciative of the organisations which have continued to support and donate to WfK during the year: Soroptimist International of Preston, Civica, Rotary Club of Colwall, Killgerm and the SE Franklin and JUSACA Charitable Trusts. A prize draw was held at the Best of the Best Conference in liaison with Killgerm, which raised £1,235, many thanks to the CIEH and Killgerm for this.

Special thanks go to the individuals who have each worked hard to raise over £750 for WfK during the year, these are Natasha Franklin, J Duffy, T Wong, Jackie Jobling and Norman Yates.

WfK stalls have been present at events, raising both much needed funds and also our profile. We are grateful to the conference organisers and others who helped with stalls at the London and SE plus the E Midlands CIEH study courses and the HMO Network in Liverpool.

It has been another year of sponsored events, where individuals have raised money for WfK. To our amazement 31 people ran the Manchester 10K this year and Ellie Brown completed all 26+ miles of the London Marathon. The biggest effort so far involves Stuart Walker who set himself the British Isles Challenge. This involves travel between the most southerly and northerly points in the UK by human power alone. He started this month and WfK is one of three charities he is raising money for. Many thanks to all of these energetic supporters.

WFK AS AN ORGANISATION

The seven trustees (see below) have continued to oversee the work of the charity in accordance with the revised constitution, which was agreed at the last AGM. Unfortunately Donna Telfer had to resign as a trustee in November due to ill-health; we miss her enthusiasm and commitment and thank her for her contribution.

We have retained our level of individual membership throughout the year with 119 members on the database.

In November we held the first WfK weekend away at the Lockerbrook centre in Derbyshire. 26 members enjoyed themselves and made suggestions for improving the way WfK works. As a result three sub-groups have been established this year to provide a structure for volunteers to become more involved in the work of the charity. The sub-groups are Fundraising, Communications and Education. They also suggested that there should be more focus on getting new members on board, this has been started.

On the communications front we have introduced a bimonthly, email newsletter for our members and we continue to update our website each month. A big thank you to Sandra Watson our skilled web-designer, who does this free of charge. We are also grateful to Will Hatchett, the editor of EH News, for publishing articles and promoting events for WfK.

WfK could not survive without reliable people doing the work of treasurer and administrator, so many thanks to the ever dependable Jason Cox and Carey Minhinnett. It should be said that, although we employ an administrator for up to one day a week, WfK funds are not used for expenses for trustees going abroad to monitor projects. This year 94% of the funds raised were spent on the projects themselves.

THE WAY FORWARD

WfK will be in the position to achieve a lot in 2009/10 and future years. The bank balance is healthy and we are confident of maintaining just a slightly reduced level of annual income, in the light of the current financial climate. In particular a new charitable trust has expressed an interest in funding a project in

Zambia, but this is subject to an application being approved. We are in the process of compiling a fund-raising strategy and are considering whether to apply for more grants from larger funding organisations.

As well as working to increase our membership, we would like to attract and involve more younger supporters, so we are looking at using new ways of networking starting with Facebook.

Last but not least, we have a number of new projects in the pipeline; these are in Rwanda, Kenya and Tanzania, as well as in Uganda and Zambia. The Board of Trustees has approved a grant to supply water to Karongi Primary School in the Western Province of Rwanda. We are delighted to be able to fund a project in Rwanda and will be working through Helen Perry an EHO who has spent time teaching in Rwanda. In Kenya we hope to work with KAP again to improve rainwater harvesting facilities in five schools, some of which are currently in a dangerous condition. We are planning to work with a new partner Tanzania Rural Revival, a charity which provides small-scale financial support to villagers in remote parts of south-west Tanzania. WfK hopes to be able to fund a project to provide safe water in a village where they are working.

Three more projects have been identified in Zambia. One involves building protected wells with 'elephant pumps' for a sparsely populated rural area 40km from Lusaka and another will provide water sanitation and hygiene education for a remote village in the Western Province. Also in view for help is a densely-populated area on the edge of Lusaka, which has a high incidence of diarrhoeal diseases, including cholera, due to extensive flooding during the rainy season each year. The first two of these projects will involve working with Village Water, a charity set up by the British Association of Dowsers. It is working in the Western Province of Zambia providing water, sanitation and hygiene education.

New projects in Uganda for 2009/10 have started with those achieved during this month's field trip, and where more future projects will have been identified.

Research will be carried out to assess the benefits of the safe water supply to the people of Fumbelo and Kamaila, our first project in Zambia, as well as the similar research being carried out in Uganda. We hope the results will assist us with fundraising in future.

In 2009/10 the trustees will continue to focus on the provision of sanitation and health education alongside our tailor-made water supply projects. We are always keen to make sure that we provide the facilities that local people want and that they will maintain them in future years. We believe this will in turn provide a sustainable improvement to the health and quality of life of tens of thousands of children and their communities and will save lives.

Natasha Franklin
(Chair of the Board of Trustees)
27 June 2009

Other members of the Board of Trustees are:

Sara Emanuel (Secretary), Jason Cox (Treasurer), Barrie Whitehead, Greg Warwick and Peter Minhinnett.

Angela Parsonson is a co-opted trustee.

Carey Minhinnett is WfK's administrator.



Water for Kids

Registered Charity No. 1059901

Helping people to get safe water for the first time.

WATER FOR KIDS Accounts for 2008/2009

Income and Expenditure Account for the period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

Annual Income	2007/08	2008/09
Donations (1)	57,184.92	3,3871.93
Membership Fees(2)	2,576.00	2,488.00
Interest (3)	2,272.35	1,928.79
Xmas Card Amnesty	3,270.62	1,548.56
Fundraising Events (4)	-	1,404.94
Goods (4)	1,219.72	1,002.90
Total Income	<u>66,523.61</u>	<u>42,245.12</u>
Annual Expenditure		
Zambia Projects (5)	9,390.00	33,970.00
Uganda Projects (6)	9,100.00	30,522.88
Fundraising Costs (7)	-	2,061.69
Administration fees (8)	1,184.00	1,120.00
Website (9)	423.00	692.06
Meeting Costs (10)	690.66	583.88
Insurance (11)	436.31	436.31
Administration Expenses (12)	3,297.07	391.53
IT Equipment	562.95	-
Bursaries	500.00	-
Corporate M'ship Plaques	385.41	-
Organisation Subscriptions (13)	-	224.00
Fundraising Charge (14)	182.08	209.96
Banking charges (15)	45.50	99.00
Total Expenditure	26,196.98	70,311.31
<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>	<u>40,326.63</u>	<u>-28,066.19</u>

I, Kris Murali Bcom,FCA, Certify that this is a fair and true record of the accounts as given to me

WATER FOR KIDS – Registered Charity No. 1059901

Co-operative Current Account	4,046.41	
Co-operative Deposit Account	1,332.83	5,379.24
CAF Gold Account	41,811.46	
CAF Cash Account	6,669.38	48,480.84
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Food for trustees meeting 28/03/09	41.44	
Fundraising items for 'Turning the tap' Day	11.62	
Washstands for Uganda previously paid for	81.48	
Meeting room charge on 28/03/09	55.13	189.67
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		53,670.41
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Online donations in March 2009	27.60	27.60
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Total Funds Available		53,642.81