

# Rwanyana Community Trust

News Bulletin summer 2024



L to R, Doreen, Isaac, Esther, Dathan, Barham & Novence

## Off to School!

The project and charity continues to grow and evolve as the sponsored children get older. This year was a big year as another 9 sponsored children graduated and have left the village to attend secondary school or technical college. We also managed to find sponsors for 3 more deserving secondary children including Novence, who graduated with the highest score ever seen in the sub-county (8 schools). We have high hopes for Novence! However, this progression brings challenges for the charity. It means that we have less sponsorship going into Bevan Community School. Last year's fundraising will enable us to send the £6000 needed to top up sponsorship and school fees this year, so this year we need to raise even more to secure the school's future.

### Achieved this year

- New clinic built
- Provided text books for half the year groups
- Solar installed on the nurses home
- New latrines built for the hostel

### Urgent Issues for the project

- Provide text books for more year groups
- Fund maintenance of existing classrooms
- Fundraise to ensure the schools future.
- Continue looking for funding partnerships

### What can you do ?

**Sponsor a child** - £25 a month will provide schooling, uniform and food for a needy child

**Sponsor school needs** - Any regular contribution to the school will enable us to provide education for needy children who haven't got a sponsor

£20 per month will provide food at school for 3 children

Eg. £6 will provide a school text book, £10 will provide uniform for one child

### Charity Objectives

RELIEF OF POVERTY -

EDUCATION

# New Clinic!

In July 2023 we opened a new purpose built 5 room clinic. This has allowed Nurse Brenda and her team to provide care to her many clients more efficiently and in more professional conditions than in the old clinic.

Since the original clinic was opened in 2019 and up until March this year, Nurse



**Brenda outside the new clinic**



**Kilinju (elderly) group enjoy their porridge**

Brenda has completed 11501 consultations for general outpatients services 2.027 for family planning services, administered Malaria and HIV tests for 241 clients, made 240 referrals to hospital and delivered four babies. In addition Brenda runs regular ante natal clinics, supervises a special needs group once a week and a

monthly gathering of the elderly where they enjoy socialisation and health care.

## Special needs group

The group continues to meet every Thursday with around 15 regular children and their carers. It is run by Nurses Brenda and Juliet with the assistance of George and Dinah.



This is Victorious. She is 16 months old and she comes with her grandmother to the group every week.

Victorious was born with very small arms and uses her feet to hold things. She really enjoys drawing and playing with toys. She is starting to learn to stand and walk.

The special needs group were very happy to receive the recent donations of pencils, felt tips, chalk and paper.

# Fundraising 2024

Mabel and Floss are going for a long walk! Trustees Neil, Alison and Keith with Mabel and Floss (their dogs) are walking 200km (130 miles) around Anglesey to raise money for Rwanyana Community Trust. They will be walking the Anglesey coastal path over 12



days in May and June 2024. Can you join them?!

Can you sponsor them and help us raise some money for our charity? All money raised will be used to provide school dinners at Bevan Community School.



**Donate here!** <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/mabel-and->

**Diary date - Fundraising quiz night - The Forge, Dronfield, 1st November**

## Case study - Ainamaani Isaac



Isaac 's parents left him in the care of his grandmother , in order to find work, but she struggled to care for him and his siblings. He was a bright child and in 2016, Grace found him a UK sponsor and he started in nursery 3 class at Bevan Community school. His situation at home worsened and in 2018 he moved into the hostel. He thrived there taking his turn at the chores and socialising with the other children. He did well at school but really blossomed when

the project started installing solar. He showed a real aptitude for electrical installation and was invaluable to electrician Esau , thoroughly learning the trade including climbing on roofs! Isaac gained a high grade in the Primary Leaving Exam last year and is now studying Electrical Installation at Rukore Polytechnic. Thank you sponsor!



**Isaac receiving donated tools**

# Dental Camp, March 2024

Nursery 1 classroom at Bevan School was converted into a field dental surgery for 2 weeks in March 2024.

A team of Ugandan and UK dentists brought a truck full of all the equipment needed including folding dental chairs, portable dental equipment and generator. All this was supplemented by dental supplies generously donated from the UK.



Work started immediately on screening all of the children for dental disease and providing fluoride treatment. 275 children were seen by the 4 dentists in one afternoon. Children loved getting a sticker for seeing the dentist. None of the children would have been seen by a dentist before and they were very well behaved despite not knowing what was going to happen.

The dental camp finished with visits by the dentists to both village primary schools. They talked to the children and teachers about caring for teeth and how to brush their teeth properly. All children and staff were given a toothbrush. The dental camp has been very well received by children and the community. A total of 1076 (!) people were assessed and treated during the 2 weeks. The dental team were supported by many others from the community to mobilise people to come, manage the queues and calm anxious younger patients. It was great team work! Good links have now been made with the local dentists on the team.

The dental camp was funded by generous donations from friends, family, and colleagues of Dentist Alison and Ken Foxall, including Lighthouse Church, Anglesey.



**A mother encourages**

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