

Discover News-sheet

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Dear Friends

It is a great joy to hear stories of how people and families benefit after attending training run by Discover partners, their health improves: they become competent gardeners and their economic situation improves.

Now we are receiving news about how two entire districts are undergoing significant change.

In Maliba district there was a typhoid epidemic. I have already reported how the Bumbura (Discover) Maliba group, (which has 52 members and is under the leadership of Robert Bwambale), visited 102 families in

the district, inspecting their toilets and making appropriate recommendations. On 1 and 2 February Bumbura Maliba convened a conference of over 100 representatives from many relevant agencies; health, police, local authority, community leaders etc. The topic was



Delegates at the Bumbura Maliba Typhoid conference being addressed by a police officer.



Bumbura Maliba members cheerfully prepared all the food for the conference - essential to keep costs down. Many members contributed vegetables.

typhoid - its causes, transmission, prevalence, treatment and prevention.

Robert Bwambale wrote: *Leaders in Maliba Sub County have all agreed to work with community based organisations to bring services to the people, such as the provision of clean water. They will also encourage pregnant mothers to deliver their babies in hospital and to attend antenatal care. They plan to work together to fight domestic violence, to ensure children go to school and to encourage everyone to take part in communal activities in the villages.*

Following this training initiative, teachers and church leaders are sharing the knowledge they have acquired, especially about typhoid. Groups are forming in several villages. People are working together as they never did before.

In Kaliro District, the Mikwano project, under the leadership of Eric Kihuluka, has run a series of training events with teachers and a range of community leaders. They have the support of

the king and clan leaders, who have sent Discover messages of appreciation for the support we give.

Eric reports many positive developments; there is widespread improvement in levels of nutrition, (especially due to teaching about mixed grain porridge and green leafy vegetables), school meals are more nutritious, schools are performing better as teachers learn new teaching techniques and are better motivated. Even the government has recognized that standards of hygiene and cleanliness in the district have improved. Here too, domestic violence is a major issue, and the Mikwano group has won the respect of the local authority in its work of conflict resolution.



Some delegates at the recent 5-day training for teachers arranged by Mikwano. Practical sessions included tinctures, medicinal oil and ointments, black stones, nutritional porridge and moringa leaf powder

Water projects



A water tank in Nyirivu Village is finally in place, on a strong foundation, and with the associated guttering and pipework. The villagers are thrilled, especially those who helped with the construction

Thanks to many generous donations, we reached our target of raising £8300! Brilliant! On Tuesday 13 February construction work began in Nyirivu village. We expect the tanks will be built in the Kasese village in April. These communities are absolutely thrilled!

The work goes on ...

Now we continue to support our partners in running training activities in their districts. For example, Rehema Namyalo will run a very intensive 7-day training later in March. If you

support a project in Uganda, you are invited to sponsor their leaders to attend this training for £225. Or maybe you would like to sponsor one member of Mpugwe Village Parent Teacher Association! Rehema is only one of many who are actively sharing their knowledge and skills for the benefit of surrounding communities.

With best wishes and once again many thanks for all your support,

Keith Lindsey