

Discover Newsletter – November II 2025

The work of our Discover partners in Africa must continue!



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As you already know, Discover, as a charitable organisation based in Germany, will cease to exist after the 31st of March next year.

You may ask why, when our African partners really have achieved so much, when many communities have been, and continue to be, transformed: landscapes have become green:



Will you help by supporting just one of our many partners?

farmers have increased their yields: people have developed new skills: schools have planted trees and established vegetable gardens – and more! I am very proud of what we, together, have achieved. May I emphasise that, without your donations and support we could have achieved none of this.

So why? I regret that I must accept that I am getting older and my energy levels are declining. That is also true for the members of our committee here. It is far better that we make a planned finish while things are going so well.

Our African partners are eager to continue their work. Many have taken steps to enable them to become independent and to sustain their activities, either by an income - generating activity or by establishing a tree nursery, so that they have their own supply of tree seedlings. But, even so, most of them would very much appreciate periodic words of encouragement and even occasional additional financial support, even if that support is very modest. We suggest three ways in which you could provide support:

- a) By writing to a Discover partner and providing moral support only,
- b) By offering financial support only, without personal contact with the African partner,
- c) By providing both moral and financial support at a level of your choosing.

If any of these options are of interest to you, please read the guidelines below and let me know what you would be willing to do. If you have already expressed interest in supporting one of our partners, please confirm your willingness again.

From reading our newsletters you may already know which of our partners you would like to be in touch with. If so, then tell me. If not, allow me to make a suggestion.

I look forward to hearing from those of you who feel able to be a part of this.

A message to all who make regular donations for Discover using either the Stewardship Trust or Afrinspire Ufund, please make your last donation in February next year.

With many thanks for all your interest and support,

Keith Lindsey and the Discover -Team

Guidelines for those who would like to continue to support a Discover partner in Africa

1. Guidelines for the supporter in the UK:

Step 1: Selecting a partner:

- a) If you have an idea of who you would like to contact or support financially, either directly or via another person, please let me know.
- b) If not, I will make a suggestion.

Step 2: You wish to have personal contact with a partner?

Once we have agreed on a partner, write by email or WhatsApp and introduce yourself. Perhaps send a photo of yourself. Explain what impressed you about the Discover Partner's work and why you would like to contact, encourage and support this partner. Ask for feedback once a month. Show interest and encouragement.

Step 3: You wish to offer financial support?

If you wish, you can offer modest financial support. This will be a great help and source of encouragement. Specify how much you are willing to give (in their local currency) and how often.

Be prepared for the unexpected. You may be asked for help if your partner experiences a personal crisis. It is entirely up to you whether you offer help in such a situation.

To send money to Uganda, I recommend Afrinspire Ufund. The administrator, Mandy Boulton, is very helpful. Afrinspire Ufund is a charity, will add Gift Aid but deduct a 15% fee on the sum donated. If you wish to use this method, please let me know. I will send you the forms you would need to complete and put you in touch with Mandy. This is necessary, even if you already make donations through Afrinspire Ufund.

To send money to other countries, or even to Uganda if necessary, I recommend either Paysend, <https://paysend.com> or Remitly, <https://www.remitly.com/>. With these firms you can either send money to the partner's bank account, for which no fee is charged, or to their phone (called mobile money) for which a small fee is charged.

If you wish to offer financial support for a particular partner without having contact with that partner yourself, I will put you in touch with the person in the UK who is prepared to stay in contact with the partner.

2. Guidelines for the partner in Africa

Please let me know if you would like to be put in touch with a friend from Discover in the UK or Germany. If you agree, I will ask a friend to write to you. Usually, but not always, your new friend will also be willing to give you a little financial support from time to time.

- a) Introduce yourself. Send a picture of yourself, say where you live, what gives you satisfaction in the work that you are doing and what you have achieved so far.
- b) Say what you hope to be able to do in the next year or so. If your new friend has said they are willing to offer a little financial support, then say how you would plan to use that money.
- c) Write to your new friend regularly, maybe once a month, send information about what you have been doing and 2 or 3 pictures of your work.