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# KASIISI PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT

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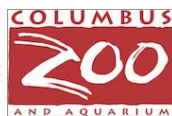


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## **SUMMARY**

In the year 2016-2017 the Kasiisi Project continued its growing contribution to local education, health and conservation objectives. Working with Ugandan partner Kibale Forest Schools' Program, we have maintained or adapted existing programs and begun new ones with an increasing focus sustainability. High points of this year have been the start of a program drilling boreholes to provide consistent clean water for our students, the updating of our guesthouse, the start of an eco-campsite at the farm and the restructuring of our board in the US. There has also been the beginning of a new push to make our health programs sustainable through increasing partnerships with village health teams, local clinics and the District Health Authorities. Our fifth and sixth Princeton in Africa volunteer began 12-month stints with us in August and we have had help from short-term volunteers in health, accounting, beekeeping and education. We continue to employ Kasiisi Project Scholars are working in our office and on our farm to help them earn the money they need for further education. Three current members of staff are pursuing higher degrees on a part-time basis. Our Wildlife Clubs continue to grow and improve with a focus this year on climate change and clean burning stoves. We have provided staff and funded operating costs for the Kibale National Park Mobile Health Clinic, our scholars continue to enter the work force with the qualifications they need to get jobs, and our teachers are upgrading their qualifications with funding provide by the Kasiisi Project.

## **THE KASIISI PROJECT TEAM**

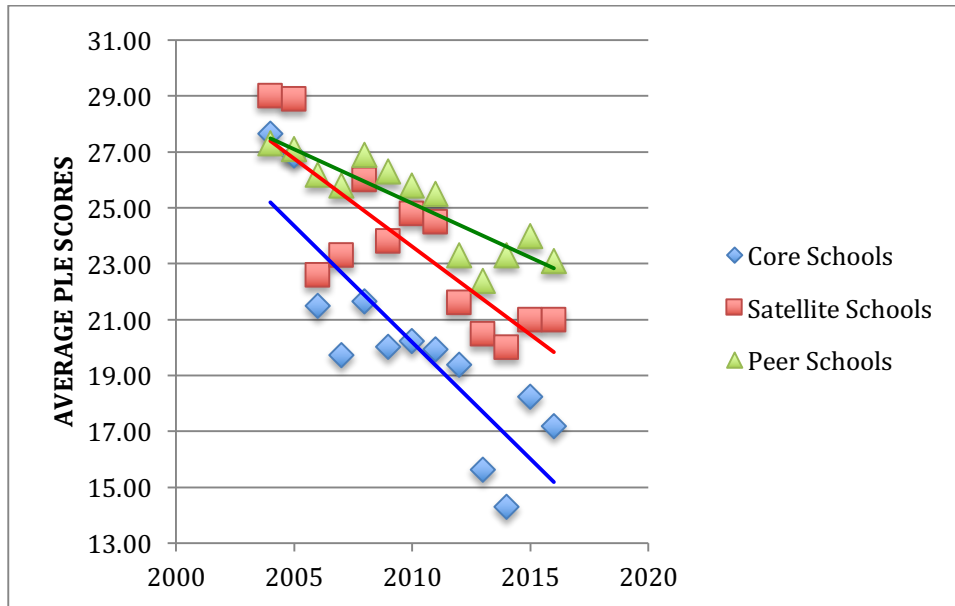


**Aly Passanante PiA Fellow, Zach Manta: PiA Fellow-conservation, Nyabutono Goret: Helath and Conservation Assistant, Emily Otali: Project Director, Clara Jessup: PiA Fellow-farm, Amanyire James: Accountant, Atuhairwe Patience: Health and Conservation assistant, Rwabuhinga Francis: Conservation Education Coordinator, Tusiime Patrick: Health Education Coordinator, Hugh Whitehead: Accounting for International Development Volunteer**



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The trend of significantly better PLE scores in KP schools (lower the score the better) than in demographically similar non-PLE peer schools continues. All district schools are improving but KP schools are improving faster. Core schools which receive the bulk of our programs do the best with satellite schools falling between them and peer schools.



*Mean Exam results for Kasiisi Project Core schools, Kasiisi Project Satellite Schools and non- project Peer Schools between 2004 and 2016*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

### Mobile Clinic



We continued to provide 2-3 members of our staff as clinical officers - a nurse, a medical officer and a lab technician - 2 days a week to the *Kibale National Park Uganda Wildlife Authority Mobile Clinic*. The clinic delivers health care to villages around Kibale National Park, which are far from other medical resources. Initially Funded by the Kibale Health and Conservation Project the Mobile Clinic was supported for 2016-2017 by the Kasiisi Project.

### Parent Open Days and radio shows

We have help facilitate parent open days in our schools to share with parents and local officials the health and conservation activities their children are engaged in. In addition, we sponsored 2 one hour long live radio shows where students reached potentially thousands of people in their communities with their conservation messages



**Tree planting and elephant presentations at Kasiisi Project Earth Day Celebrations at Nyabweya PS  
Village Health Workers and District Health Authorities**

We continue to building a strong relationship with village health teams who are partnering with our schools and communities to make our programs more sustainable. We provide them with resources and training and engage them in our programs. A new program to help parents become better sources of sexual information for their children, funded by the Conservation Food and Health Foundation, began in late summer 2017.



***KP trained Village Health Team members to give talks in the community***



***T-Shirts highlighting partnership Between KP and the local health authorities***



## BORE HOLES



Students from Kiko PS collecting water from their new bore hole

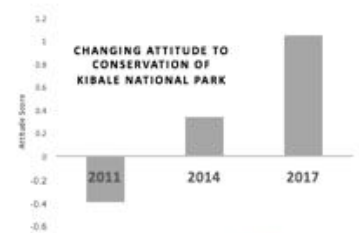
Thanks to funding from the Waterloo Foundation and the Cold Creek Charity we were able to buy a hand operated borehole drill from Village Drill. We dug wells at 3 schools, ensuring a plentiful supply of clean water.

## CONSERVATION EDUCATION



### Wildlife Club Development

With funding from The Disney Conservation Fund, we continued to make the main focus of our conservation education program strengthening and supporting the school's Wildlife Clubs, through trainings, group meetings and conservation activities. In 2017 14 Clubs 680 children carried out 93 conservation activities. This year the main focus of our conservation education was climate change with schools learning about participating in tree planting projects and clean burning stove construction.



Change in attitude to conservation of Kibale National Park in children between 2011 and 2017. n=500 per year



Change in attitude to conservation of chimpanzees in children between 2011 and 2017. n=500 per year

### **New style stoves with chimneys, students building traditional beehives and graph showing improving attitudes to Kibale National Park and chimpanzees**

Students from 14 wildlife club stove teams have built over 400 stoves in their communities, designed lower emitting stoves with chimneys, collected survey data using pads and GPS units and tested emissions from traditional 3 stone and improved cook stoves. Parents and teachers rated our conservation programs most valuable to their children of all our initiatives and students showed consistent improvements in attitudes to the environment and chimpanzees

### **Community Birding**

In 2017 our community birding program continued its popularity with 12 schools asking for this program led by a local bird guide.

### **DORMITORY**

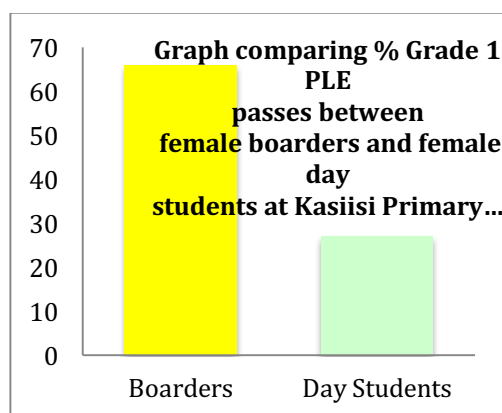


In 2017 the Kasiisi dormitory was officially opened by Kathryn Conway whose family spearheaded the fundraising necessary to build it. The Rwabiso Eryasibu Atwooki Dormitory was named in honor of previous Kasiisi School Headmaster and member of the Kibale Forest Schools Program board of trustees.



A constant water supply was ensured by digging a well in a nearby valley and pumping water into the dormitory tanks.

The number of boarders grew to 120 in 2017 and outperformed day students in the Primary Leaving Exams by 20%. Mean score boarders=11.3 vs day students=14.3. **Lower scores are better.**



## GIRLS' AND HEALTH PROGRAMS



Kiamara PS students teaching Village Health Team workers how to make RUMPS

The Kasiisi Project continues to provide staff and operational funding for the Kibale Mobile Health Clinic. Our partnership with Village Health Teams (VHT) continued. We provided training for VHTs and included them in all our meetings with the result that they began giving health talks in schools helping us towards our goal of self-sustainability.

The District Health Authorities became a strong supporter of our programs and with the help of local health clinics we continued with our goal of a comprehensive tetanus vaccination program.

We held workshops in several schools to teach students and teachers to make reusable menstrual pads (RUMPS) and began a survey of comparative benefits of RUMPS and manufactured pads.

Our health team continued to teach, hygiene, nutrition and reproductive health through their afterschool health programs.

### Girls' Soccer

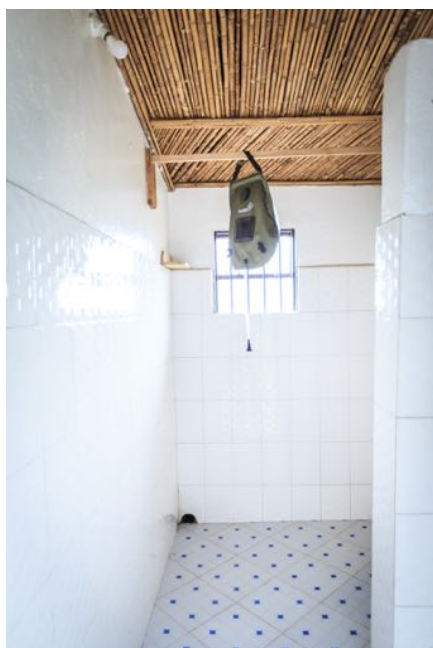
The Kasiisi girls' soccer team was coached by Princeton in Africa Volunteer Aly Passanate.

## KASIISI GUESTHOUSE



“We were welcomed with open arms” “So warm and welcoming” “Staff stayed late for our arrival”  
“Quality is amazing” “Great food” “Clean and comfortable”

The Kasiisi Guesthouse received some needed updating. We hired a new cook, John Bosco, and Faith returned from her hospitality course to help manage our guests. We received excellent feedback with scores of 4.8/5 for overall experience.





We provided activities for guests: building beehives for elephant deterring beehive fences, playing soccer with the students, taking village walks, planting sugar cane for our pigs. Our intention is to build a catalogue of activities for tourists to keep them in our guesthouse for more than one night. The eco-campsite that we are building at our farm will be come an additional tourist attraction.



**Tourists make beehives, paint classrooms, play the Kasiisi Girls' Soccer team and make chimpanzee necklaces**





Nature walk through village fields, and restored forest patches

## KASIISI PROJECT FARM





The farm continued to produce pigs, eggs, honey and produce. We also raised our first batch of broiler chickens and are acting as agricultural consultants to other NGOs.



**Visiting students and NGO's learn about pig keeping from Kasiisi farm manager**

Princeton in Africa volunteer Clara Jessup joined us in July to work primarily with the farm. Her first tasks were to introduce an efficient system for tracking income and expenses and figuring out the most effective time to sell pigs and chickens.

We continued to work on finding ways to lower the cost of food by processing our animal food ourselves. Thanks to the Kasiisi Porridge Project UK we were able to buy a food crusher to enable us to do this.



**Aerial photo of the farm showing cleared ground for campsite in far-right hand corner**



**Broiler chicks**

## **KASIISI PORRIDGE PROJECT**

Approximately 1200 students from Kasiisi and Kyanyawara schools continued to receive lunch.

## **LITERACY**

Book groups, libraries and reading circles continued at Kasiisi, Kigarama and Kyanyawara schools. Schools held inter-house spelling bee competitions and Kasiisi Primary School sent students to the finals of the National Spelling Bee in Kampala

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Thanks to individual sponsors, the African Orphans Foundation and the Dobbryn Foundation, The Kasiisi Project supported 49 scholars in secondary and tertiary education.



**African Orphans Foundation Trustees at Goodhart Prize Awards**



**Paddy Goodhart, widow of Brad Goodhart with prize winners (Kasiisi Project scholar -Priscillar on left)**

### Goodhart Prize

In June, we awarded the first Goodhart Prize for girls who excelled in math and science.

Endowed by the African Orphans Foundation in memory of board member Brad Goodhart the prize is conferred on the two female students in sciences in Kabarole District.

We were particularly pleased that one of them went to Kasiisi Project Scholar Priscillar who was the top girl (and second overall) in Science and Maths government exams in Kabarole District .

Members of the African Orphan's Foundation Board of Trustees and Brad Goodhart's family came to Uganda see the first prizes awarded.





## **VOLUNTEERS**



**Scout teaching Kitere WLC about bees**



**Elizabeth Pham and friends**

In 2017, we had 2 Princeton in Africa Fellows, Aly Passanante who worked with the health team and Corey Dickinson who joined our conservation education team.

During the summer, we hosted 2 health interns from Western University, Canada. Following a field course held at the Makerere University Biological Field Station Elizabeth Pham and Angelina Zhu, joined our health team, working with the mobile clinic and on our health programs.

Scout Leonard, member of the Harvard Student Beekeeping Association come to work with our bees and give talks to the Wildlife Clubs.

Marianne Staniunas who is directs our honey program came to help Scout get familiar with the bees.

Hugh Whitehead from Accounting for International Development worked with our accountant James to help improve our finances.



**Hugh Whitehead and project accountant Amanyire James work on accounts in the Kibale Forest Schools' Program office**





**Maraianne building hive stands**



**Scout at the farm sign**



**Angelina in a tea field**



**Scout placing citizen science project "Broodminders" in farm hives**



<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Unrestricted</b>	\$102,184
Interest	\$27.92
<b>Restricted</b>	
Board Development	\$36,900
Girls Program	\$18258
Bursaries for teachers	\$100
Conservation Education	\$30,287
Dormitory	\$625
Guesthouse	\$2489
Health	\$27,970
Scholarships	\$22,532
Ndali Scholarships	\$1,742
Volunteer House	\$612.50
Mobile Clinic	\$10,000
Other	\$631
<b>TOTAL INCOME,</b>	<b>\$254,359</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Administration	\$5,632
Programming	\$248,727
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$265,358</b>
Admin costs as % expenditure	2.26%

