

## Update on School 4 All Project December 2009

The total raised by district 1070 for the project now stands at £14,000 plus the £30,000 additionally donated by the wife of a former 1070 Rotarian. We are still one of the top four districts in RIBI where the total raised now stands at £260,000. Many thanks to all the clubs that made donations.

The latest news from Namirembe School via Helen White, LCDisability's Rotary Liaison officer is as follows:



- Four teachers from Namirembe School have participated in teacher training workshops on working with disabled children
- Four teachers have also been trained on child to child principles to facilitate the formation of a child to child club in the school
- The school child to child club has been established and has engaged in activities such as drama, music, art, with the aim of promoting peer learning and support for disabled children.
- Community leaders' sensitization has taken place with six leaders from the local community having participated in a disability awareness raising workshop. This has equipped them with knowledge on disability rights and inclusive education in order for them to be able to sensitize their communities on the importance of disabled children attending school.
- The school has been provided with accessible learning/teaching materials. These include: sign language dictionaries, sign language charts and guides, Braille materials and charts, stylus, slates, Braille paper and ordinary paper for practice. These materials will aid deaf and blind children and their teachers.
- A Community Disability Survey has been conducted in four villages around the school. The survey's aim was to identify disabled children who were not currently enrolled in the school. A total of 43 disabled children were found not to be enrolled in the school and efforts are now being made to ensure that these children do enrol by February 2010.
- A parent support group comprising of 25 parents of disabled children has been formed in the school. The support group will provide a mechanism for parents to meet on a regular basis and share experiences on the challenges they face with their disabled children both at school and at home.
- The school has formed an Inclusive Education committee with the aim of monitoring and participating in the review of the project activities and also educating and engaging the local community in disability rights issues.
- A local builder has been chosen to undertake the adaptation work.
- A new adapted latrine has now been constructed.
- Work on constructing new ramps to improve access into the school buildings began in November.

It is very reassuring to know that work has begun at our school and that constant monitoring is taking place. We look forward to receiving our first photos of Namirembe School in the near future.

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