

### **Malaria Prevention**

Malaria reduction is at the core of the programme and the last survey clearly indicated the lower incidence with families having model homes. Unfortunately we could not confirm this with the Health Centre statistics because their statistics are not family or village specific and the clinic serves a wider catchment area. The same survey indicates that model homes in the community continue to grow. The community steering committee are to further stimulate the development of model homes by organising a village competition. The competition will be to establish the village with the highest percentage of model homes and the best model home in the community. The competition is planned for July and the Luweero District Health Director has undertaken to enter the top village for a national competition to be arranged at a later date.

### **Mputte School**



The village of Mputte submitted a proposal for the construction of a primary school. After discussion the proposal was accepted with the community contributing 20% and the Healthy Vine 80%. It is planned that the school room will be useable by mid August. Finishing will take place as funds become available.

The village is isolated and during some rain seasons the children of the village are unable to reach existing schools.

### **Sekamuli Health Centre Maternity Wing**

We have waited a long time for this and hope that the laboratory will follow very soon. When the maternity wing has been completed The Healthy Vine has undertaken to equip it with beds and other specialist equipment.

Regrettably infant mortality is still too high. It has dropped over recent years but is 177<sup>th</sup> in a list of

countries containing 197. Uganda has on average approximately 95 deaths in 1000 with rural populations such as Sekamuli being higher than the average.

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Related to the completion of the maternity wing will be a training module for the Community Health Workers (CHW's) on maternity care. We will be encouraging the Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA's) to attend this and thus include them in our policy of guiding pregnant mothers to the maternal clinic during pregnancy and after the birth.

### **Training of Community Health Workers (CHW's)**

In February the revised training method was commenced. This training is undertaken in conjunction with the 3 Stones programme. It is a programme which has a far higher content of practical and role play than usually adopted. Monitoring of the result has shown the positive impact of this training and a further module will take place in July.



The monitoring also revealed that Adult Teaching guidance should be given to the CHW's and this will be included.

### **Ugandan Staff**

In Sekamuli our offices also house the field workers and co-ordinator. These are effectively our front line in working in the community. Since our last report we have been joined by a Programme Co-ordinator, a Senior Field Worker, and a Programme Development Officer. These three not only reinforce our existing field staff that have considerable community experience, but bring additional skills in community work, teaching and farming.

### **Income Generating Projects**

The income generating projects are conditionally supported by the Healthy Vine. The project must be proposed by a village or parish group. There are a number of conditions to our support but the 4 most fundamental are; all members must have model homes, they must work as a group or collective, 20% of the costs must be borne by the members and factors to create sustainability must be built in.

### **Fruit Project**

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The initial planting of mango, avocado and passion fruit wasn't successful. The demands of an extended dry spell weren't matched by our experience. After discussion it was decided by the members that the efforts would be concentrated in one demonstration garden which would produce good quality crops and give a concentrated area for teaching.



Mango



Orange



Passion fruit

#### Coffee Project

The coffee project has successfully developed 70,000 plants from cuttings. Some of the plants which are between 150 and 300 mm tall will be transferred to half of the mother garden in order to develop coffee plants that will produce future cuttings. The bulk of the plants will be sold to coffee growers in the community at prices lower than the market level. The sale of these plants will be providing income for the members and future growth of the project. The other half of the mother garden will be stocked with 5 other types of colonial coffee. These will be purchased from external sources.

#### Pig Projects

The pig projects are located in two of the villages; one is for the elderly the other for widows. To date we have only purchased female pigs since healthy male breeding pigs have been difficult to find. We have hired one and all females have been served. We are therefore expecting in less than 4 months to see 4 litters of between 6 and 8 piglets.



All four pigs are very healthy and they are gradually eating more and more local food as against prepared food which is very expensive.

#### Baking Projects

In the last 2 months the concept of a baking project has been introduced to the community. In the demonstration, cakes are baked by the participating members. We have now reached the stage where

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the community has been invited to form and propose a project. The project will include health and hygiene the construction of energy efficient stoves and the baking of bread and cakes for own use and sale. Also included will be the development in the participating families of kitchen gardens growing crops to provide a balanced diet.

### **Boreholes**

The challenge now is to supply boreholes to the 3 villages which joined the programme early this year. The boreholes placed to date by the programme provided sufficient water for the community during the recent extended dry spell. One in the village of Namakufu has been troublesome because of insufficient yield and it is likely that another drilling will be necessary.

We have raised funds for one of the boreholes necessary for the 3 villages so far this year.



Mputte well being rehabilitated



Deep borehole at Wabiyinja

### **Thank you!**

*None of the foregoing would be possible without the generosity of individuals, congregations and organisations that support us. Nor would it be possible without the hard work of our volunteers raising funds in Cork, Irish Republic and the Benelux. On behalf of the community of Sekamuli and the Healthy Vine we say a big THANK YOU!*

***We can truly say, together with the Lords help we have made a difference!***

Please see our website [www.healthy-vine.org](http://www.healthy-vine.org) or contact us on [info@healthy-vine.org](mailto:info@healthy-vine.org)

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