

Chimteka Children Support

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Introduction



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The livelihood of the community in Chimteka was considerably enhanced in 2010 by CCS through:

- Provision of easy access to good quality water and near eradication of water borne diseases
- Provision of a wider range of food for all children and supplements for children who were suffering from varying levels of malnutrition
- Enhanced quantity and quality of primary level education through qualified teachers and new facilities
- Enhanced quality of life for people living with disabilities through training and medical expertise
- Faster access to health services for people with health problems through local delivery of medicines and services and transport to specialist services
- Increased capacity to generate income and employment through skills development, construction projects and renting of previously supported facilities
- Improved learning and recreation facilities with a new library and access to satellite TV on the one community television



John Harrison

John Harrison is our full time volunteer in Chimteka and John commenced his 2 year contract in October 2009. John's commitment and strong personal skills has been key to meeting our objectives in 2010. His wide range of farming, business and management skills as well as his patience, warmth and sensitivity has been key to our achievements in Chimteka. The completion of the construction of volunteer accommodation in Chimteka in 2010 has provided John and other visiting volunteers with a quality base in the area.

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Water and Sanitation



Boreholes

We continued our development of boreholes in Chimteka in 2010 by adding another 7 which brings to 18 the total number of new boreholes constructed since we started in 2004; these new boreholes are in addition to the repair of an existing 4 boreholes. We also included training on community based management of boreholes as part of the development. The overall development means that all of the 5,700 population in the Chimteka area live within 500 meters of a protected supply of good quality water.



Sanitation

Work on the construction of 520 pit latrines commenced in October 2010 with the delivery of information and related training. This was followed in November with the construction of pit latrines. This work will continue into 2011 when the area will be declared open defecation free.

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Health and Disability



Motorcycle Ambulance

We purchased a motor-cycle ambulance which will be based in Chimteka and operated by 7 volunteers who received training from the manufacturer in January 2011. This should help patients from Chimteka get to the hospital easier and faster. Presently it may take up to 4 hours for an ambulance to arrive from the nearest hospital at Mchinji. It will also make our full time volunteer's life easier as presently he provides emergency services with his truck.



Disabilities

Evelyn (a Dutch volunteer) has arranged and delivered various workshops throughout the year. They covered topics relevant for people living with disabilities and their carers including epilepsy, wheelchair control, ADL skills, head control etc. She also arranged for and provided training for teachers and care givers on hearing, speech and language impairment and helping people living with disabilities to learn. Furthermore she provided training to:

- (a) community based child care givers and
- (b) health centre staff identifying disabilities and steps to take following identification.



Specialist Health Service

In addition to providing emergency relief to health services through the only motorised vehicle in the area, we also provided access to specialist surgical services. Initially an assessment is done at local clinics through specialists and later procedures at the hospital by visiting surgeons. These procedures mainly included cleft lips /palata and also some neck deformities.

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Nutrition and Food



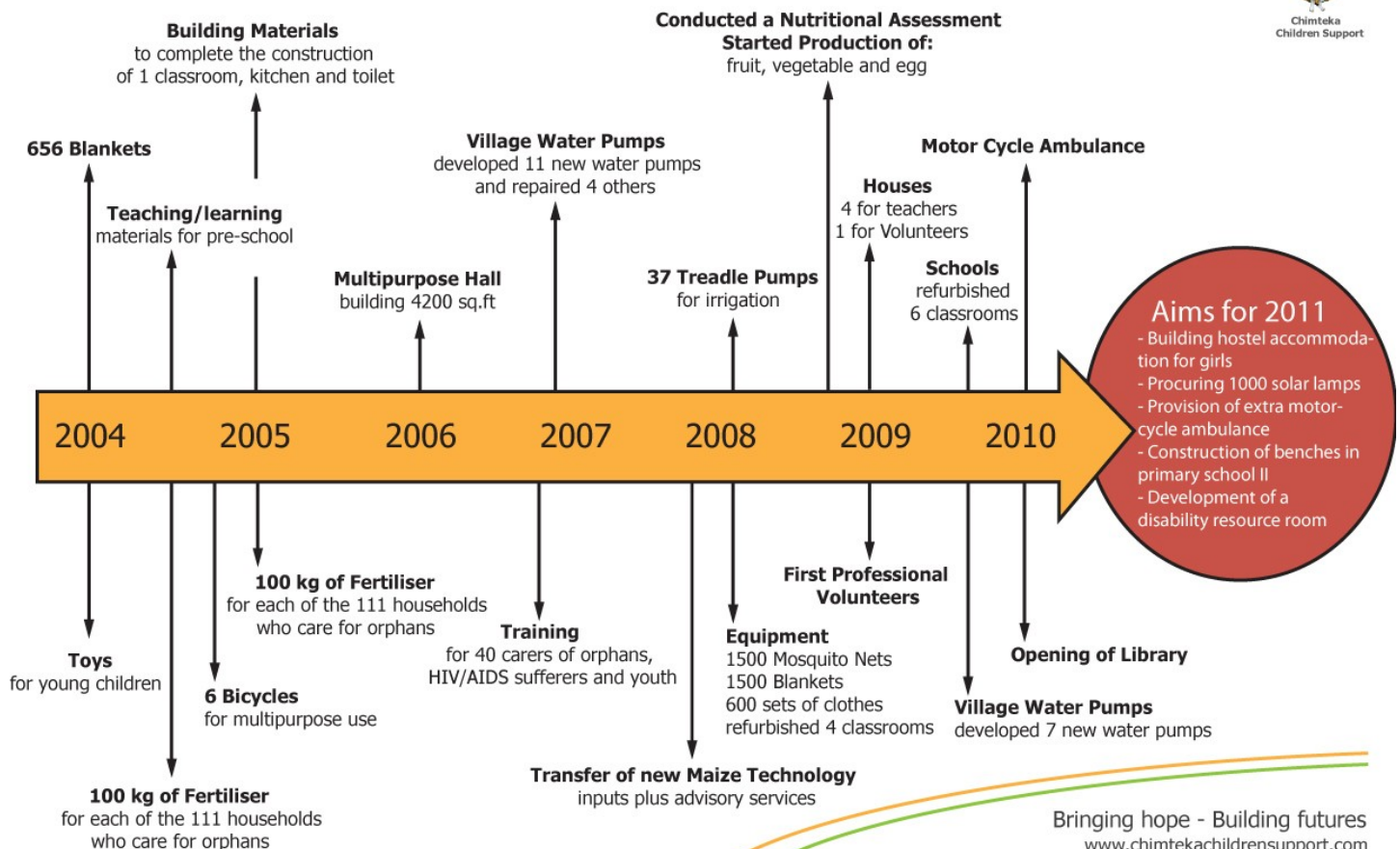
Permission has been granted by the District Health Department to give a permanent base to a community based therapeutic care programme at Chiosya Health Centre which services Chimteka. In order to enable this to go ahead, CCS plans to change the partitioning of existing rooms at the Health Centre. This work will be completed in early 2011 and will enable food supplements to be stored and accessed on site.

Our application, to the "Feed the Children" programme, to begin supplementary feeding for malnourished and disabled children was approved and is being implemented. The programme also accepted our application to include a newly formed pre school (Katakungwa) into the Vitameal programme and has made an allocation of 400kg per month for this purpose.

The headmaster at Chimteka II Primary School also agreed that a school feeding programme could be implemented on a one / two day per week basis using the maize from the school garden and 50kg of sugar from CCS. This is done on different days per week to encourage even greater school attendance.

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Continuous development



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Education and Recreation



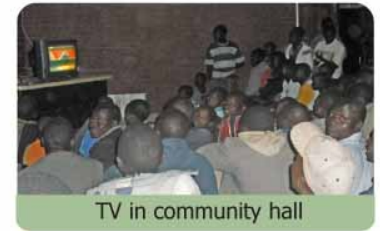
We completed a number of education related infrastructure, skills and activity projects in 2010. This included refurbishment (installing ramps, painting, cementing a floor, installing blackboards) of 6 classrooms at Chimteka Primary. We also completed the electrification of the main primary school. A new "children's corner" (games, drawing & memory books etc) was setup and run at the community centre in 2010. Training on helping children with disabilities was designed and delivered for all staff of Chimteka primary schools. Finally, a one day per week feeding programme was introduced for the new primary school at Chimteka.



Thanks to funds from parents and children attending Sutton Park School, a new library is up and running at Dineen Community Hall in Chimteka. Furthermore, a librarian has been training on systems and procedures and a rotating supply of books from the national library has been secured.



With world cup fever running high throughout summer 2010, we supported the installation of satellite TV in the community hall in Chimteka. Previously we had purchased a TV with funds raised by Sutton Park School and large crowds paid per view on the small TV screen. We also purchased one football for each of the 21 villages. A supply of art and craft materials was purchased, thanks to a donation by Annie who visited Chimteka in November.



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Farming and Gardens



In addition to supplying inputs (seed, and fertilisers) to the community gardens to feed the orphaned children, we also supported (through funds from relatives and friends of John Harrison) the following:

- Repairs to the maize mill engine at Chimteka
- Planting of 2,500 trees (2,100 acacias and 400 pine) across 21 villages
- Training of farmers in the Chimteka area to help improve marketing of maize (CARD)
- Development of pig projects for people living with disabilities



Previous investment in the diversification of agricultural production has been successful with good harvests of vegetables, soya and beans reported from the community and school gardens. This meant that food was plentiful in Spring 2010, malnutrition decreased and fewer cases were treated with supplements through CTC.

The yield of maize in the school and community garden and in the local community was good (comparable with 2007 output) and filled the drying crib three quarters full.

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Enterprise and Employment



Trading Centre

The Phil Dineen Community hall was rented by the local authority (District Assembly) and UNICEF for 13 days and the facilities used for training purposes. This brought in revenue of €1,700 which enabled the local Community Based Organisation to open its own bank account and to fund some programmes without any outside assistance.

A doll making workshop was organised in the community hall as the Social Welfare Office tries to reduce the dependence on poorly constructed manufactured toys largely from China.

A local group supporting people living with disabilities constructed a pig house (khola) and managed a small pig enterprise. It is hoped that the pigs will reproduce and the young will be distributed to people within the disability support group.

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Your Support



A Big Thank You

Thanks to everyone who provided finance, facilities, information, time and skills and general support to us in 2010. A special thanks to VMM, Miseain Cara, Bank of Ireland Staff Global Development Fund and our full time volunteer in Chimteka, John Harrison.

We continue to need private and public funds over the next 5 years and ask for your support if you can help, we would welcome all contributions be they once-off or a regular donation

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