

FOUNDATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Anne Kobusingye is one of the many disabled people in the south of Uganda. There are a number like Anne who have overcome their disabilities in an amazing way and they are working to improve the situation for others. Afrinspire is positively supporting the Foundation of People with Disabilities (FPD).



Firstly, we have been sending small amounts of money to sponsor the making of limbs (£25) and shoes (£12). Here is a young lady who has come back to have her leg maintained and adjusted.

Secondly, in June we sent materials (not available in Uganda) to the value of £1,000 to the FPD technical workshop. There is a well trained

orthotic technician, Mawa. He makes special shoes, artificial limbs and sturdy African tricycles. Mawa works as a volunteer because FPD has no income.

We gave funding to follow up 30 children who had received corrective surgery by a visiting medical team from the UK. FPD used the money not just to visit the 30 but to follow up the situation for all the people with disabilities in Kigezi. They advertised the meetings by local radio to reach people in advance in all 20 sub-counties. The local politicians and government were supportive of the exercise which took place in February and March 2005. Altogether one thousand one hundred and twenty eight disabled people attended and a similar number sent apologies, because of their poor mobility and the mountainous terrain. There have been many outcomes from this follow up and FPD has been able to gain improvements for many people, although the needs are great.

A volunteer needs supporting

There are some plans to place a Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) volunteer with FPD from November 2005. To help this come about, **Afrinspire wants to raise £1,500** to assist the first 9 months of placement. VSO is meeting the major cost but FPD need help with their responsibilities to accommodate and pay the local allowance of the volunteer. **Afrinspire has a crucial role to play in supporting FPD.** The aim is to re-establish FPD onto a more viable long term platform. The role of the volunteer will be to assess and develop a strategy for FPD possibly with a further two year placement. A stronger FPD will be a benefit to all the disabled in the Kigezi District. **This is an urgent fund-raising need of Afrinspire** and if you can help in any way please get in touch for more information.

GOODS SHIPMENTS

AFRINSPIRE has an active programme of shipping computers and books to Uganda. Twenty two cubic meters was despatched in late February and cleared Ugandan customs in May. It was distributed in June with much gratitude from the 23 recipients. The goods are



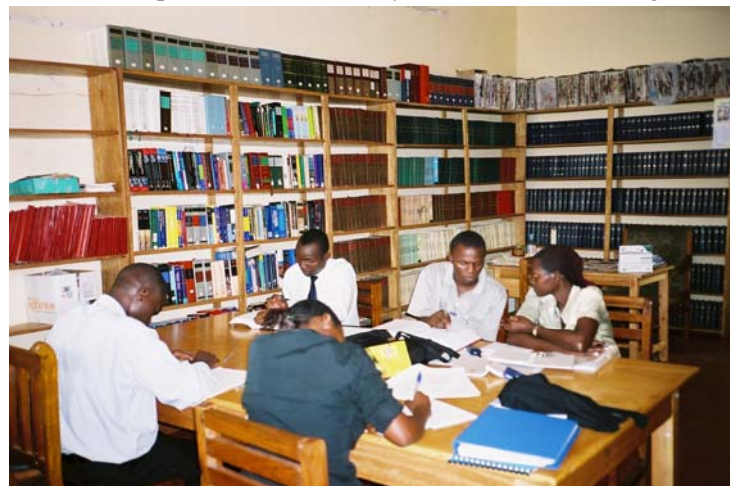
noticed almost everywhere during a visit. The Hills Road Sixth Form College maths books have reached many schools including Rubaga Girls School in Kampala.

We are equipping schools, vocational colleges and

complete resource and training centres. Our goods have reached into Rwanda and Tanzania. We also sponsor vocational tools sent by Tools With A Mission to our partners. We recently supported a pioneering container by TWAM sent directly into Rwanda and due to arrive in September.

We do have a list of what we collect. It is all high value items to make it worthwhile to meet the shipping cost. Our main need is for funding to send containers. We manage to work at minimum costs and can send a box of books cheaper to Uganda than if you send it around the UK by the normal Royal Mail or parcel carrier! We are not concerned with bulk but rather with the careful placing of the goods for maximum benefit where they will be used well. Our goods are creating not just skills but jobs which bring about development. **Our next large shipment is scheduled for October and funds are needed.** School science equipment is in demand by the schools in Uganda so if you have any please think of sending it to Africa.

Afrinspire has shipped two complete law libraries to Uganda and continues to back this up with more law books in each shipment. One library was sent to the Uganda



Christian Lawyers Fraternity who have set up a Law Centre in the Wandegaya area of Kampala near to Makerere University. Ugandan law is based on English law so these books are extremely useful. The library is popular with student readers. This is also a base for legal advice and has computer facilities as well. What is needed now is to purchase **the set of Ugandan law books** which deal specifically with Ugandan law. These cost **£700** per set and if anyone, lawyer or otherwise, would be willing to fund one or two sets it would be much appreciated.