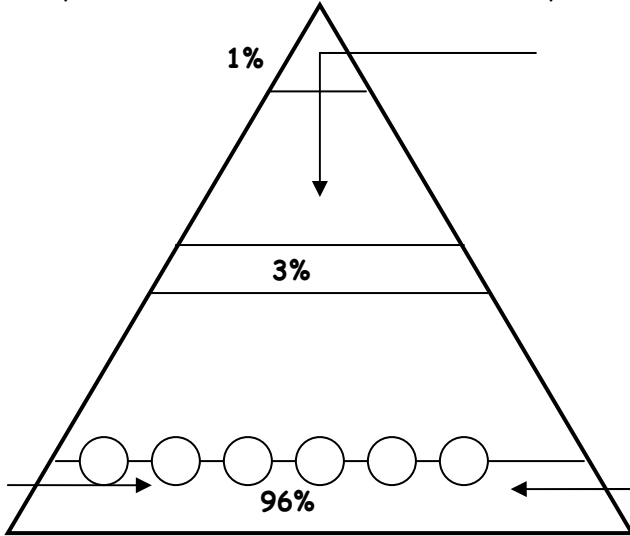


## THE DEVELOPMENT TRIANGLE

We can learn much from a simple triangle. The apex represents the 1% rich people in Uganda. The middle band represents the 3% middle classes. The lower band represents the 96% of the population who live in abject poverty, as measured using any of the globally available statistics or definitions, such as income level per day, lack of access to health care, literacy, etc.



The top arrow represents the efforts of large aid organisations and governments which deliver aid through the apex, and results in only a small trickle of help reaching the abject poor.

The small circles are the community based self-help groups, often organised by the significant leaders within communities. This is the level at which Afrinspire operates. Each circle is one of our partner organisations, such as AIDTS, TUFU, AFRUDA, Association Misericorde, Kent College, Sani-Tayi Self Help, KTPFM, etc.

There are in fact many hundreds of links apart from Afrinspire which have been forged between the UK and Africa from school to school, church to church, community to community and municipality to municipality. Much is achieved through these links and the result will be that some of the abject poor rise out of the lower band.

So much large aid misses the mark. When the aid stream ends there is a reversion to the previous status quo. Spotting and supporting indigenous initiatives is our strategy because, when the people are making their own progress and are supported to achieve it faster, it is more likely to be of a lasting nature.

The range of what Afrinspire is doing can appear to be diverse, but is in fact very specifically selected to strengthen indigenous initiatives and respond to the needs of our partners.

*With thanks to our development expert, Nkamuhebwa Willy for this contribution to our newsletter*

## RWANDA CONTAINER ARRIVES

Afrinspire has a one third share in a container sent by Tools With A Mission in August to Rwanda. The container is now in Kigali and being cleared by Afrinspire partner, Association Misericorde, who will receive part of the goods along with the 'Youth At Risk' project at Shyogwe in Gitarama.

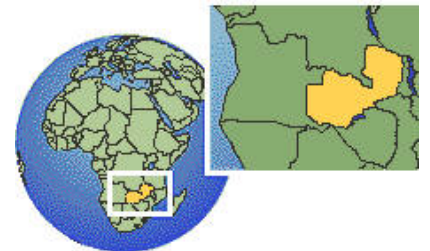


### And another on it's way

Meanwhile a quota of twenty cubic meters left Cambridgeshire on 3<sup>rd</sup> November to begin it's journey to Africa.. Computers, books, school science equipment and training resources are destined for approximately 20 organisations in Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania. In the same container will be a quota from TWAM to the Congo.

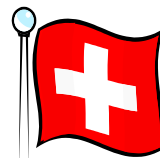
We are grateful to all the donors of goods but **our critical need is for the money to pay for shipping and transport costs** which is the limiting factor in our operations. About 30% of our November shipment has interested sponsors of the recipients. We would like to increase this, so if you would like to sponsor one of our recipients to receive their goods please contact us.

## EIGHT MORE FAMILIES



There was a remarkable response in the first week of October, in time for the Zambian planting season, which enabled us to send the necessary funds to assist eight more Zambian families in their attempt to break out of the poverty cycle.

## SWISS SUCCESS



We would like to congratulate the Living Links Group from Basel Anglican Church who won second prize in the Micah Challenge run by Stoparmut/Tearfund Switzerland. They entered with the link they have through Afrinspire to the Kaharo Tree Planting and Food Multiplication Project. Debbie Pickering promoted Afrinspire at the "Ehrung" in Berne and received the prize of 1,000 Swiss Francs for the KTPFM Project. An Afrinspire Support group is being formed in Basel.