



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Country: Uganda
Partner: Kigezi
Dates: 27th November – 5th December 09
Cost: £800* + flights

COUNTRY INFORMATION:

Uganda is a fertile country lying across the Equator in East Africa. Most of the country consists of a plateau at three to six thousand feet, with much swamp and open water. In the southwest, the mountainous district of Kigezi rises above the plateau to nine thousand feet.

Uganda has a rich diversity of tribes and ethnic groups, the vast majority of whom are rural dwellers who live as subsistence farmers, though many produce coffee.

The colonial boundaries created by Britain to delimit Uganda grouped together a wide range of ethnic groups with different political systems and cultures. These differences prevented the establishment of a working political community after independence was achieved in 1962.

The dictatorial regime of Idi AMIN (1971-79) was responsible for the deaths of some 300,000 opponents; guerrilla war and human rights abuses under Milton OBOTE (1980-85) claimed at least another 100,000 lives.



COUNTRY FACTS

Population:	30.9 million (UN, 2007)
Capital:	Kampala
Major languages:	English (official), Swahili (official), Luganda, various Bantu languages
Major religions:	Christianity, Islam
Life expectancy:	51 years (men), 52 years (women) (UN)
Main exports:	Coffee, fish and fish products, tea; tobacco, cotton, corn, beans, sesame
Infant mortality rate:	87.9 (per 1000 live births)
Male life expectancy at birth:	(years) 43.42
Female life expectancy at birth:	(years) 46.38
% Of population with access to safe drinking water:	52%
Population below income poverty line of US\$1 per day:	35% (2002)

The rule of Yoweri MUSEVENI since 1986 has brought relative stability and economic growth to Uganda. During the 1990s, the government promulgated non-party presidential and legislative elections.

PARTNER INFORMATION:

This trip is an exciting opportunity to visit one of Tearfund's partners in Uganda, whose work specialises in the area of water and sanitation. You will see first hand the difference their work is making to individual lives and to their communities.





Tearfund has been supporting projects and partners in Uganda since 1968. Pastors have been trained, emergency supplies and transport provided, salaries for national doctors have been paid for and personnel seconded. With the onset of AIDS many of the projects have been involved with tackling the disease and counselling in partnership with the church of Uganda. Tearfund has provided many Transform teams to Uganda in the past, principally to the mission hospitals at Kagando and Kigezi where they have undertaken building and maintenance work.

Kigezi is situated near Kabale in SW Uganda, and the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Programme was started in 1986 with the aim of providing clean drinking water for its local community within a walking distance of not more than 500 metres. They also provide health education to people encouraging them to improve their sanitation.

"The trip helped me understand what the poverty trap means ie. Meeting people who worked hard but could not afford college fees. I was struck by people's enthusiasm to improve their communities and also realising why they need support to do this. I think Tearfund's method of working through local churches and organisations is really good!"

Kari Schaitel, Uganda 2008 summer team member.

TRIP INFORMATION:

You will be involved in the work of the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Programme. Initially, you will learn more about the project's gravity flow piping systems, construction of reservoir tanks and water standpipes sustaining that community, through site visits led by the former manager. Following that, you'll be involved in practical work there, as well as gaining insight into the community's church, school and perhaps a local micro-enterprise initiative.

"I learnt how to live simply and peacefully. Really impressed with the work Tearfund does. We built a water tank, learnt from two different churches, and connected with many Christians in Uganda."

Rachel Elliott, Uganda 2008 summer team member.

*COST & FURTHER INFORMATION

The approximate cost (excluding flights) will be £800; Please note that all costs are subject to change; this is due to the variable nature of overseas travel expenses. This will include all food, accommodation, in country transport, insurance and pre trip orientation day.

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ABOUT TEARFUND

We are Christians passionate about the local church bringing justice and transforming lives – overcoming global poverty. And so our ten-year vision is to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches.



Itinerary for Kigezi Team November 2009

Date	Time	Activity	Overnight
Friday 27/11/09	07.45 10.45 22.10	Meet BA check in desk Heathrow T5. BA063 to Entebbe Depart BA063 Arrive Entebbe Airport.	Sophie's Motel near Entebbe airport
Saturday 8/11/09	All day	Departure to Kabale after breakfast. Approximate eight hour drive. Arrive late afternoon.	Diocesan Guest house.
Sunday 29/11/09	Morning Afternoon	Attend Church Service in a community – Relax. Details agreed at the time.	Diocesan Guest house.
Monday 30/11/09	Morning Afternoon	Attend morning devotion- Bishop's office. Spend some time with the Bishop at his office. Overview of the Water and Sanitation Programme. After Lunch- field visit.	Diocesan Guest house.
Tuesday 01/12/09	Morning Afternoon	Field visit Rutare Gravity Flow Scheme. After lunch- visit Nyamiyaga community for HIV affected families & those infected.	Diocesan Guest house.
Wednesday 02/12/09	Morning Afternoon	Field Visit- visit Nyabyumba community rainwater harvesting and environmental management. Visit to Rain water Centre.	Diocesan Guest house.
Thursday 03/12/09	Morning Afternoon	Field visit- Micro-finance enterprise (Five talents) Visit clients. Share field experiences with Programme staff at office.	Diocesan Guest house.
Friday 04/12/09	Morning Afternoon	Evaluation meeting with Kigezi Dioceses Water and Sanitation Programme staff Spend the rest of day at Lake Bunyonyi, giving time to reflect on your time in Uganda and what you've seen, and what you can take back with you to your church.	Diocesan Guest house.
Saturday 05/12/09	Morning 21.30	Leave early morning for the Mbuho National Park. Short visit at park. Continue to Entebbe airport. Wash and brush up at Sophie's Motel near the airport. Entebbe BA desk Check in BA062	Small seat at 30,000 feet!!
Sunday 06/12/09	00.35 06.45	Depart Entebbe BA 062 to LHR Arrive LHR T5	Home.

See: <http://www.traveluganda.co.ug/sophies-motel-entebbe>