

## Winter Newsletter 2016



Welcome to the latest update from The Kindu Trust! We hope you enjoy finding out more about the work that your support makes possible, and pass on our newsletter to friends, colleagues and family members.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support in the past year and wish you and your families all the best this festive season!

**Best wishes from all of us at The Kindu Trust UK and Ethiopia**

### Activities at Kindu Trust

#### Kindu Trust 2017 Calendar

The Kindu Calendar is back! This year we've paired up with our sister charity Link Ethiopia to produce a calendar full of beautiful pictures of Ethiopia. The calendar features images by professional photographer, Amy Robinson, as well as some pictures of our own happy children and includes important UK and Ethiopian festival dates.

It makes a colourful addition to your home and a wonderful gift! Calendars cost £10 and can be ordered by post with a cheque for £12.50 (£2.50 postage) to our address and a note of your order. Or you can buy one online at:

[www.kindustrust.org/kindu-gifts/calendar](http://www.kindustrust.org/kindu-gifts/calendar).



#### Unrest in the Amhara Region

Since November of last year there has been unrest in some areas of Ethiopia, largely in the Oromia region. In August of this year the unrest spread to some areas of the Amhara region, where our offices and projects are based. On the whole the unrest did not affect the safety of the people in this region and we are glad to say that our staff and the families we support are all well.

The unrest did lead to a number of stay-at-home protests which made simple tasks like getting to work, taking transport or purchasing items impossible for the duration of such protests. However, all of our projects continue to run and the payment of sponsorship to families, as well as provision of medical and educational support materials has not been affected. The Kindu Klub and Playgroup were briefly closed during some weeks in the summer. Ethiopia is now in a state of emergency which has largely quelled any protests; a number of visitors and our sister charity Director has been to visit Ethiopia in the past month and report that all appears normal in the country - except for the lack of tourists!

We have been affected by increasing costs in-country due to the protests and current state of emergency and we apologise for any lateness in reporting on sponsorships. Our staff are working hard to catch up and we will keep you updated of any further news!

## Homes under Construction after Fire

Following a devastating fire in Gondar market area this March, our supporters rallied and raised a stunning £6,000 to rebuild the 165 homes that were lost. Soon after re-construction began the local authority ran into a funding shortage; it is only thanks to the donations raised by Kindu Trust supporters that the re-building could continue.

Construction of the houses has been ongoing ever since and over 30 houses have already been built. These houses were prioritised for disabled or elderly residents while the construction of houses continues. The photo to the left shows the basic wood structure for the rows of new housing.



## Would You Leave a Gift for the Kindu Trust in your Will?



Have you considered leaving a gift to Kindu Trust in your will? Leaving a gift is the perfect legacy as a supporter; ensuring that we can continue reaching future generations of Ethiopian children most in need with access to the educational and play opportunities they deserve. If you would like to set up a gift in your will you can speak to your solicitor, or request our Legacy Leaflet for more information about the process and types of gifts.

## Kindu Trust Projects

### Women's Steering Committee Set to Help Design Girls Projects

Following a project in 2015 providing extra educational support to girls at risk of dropping out of school, the Kindu Trust chose to assess how we could best support girls who may be at a disadvantage in education due to inequality of gendered social norms. Our first step was to set up a Women's Steering Committee with our sister charity Link Ethiopia, which comprises our Sponsorship Manager Marta, the Link Ethiopia Gonder Manager and a number of key female figures from the kebele such as the head of a local women's cooperative, a student from Gondar University and staff from the Women, Children and Youth Affairs Office. Together, the committee discussed the obstacles girls and young women may face, affecting their education. The committee have now designed 3 pilot projects which will be implemented over a year in order to assess their impact in supporting girls' education.

### Sponsor a 5-a-side Football Team!

Your business or community group can now support our new Girls' Football Team initiative by sponsoring a 5-a-side football team! It costs £1,000 a year and includes training, refreshments and kit - featuring your logo!

To find out more go to: [www.kindustrust.org.uk/projects/supporting-girls](http://www.kindustrust.org.uk/projects/supporting-girls)



## Fantastic Fundraisers!

**Our sincere thanks go to all who go out of their way to support The Kindu Trust's work!**

**Lee Aldrich** swam an impressive 10 kilometers around London City Airport in the Dock-2-Dock Race! Lee is a Kindu Trust supporter and a sponsor and he raised £716 to support The Kindu Trust's work providing educational support to disadvantaged children. Enjoy that pint Lee, well deserved!

**Hall Orchard School** held cake sales and school fundraisers to raise over £570 towards their school's two sponsored children and the girls' football team.



## Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who goes out of their way to support the work we do. As you know, we are a sponsorship organisation but all of our Education Clubs and Community Livelihood Projects are separately funded and we are very grateful for all those who donate to help continue this work. You can donate by sending a cheque to the address below or donate online through our website:

**[www.kindustrust.org](http://www.kindustrust.org)**

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