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Dear Friends,

This is a brief update of news from Changarawe following my recent visit in June. I also have some diary dates for you of forthcoming events to support the charity.

Thanks to very generous donations, fund-raising and standing orders in the last 18 months we are now able to invest in another capital project at the Zawadi School. Discussions in London with the Trustees prior to my departure, followed by meetings with the school and village committees in Tanzania, resulted in the decision to expand the school by 50%. At the moment there are 60 places in 2 classes and a queue of children who should and can't attend.

I am therefore delighted to be able to tell you that a new classroom is under construction and will be ready to open for another 30 children in January 2006. This is a very exciting expansion 6 years after the new building opened in September 1999 and I am really thrilled. I will be there for the opening in January.

The situation in Africa, as we all know, is dire and in the 7 years I have been visiting Changarawe I have become aware of more and more women and children desperately in need of help. Attendance at Zawadi School for 2 years from aged 5 to 7 not only enables the children to receive some early education, but also, and importantly, a simple meal which they might not otherwise have. This age group - too old to be carried on their mothers' backs and too young for primary school - are frequently left alone all day with no food while their mothers work. The widows are generally extremely poor and what little food they can give their children is of a low quality. We have now further enriched the school 'porridge' to improve its' nutritional value.

The Nigel Lloyd Fund has now started to operate and I had serious discussions with the school and village committees about the protocol for selection of suitable children to receive support. (a copy of the final document is enclosed).

We have started with 10 children for whom all the extras necessary to attend school will be funded for 7 years between the ages of 7 and 14. Further funding is also now available for similar emergency help for many other children on an occasional basis. Those who are being fully funded are the neediest of all and this help should make a big difference to their futures. During my visit to Tanzania in January I will be reviewing the first 6 months of this scheme and we will make any adjustments required. All being well, I hope we will

then be able to fully support many more children through their important primary schooling.

The regular standing orders coming into the Nigel Lloyd Fund have enabled us to get started with this help only 15 months after its' inception. I'm afraid it is too difficult to organise sponsorship of an individual child because of the administration, but in the New Year, for your interest, I will be sending out a list of children already receiving support. In accordance with the ethos of our charity, ALL money donated goes to the children and no expenses are taken. All administration is voluntary in England. In Changarawe apart from the school staff, Project Director and Book-keeper, administration is also voluntary.

The Womens' Credit Scheme has funded 110 women in the first 18 months and we have extended it to young people, 40 of whom have also benefited. All have repaid their loans with interest which goes into funding Zawadi School. This scheme is also being extended. A new project has started using 2 of 'our' ladies. They are making gorgeous cotton shopping bags which will be sold here, at the African Bazaar (details below). These bags are washable, large, environmentally friendly and CHEAP!

If you would like to become a regular donor either to the Nigel Lloyd Fund, Zawadi School or the Credit Scheme, standing order forms are enclosed. Note the Zawadi School and Credit Scheme are run from the same account in London under the umbrella of Changarawe Project, but go into different accounts in Tanzania. Please specify if you want to support a particular fund.

If you haven't filled in a Gift Aid form, **please do so** and return it. It makes a difference of 28% to any donation however small.

Forthcoming Events

Please support us by coming to these super events.....

November 3rd. CABARET AND SUPPER featuring the unique talents of Shaughan Seymour and Gay Soper.
Details enclosed.

November 16th. AFRICAN BAZAAR an excellent Christmas shopping event with a difference!
Details enclosed.

Thank you all so much for your interest. I look forward to seeing lots of you soon at either or both of these jolly occasions.

Carolyn Walford. September 2005.