



AUTUMN UPDATE 2018

NEWS FROM ROSE BAYLIS,
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Dear Friends of Changarawe,

Welcome to our Autumn Update, containing the latest news from Changarawe, details of our forthcoming Pop-Up Winter Fair and some other exciting developments.

2018 marks the twentieth anniversary of The Changarawe Project. A great deal has changed since that day in 1998 when we first opened the doors of the Zawadi School. Since then, over 600 children have graduated from the school – an incredible achievement! – and we have been able to support many more, all orphans, to carry on their education at primary, secondary and even tertiary level.

Tanzania has also changed a lot during this time. The country has been on an impressive growth path but the fundamental challenges of rural life remain very real for many Tanzanians. In particular, access to pre-primary education is very low and, as noted in the latest country report from UNICEF, **“the poor quality of education dampens children’s prospects of a productive future”**. Our initiatives therefore remain as important as ever

and we are pleased to report on the positive impact they are having.

THE ZAWADI SCHOOL

The Zawadi School continues to thrive, with 106 children (54 girls, 52 boys) currently enrolled across three classes. The children, 60 of whom are orphans, receive a mix of formal and informal teaching at pre-primary level, including drawing, painting and playing. The teachers – Helena Nicholaus, Mwanahamisi Gwebe and Revocatus Nyanda – have recently received training in Montessori techniques and when I visited earlier this year, we explored ways of creating a more interactive learning environment, including a ‘free-flowing’ learning experience around the classroom. Those of you who are familiar with the Tanzanian classroom will appreciate that this is quite a significant and exciting development!

THE NIGEL LLOYD FUND

We are currently supporting a rolling total of around 150 orphans through the Nigel Lloyd Fund for Orphan Support, which we created in 2004

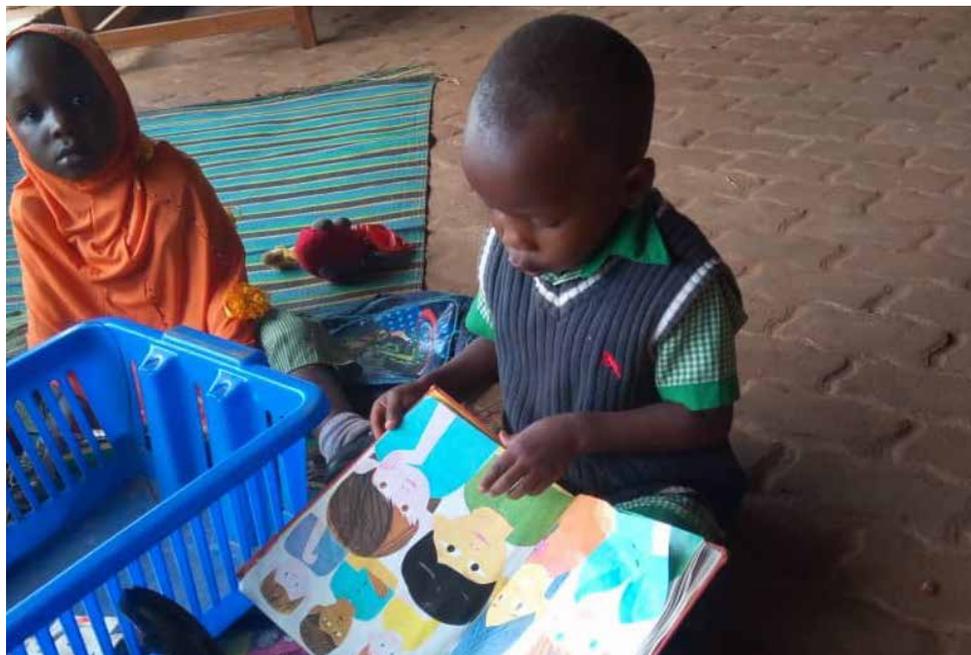
to enable orphaned children to continue their education after graduating from the Zawadi School. Currently, 70 of these are attending local primary schools (Changarawe, Mzumbe and Vikenge) and a further 75 are attending secondary schools in the region (Bulyaga, Kipera, Kiwiro, Mongola, Maposeni, Minaki, Nyerere and Udzingwa). One student is attending the Montessori Teachers College and another is studying at the Institute of Technology, both in Dar es Salaam.

All Nigel Lloyd students are supported with school fees, study materials, medicines and pocket money. They also benefit from the Nigel Lloyd Study Centre, opened in 2012 and equipped with 15 computers running Whizz Education – a dynamic platform that teaches mathematics in English

using animation.

In June, the CDO management team in Changarawe launched a new initiative for the Nigel Lloyd students who have been falling behind in their studies. By talking with each child, the team set out to understand what is holding them back. Many face challenges at home, including being required to do lots of chores alongside studying. Among other steps, we are now looking to increase the number of solar lights available to these students.

Perhaps needless to say, the costs of running this extensive orphan support programme are considerable - it currently costs £22 per month to support one orphan. For details of how to make a regular contribution to the Project, please visit our website. We also run



Children At The Zawadi School

a sponsorship programme to support students studying for A-Levels or at tertiary level - please contact us to find out more as we are currently looking for some new sponsors.

PEER EDUCATORS

Our Peer Educators have been out and about in the local area performing educational skits, which they write themselves, on health and lifestyle, most recently appearing at Bondwa Secondary School in Morogoro.

MICRO-FINANCE

CDO continues to offer small loans to local people, at significantly lower interest rates than are available through banks. To support income generation, we have recently started selling water from the Nigel Lloyd Study Centre to villagers.

POP-UP WINTER FAIR

On Saturday 17 November, we will be holding a Pop-Up Winter Fair at the Omnibus Theatre in Clapham. We'll be selling our beautiful textiles, handmade by Redina in Changarawe, and a wide selection of other goods from Tanzania. We will also be joined by

a large variety of other stalls selling everything from jewellery to jam – it will be the perfect place to do some early Christmas shopping! Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Omnibus Theatre website and include entry into a raffle with some great prizes. (Please see attached flyer). This will be our last fundraising event of 2018, so we really hope you can come along. Please bring your friends!

As I mentioned in the Spring Newsletter, we are keen to increase the number and variety of children's books at Zawadi. The Winter Fair will include a second hand children's book stall with all surplus books going to Changarawe. Please contact us if you can contribute some books to the stall.

FUNDRAISING

Are you or someone you know planning to run a marathon or compete in some other event that could support our fundraising? If so, we'd love to hear from you. As those of you who joined us for **'Kili on the Ben'** or **'Vicky on the Wast'** know, we like a fundraising challenge - the more creative, the better! We can



Peer Educators Performing A Skit



New Water Taps At Nigel Lloyd Study Centre

help fundraisers to run their campaigns, including setting tailored fundraising goals and creating sponsorship materials. We can also promise that every penny raised will go to support our initiatives in Changarawe.

Long-term supporter Karen Lloyd and her friend Carol are **walking the length of the South Downs Way** - 100 miles from Winchester to Eastbourne - to raise funds for Changarawe and St Peter & St James Hospice. Thank you, Karen and Carol! For more information and to sponsor them, please visit our website.

On which note... We are delighted to have a new website! Please head on over and take a look around – we'd love any feedback you have! Our site and our beautiful new branding have been designed by the brilliant Miranda Squire of Studio Moxi. We are most grateful for

all the help Miranda has provided to the Project this year.

Staying in touch... If you would like to update your preferences for hearing from The Changarawe Project, which can be via post or email, please contact us. Please don't forget that you can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram. (Links on website).

I would like to pay tribute to the very talented team at CDO, our implementing partner in Changarawe (pictured below). None of what has been achieved over the last two decades would have been possible without such a hard-working and committed team. Nor would it have been possible without the generosity of you, our wonderful supporters, so allow me to conclude by saying **"ASANTE SANA!"** to you all.



CDO Staff With Visiting Trustee Kate Earlier This Year. From L - R: Christopher, Helena, Teresina, Yustino, Metta, Godfrey, Mwanahamisi, Emanuel, Peter, Mama Kalomo, Vitalis, Revocatus, Elizabeth.



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London, SW4 0QW

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(www.omnibus-clapham.org)

Transport:

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Bus: 137

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