

Kageno Roots

Planting the seeds to grow places of hope.

A Newsletter

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Progress Report

Through the incredible support and generosity of individuals, organizations, and foundations around the world, Kageno Worldwide has truly been *A Place of Hope*.



Banda Village

Healthy outreach and persistence in Banda Village

The newest members to Kageno's team in Banda Village have already made tremendous contributions. Since they were hired in March, Banda's new nurse, Jeremiah, and our agronomist, Pierre, have been hard at work to expand the programs on the ground.



Jeremiah answering a participant's question during a lesson on nutrition

Jeremiah, with the help of our Peace Corps Volunteer, Sarah, quickly reorganized the health clinic after the unfortunate passing of Martin. Since March, roughly **2,525 patients have received treatment, including 630 vaccinations** for children in Banda. In June, the duo hosted a "Blood Pressure Week". Over the course of six days, **374 people attended** the campaign to learn about the causes and symptoms of hypertension and to have their blood pressure taken. Jeremiah referred 6 very serious cases to the supervisory hospital that oversees Banda's district.

In July, officials from Kibogora Hospital, the top hospital in Namesheke district and one of the leading hospitals in the country, came to inspect Kageno's facilities and the operations of the health clinic. They were extremely impressed with the work Jeremiah and his team manage to do with such limited resources. During their trip, they approved the conversion of a consultation room in our clinic into a **laboratory**. They also agreed to provide the clinic with a lab technician and a microscope so that Banda can begin to test patients in the village. This is incredible news for the community that otherwise must make the three hour journey by foot to Rangiro Health Center simply to have basic tests performed such as blood and urine samples, .

Progress growing all around the Kageno compound

Great strides were also made in Banda's agriculture program where new seeds have been planted and projects continue to flourish. In addition to the wide variety of vegetables usually cultivated in

Kageno's garden, Pierre and his team also introduced strawberries and mushrooms to the garden, as well as geranium, which acts as a natural insecticide.

Trees are popping up around the community! We've **planted over 700 trees at the ecolodge site** on the edge of the village, and by the end of June, our tree nursery contained 247 trees.

The most exciting addition to the agriculture and feeding program came late one night in July when Kageno's first dairy cow, Callixte, gave birth to a baby girl! The entire Kageno team was rejoicing this addition to the family.



Callixte & Mutamuriza; Sarah & Mama Sophia mixing fresh milk & sosoma

With our new calf comes milk for the community. Shortly after the birth of Mutamuriza, Mama Sophia began boiling milk for the children to drink and also to enrich their porridge. It was a new experience for **many of the children who had never tried milk before**. Some were skeptical of the creamy liquid, while others could hardly drink enough. The addition of milk to the feeding program will provide a great source of calcium for the neediest children, as well as a source of revenue as it's sold to the community.



Mama Sophia pouring seconds of the warm milk for a few boys on the feeding program

More food and fashion for the nursery school

Kageno's partnership with [Table for Two](#), ("TFT") continues to grow. During a trip to Banda this summer, TFT hosted a Japanese fashion magazine, model, editor and photographer who profiled Kageno's work in Banda Village and the fruitful friendship with TFT. The Japanese contingent was blown away with the hard work Kageno is doing and left Banda excited to help raise awareness for the organization.

TFT's Dan Goldstein helping to pass out new sets of uniforms to children in the Nursery School



As soon as they arrived back in Japan, the group got to work campaigning for Kageno. [Oisix](#), a Japanese natural and organic online grocer and a TFT partner has agreed to **fundraise for a new, permanent and expanded kitchen**. Their campaign is already well underway: they have raised over 400,000 yen on their website, which is more than \$6,000. More importantly, with this new facility, Kageno will be able to **increase the feeding program dramatically**. We currently

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feed all 308 students in the SL Nursery School as well as 35 other severely malnourished children. With a new kitchen facility, our feeding program will be **extended to the two primary schools in Banda Village, which includes almost 2,000 children** aged between 7 and 16. We will also provide meals for 350 more malnourished nursery school-aged children who are not able to attend the school. We are so thankful for the continued generosity and support of TFT and their partners.



Oisix's online fundraising campaign

Reaching out to Rusinga's women -- one microloan at a time

This summer, a new microloan program took flight on Rusinga Island, Kenya. Its goal: Provide **affordable loans to ambitious women and youth**. So often, these are the groups that have the fewest means and opportunities to provide for themselves and their families despite having good work ethic and ideas. However, by giving women the tools they need to start their own businesses, the program has expanded entrepreneurship and financial opportunities to individuals who were continually exploited by their male counterparts.

The largely volunteer-run program was thoughtfully designed to extend loans of up to 4,500shs to carefully selected women with sound business ideas. The recipients are required to attend sessions on business skills and execution of business plans. An anti-corruption committee has also been developed to

monitor the recipients, their business practices and their loan repayments.



Eunice hard at work on her sewing machine

One recipient, Eunice, was widowed while pregnant with her third child and forced to move out of her debilitated house, unable to repair it herself. With very few means for making a living, she applied for a loan in our program. After breaking down her business ideas and immediate needs with our staff, Eunice borrowed a sewing machine and was extended a 4,200shs loan, which she used to purchase textiles and other supplies. She is now busy with work and confident that her venture will continue to thrive. Eunice is committed to reinvesting in her budding business and now plans to own and operate her own machine by the end of the year. She also hopes to use some of her profits to repair her home and move back in with her children.

For a more in-depth look at our 2010 accomplishments please [click here to view our 2010 Annual Report](#).



SL Nursery School children playing on the path home from school

Kageno Spotlight

Springtime celebrates Kageno's artists and artisans

When warmer weather finally made it to NYC, our friends and supporters came out to celebrate the art and artisans of Kageno. In May, artist Brian Farrell generously donated his art studio at the Chelsea Modern for a night that showcased art from children on Rusinga Island and crafts produced by artisans in Kenya and Rwanda.



Guests mingling during the event

The mesmerizing blue hues from the cyanotypes on display lit up the duplex art gallery while attendees enjoyed cocktails and refreshments provided by our incredible sponsors, including Nude Vodka, Asahi beer, Balance water and Momofuku Milk Bar. The beautiful gallery of children at the Orphan Sponsorship table as well as the photograph reproductions of images taken by children in Kenya were made possible by the Michael Carr and Deutsch Printing.



Kageno's art alongside Brian Farrell's piece

Artwork and crafts were on-sale as well as orphan sponsorships to help support our programs in Rwanda. The event provided great awareness for supporters new and old alike. We hope to see everyone at the next event.

From Banda to Paris: Repossi's Kageno Collection Launches in Style



From left: Claudia Schiffer, Mario Testino, Anouck Lepere, wearing a Banda Necklace & Gaia Repossi at Colette in Paris, Copyright Getty Image photographed by Julien Hekimian

Later in the summer, Kageno events moved from NYC to Paris. Joined by fashion heavy weights Karl Lagerfeld, Carine Roitfeld and Mario Testino, **Anouck Lepere and Gaia Repossi presented the Banda Collection at Colette** during the Fall/Winter Couture Fashion Week.

The collection is a collaboration with House of Repossi jewelry, Anouck and the very talented weaving artisans co-op in Banda Village.



Banda Necklace, Copyright Abdelwaheb Didi

The jewelry began in Banda with traditional weaving and was later adorned with gold and silver in Paris. The various bracelets and cuffs will be on

sale at Colette and all proceeds will go directly to Kageno! We are very excited for this collaboration and the potential to introduce more people to Kageno and our work through this beautiful collection.



Banda Cuff, Copyright Abdelwaheb Didi

Kageno Harambee 2011: Monday, November 7th - Honoring Lillian Vernon and Donna Karan for their continued support over the years!

Plans and preparations for this year's Harambee are already well underway! The event will be hosted by Pamela Fiori, and our Benefit Committee includes Kageno friends Kate & Andy Spade, Maggie Q, Anouck Lepere, Kevin Kollenda, Samira Nasr, Salvatore Ferragamo, Drena DeNiro and more. We're working on a gift bag and an exciting line-up of speakers including, Kageno board member and Partners In Health co-founder, Dr. Paul Farmer.

We would also like to thank one of our first corporate sponsors for the event, Benco Dental. Their generous contribution to the event will help us make the Harambee even more dynamic and it will allow more of the funds raised to go directly to our programs abroad.

For a more information on about how you can help sponsor this exciting event, please [click here](#).

Kageno Outreach

Volunteers from around the globe donate their time and ideas to Kageno

Musikiva brings music exchange to Banda Village

A Calgary-based non-profit, [Musikiva](#) brought an exciting music exchange program to Banda Village in June and helped some of the neediest children express themselves through music.

Music therapists Jennifer Buchanan and Shannon Robinson developed the program based on music therapies they use in their daily practice to create an interactive music exchange between groups of children in Calgary, CA and children in Banda Village.



Musikiva members, Joe Reina, Jennifer Buchanan, Shannon Robinson & Brenda Robinson with a group of talented musicians

The two-week long program allowed the children to play with a variety of instruments including tambourines, wave drums, egg shakers and more. Along with Musikiva board members Joe Reina and Brenda Robinson, the group also wrote songs and made safari sticks to explore the sounds in their environment. We all watched the kids eagerly participate in the program and witnessed them opening up and expressing themselves along the way.

A volunteer donating both time and Passion

After the Musikiva group returned home to share the experience with their

Canadian program, an enthusiastic and passionate volunteer, Trisha Boulonge came to Banda.



One group from the exchange celebrating with their original safari sound sticks

Trisha is beginning a rigorous program to become a Physician's Assistant, and so she spent her time in the village working alongside Jeremiah to treat patients and make home visits to mothers and children in need.

In addition to her visit, **Trisha generously donated new scrubs for nurses, stethoscopes, bandages, gauze, antibacterial ointment, thermometers,** and many more indispensable gifts. These donations will go a long way in the clinic and will allow Jeremiah and the other nurses to help many people in the community. And in fact, Trisha got to put her donations to good use when one of the littlest villagers was truly in need.

On her final day in the village, Trisha helped one child, Habimana Alexe, who had severe fungus on his head, seek treatment in the clinic. She even stood by and pitched in during the painful process.



Jeremiah, Felix & Jean Claude show off their new scrubs outside of the clinic

Her passion was felt throughout the community and will extend to her home state of Texas where her stories from Banda Village are sure to make an impact. We thank Trisha for her help and look forward to raising awareness for Kageno with her.



Brave little HABIMANA Alexe; Jeremiah & Trisha bandaging up Alexe after treatment

Next Up

What we're working on now

Kageno's efforts don't stop there. We're working hard to make the second half of 2011 as successful as the first. Here are a few projects that are in the works:

- Comprehensive business plan for our Ecolodge project, which will provide a sustainable funding source to Banda
- Cow shed to house 7 cows pledged to Kageno as gifts & will bring more calcium & nutrients to Banda!
- Dynamic student design competition & exchange to create new, innovative products with local artisans

Regional Insight

News highlighting Rwanda

Check out these interesting pieces covering one of the amazing countries where Kageno operates:

The Huffington Post covers yoga as a means of therapy for HIV-inflicted women in Rwanda: [Project Air](#)

The New Yorker's inspiring story of progress in Rwanda: [Climbers](#)

Philip Gourevitch discusses Rwanda post-genocide on PBS: [The Triumph of Evil](#)

Donating

Your tax-deductible contribution will support the work we do to help people in need through our documented projects. These community projects will provide sustainable interventions in Kenya and Rwanda.

Please help us make lasting, positive change in the lives of people in need - donate now and change lives.

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We are now able to accept donations online at www.kageno.org

Mission Statement

A Place of Hope - Kageno's MISSION is to transform impoverished communities into places of opportunity and hope – through the development of self-sustaining community directed programs in Education, Health, Ventures (Income Generation), and Environment. We believe it is essential to sustainable development to work with the community rather than giving simple aid or handouts.

Kageno identifies ravaged communities suffering from impoverishment, AIDS, genocide and limited access to health-care, clean water, and education. Working with local leaders to identify needs, we help villages build schools, health centers, pharmacies, and sanitation and clean water systems and develop programs to help them protect their fragile environments.

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