



FESTIVE GREETINGS

The Namatala Vocational Training Programme

Rather than sending you the typical 'Seasons Greetings' card, Eutopia has made a donation on your behalf which will be used to make a lasting difference to the poor and disadvantaged in Africa.

This year we have decided to support The Namatala Vocational Training Programme. Our donation will help to set up much needed vocational training as well to purchase the equipment needed to commence this programme. Details of this charity and its hugely worthwhile work is detailed on the next page, where you will also learn how you too could make a real difference.

In the meantime, we would like to say a BIG "thank you" for all of your support throughout the year – and to wish you a happy and successful 2008.





About JENGA Community Development Outreach (CDO)

JENGA CDO is a small but pioneering charity with one mission: to improve the quality of life in the poorest of communities. It aims to do this by providing the basic essentials of life such as clean water, sanitation, health and education projects to those most in need.

With a growing local workforce and international volunteer base, it's making a difference in a very difficult environment. A few of its recent successes include:

- Water provided for over 14,000 people in Mbale
- Clean water boreholes – one new borehole completed in the slum of Namatala
- Community Health programme - 46 local inhabitants of Namatala trained on a five month extensive course thanks to Eutopia
- School sponsorship – educating 215 children in Mbale town
- 600 women attending Women's Education – fortnightly meetings across Namatala, covering malaria, HIV/Aids, child diseases, home hygiene, family planning and more

Mbale region, Uganda

Mbale is the fourth largest town in Uganda with Namatala being the most densely populated area within Mbale town.

The communities of Mbale face a number of great challenges:

- The residents generally live on less than US\$1 per day and survive on one meal a day or less
- Major health issues include HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, respiratory disease and malnutrition
- 59% of the population are under 18 years of age
- The infant mortality rate runs much higher than the national average of just over 14 children per hundred

The high poverty levels in Namatala have caused many children to drop out of school. This lack of education will undoubtedly have a significant impact on literacy levels, future job and earning prospects and potentially morbidity and mortality rates.

The Namatala Vocational Training Programme

JENGA aims to empower individuals to enable them to build sustainable livelihoods for themselves. It identifies and works to remove specific obstacles faced by individuals in building their livelihood, empowering them to use their own skills to develop their future.

JENGA looks to help people use whatever skills, resources and talents they have to create a better future for themselves and their families. Many people, especially women, have little secondary school education and, with a few exceptions, they also have very limited training.

We propose to offer suitable, affordable high quality vocational training to establish or improve the income prospects of the local Namatala population. These courses will be in a range of vocations including tailoring, agriculture, handcrafts, office & technology skills and even driving lessons.

How you can help:

We're very proud of these success stories, but this is just the beginning. To do more we need your help. Perhaps you might consider:

- making a donation to JENGA to help secure someone's future
- asking your employer to consider JENGA as its sponsored charity for 2008
- or simply find out more about JENGA and its tremendous work

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