



NEW YEAR'S NEWSLETTER 2019

FIRST OF ALL, WE WANT TO WISH A VERY HAPPY 2019 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS

This is just a brief newsletter to bring everyone up to date on the latest news.

The most important development is that we have managed, with the help of our local MP, Dr Baltazar Kasirivu, to get the official stamp of quality from the UNBS (Ugandan National Board of Standards) for our Bunura sunflower cooking oil. This is very exciting as it means we can sell our oil in supermarkets, schools and shops all around Uganda. Here is the certificate and the new Bunura label (still pending the bar code but we will get there!).



The hairdressing class completed its first year successfully and, along with the sewing class, is providing a source of income and an alternative to early marriage for many girls living in the villages around Igayaza. Here is this year's sewing group with their two teachers, Gladys (first on the right and Rosemary third on the right) at the presentation of their certificates. The second photo is of the hairdressing class and their teacher (at the back, 4th from the left)



The two classes for young women have become linked to the **FAL groups** and many of the participants are family members of people studying in these adult education groups. Some of the groups are also extremely active and productive. One of them, the Maranatha FAL group has the following activities:

- **The utensils group:** each member puts in a small amount each month and they take it in turns to buy utensils like knives and forks and cups and plates. The utensil person of the month invites the rest of the group to their house to see what she has bought and to eat and drink something using them.
- **The water tank group:** the members of this group put in a small amount each month until they have 100,000 Ugs (around 24 euros). This is the amount we ask families to raise in order to provide for them a homemade water tank which costs another 379,000 Ugs (around 90 euros) donated by Adelante Africa. Volunteers from Adelante Africa teach the families how to construct the tanks. There are 12 members in this group and so far, 4 have got tanks.
- **The water filter group:** This group puts in a small amount each month to raise money for a water filter to purify drinking water. The special price for FAL members is 130,000 Ugs (around 30 euros). This group is small with only 5 members but we hope it will catch on. People either drink water directly from the tank or stream, with the danger of catching typhoid, or use firewood to boil it. which doesn't help the deforestation of the area!

- **The green vegetable group:** This group has co-operatively rented a piece of land and used seeds provided by Adelante Africa to grow a variety of local and not so local vegetables. Here are some carrots grown by this group. They are going to eat some of the vegetables and sell some to raise funds for more seeds and to help to pay for school fees and medicines for their families.



In 2018 Adelante Africa gave seeds amounting to 1,980,000 (around 470 euros) to FAL groups for their green vegetable projects and the FAL groups all took some of the vegetables they produced to the Omwaana Tugende Home to share with the children.

The Adelante Africa Secondary school finished the year with the children enjoying the laboratory, the computers in the new computer room and the library where they hold debates as well as researching books.

We are in the process of registering the school with the Ministry of Education so that the first class of S4s at the school sit for their "O" levels at the school in November 2019



We are now looking for sponsors for the 2019 intake of students. The new term will start in February so if anyone feels able to, or knows of someone who could, sponsor a child please write to adelanteafricaeducacion@gmail.com.

As far as **fundraising** events goes, the Escuela Oficiales de Idiomas (government run adult language schools) continue to be great supporters of Adelante Africa and talks were given in San Fernando, Coslada and San Sebastian de los Reyes in Madrid before Christmas. After the talks the students bought the bags, backpacks, cushion covers, aprons etc. made by the Igayaza Women's Sewing groups.

Also in the run up to Christmas Anne Cadwallader spent an afternoon in a shopping centre in Belfast selling women's group products. A contact of hers had made a wonderful banner and around 500 pounds were raised to help the Adelante Africa projects. Thanks to the Kennedy Centre for giving her a free spot and to everyone who bought things.



Finally, a big thank you from the children of the Omwaana Tugene Children's Home and from all of us to everyone who makes Adelante Africa possible. May 2019 be a great year for all!



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