



## Christmas 2016 NEWSLETTER



In November members of the boards of Adelante Africa Spain and Uganda met in Kampala to exchange views and ideas. The project which was most discussed was the Adelante Africa Secondary School which is opening next February. Christina Latham Koenig brought the Ugandan board up to date and the chairperson of Adelante Africa, Fred Ngabirano, and the rest of the Ugandan board promised their support for the opening and running of the school. At the same time Florence Ayo

agreed to be the person on the Ugandan board responsible for the Omwaana Tugende Children's Home and Ursula Nakafeero gave valuable feedback on the project cashbooks which she is checking every month. All in all it was an important meeting where members of the two boards could get to know each other.

In fact this autumn saw a number of important meetings in Uganda. There is now an energetic management committee overseeing the running of the Bunura Oil Press and a renewed management committee with some very committed members for the Omwaana Tugende Children's Home. The three members of the Spanish Adelante Africa board came away feeling that these projects are in good and capable hands. This local involvement and commitment is absolutely essential for our kind of NGO which is very much community based and driven.

**THE BUNURA OIL PRESS** is now producing large quantities of sunflower oil and animal feed and, through the efforts of the workers and adverts on the local radios, is slowly becoming popular in the supermarkets. The new harvest is about to be brought in and we wish all ... farmers, workers and consumers the very best!



The building work of the first phase of the **ADELANTE AFRICA SECONDARY SCHOOL** is nearly finished. There is just the completion of the face brick walls and the painting of some of the buildings to be done.

The water pipes bringing water up from the Adelante Africa borehole have already been installed and we are hoping that REA (the Rural Electrification Agency) will be true to their word and provide the school with electricity. Everyone is looking forward to the opening of the school in February!

Here are some recent photos of the classrooms and laboratories... and one of the head teacher on a visit to the site. He was caught in a sudden downpour of rain and got soaked. His good temper in the face of such adversity bodes well for the running of the school!



**OMWAANA TUGENDE CHILDREN'S HOME** at present has 61 children. The average age of the children has become lower and we now have 5 very young children (called the "babies" and dearly beloved by all!). Here are some photos of them and some of the other children of the Home.





In early November we ran the **VITAMIN A AND ALBENDAZOLE CAMPAIGN**. In total, in the Birembo sub-county 2,921 children were dewormed and 2,526 children were given vitamin A.

The drugs were provided by the District Health Authority and the campaign was carried out by the Village Health Teams, a group of people chosen from each village and given basic health training. They are the first contact for pregnant women and people with health problems in the villages. As usual the volunteers of Adelante Africa co-ordinated and supervised the campaign, informing the communities about the date it would take place through announcements in the churches and mosques as well as on the radio. On the day of the campaign they moved from one village to another by motorbike (and this

year sometimes by car ... which as you will see from one of the photos wasn't the best idea!) to check on supplies and make sure everything was going to plan. At the end of the day all the VHTs were presented with a bowl to thank them for their tireless work over a long and rainy day!



This November we also ran a **TEACHER TRAINING COURSE FOR F.A.L. TEACHERS**. It took place in the Adelante Africa Community Hall and was led by the District Social Development Officer, Bernard Kyesa and by Kugonza Charles, a social worker and F.A.L. teacher trainer. There were 20 participants who attended over 3 days. They learned about the broad programmes incorporated in F.A.L. such as poverty alleviation, health programmes, gender issues and wealth creation. There were also sessions about different approaches to take in class and about how to plan a lesson. It was a truly inspirational course and the teachers of the F.A.L. groups turned up every day eager to learn more!



This autumn Heather Galloway from **Nomadas Solidarios** visited Igayaza. She wants to set up a **COMMUNITY TOURIST PROJECT** in Uganda so people going to visit the National Parks can also experience something of life in a Ugandan village. Our FAL groups are very enthusiastic about becoming part of this! Heather met some of them, spent time with the children from the Children's Home and visited a home where a group had prepared typical food and traditional dances (which she joined in with!).



Lastly we would like to thank the teachers and staff of the Official Language Schools (**E.O.I.s**) of **Mostoles, Parla and Torrejon in Madrid** for inviting us to come just before Christmas to talk to them and to bring things made by the Igayaza Women's Group for people to buy as Christmas presents. May you, and all our donors, workers, children and volunteers in Uganda and Spain have a very happy and peaceful Christmas and may you continue to support us so that we can go on reaching out to needy children and families in 2017!



From all of us on the Boards of Adelante África Spain and Uganda