



The Zuri Project Uganda

Supporting their community



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Kishunju Primary School is a part of a village called Kihembe.

It is part of their culture for each individual to provide and take care of their community in order for it to flourish. This can be done by supporting one another when growing or harvesting crops, making materials such as bricks for others or making and seeling items at the market to fund for medicine.



Ways in which the children support their community

One main way in which the children support their community is by weaving placemats to be sold at the market using dry grass.

The money they earn is then used to buy new seeds to be planted, grown and harvested for the school.



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When the adults meet to discuss the community or work together on a project the children are expected to them all. This can be groups of 5 adults or upto 50 adults. Children as young as 4 are expected to do this and wash up after. The children are not to eat the same food they have cooked for their adults. Instead the children cook theirs separately and eat whilst cooking.



As you can imagine on these tiny stoves it takes a long time to cook.

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Children are asked to run errands, delivering materials to certain projects, delivering food or even to go to the town. Due to their roads being full of deep, large potholes and unearthed it causes mudslides when it rains so cars are very impractical. Instead the children build their own scooters out of wood and rubber found from old tyres.



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Children are expected to help the men make bricks to build their family home, church, doctors surgery or the school. They do this by clay from the ground being cast into moulds with water. They then place these in an oven to dry out.



oven



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They are to support people in their community who are unable to fix something in their homes. They are not allowed to buy materials to fix something instead they are to solve the problems and use material that is around them or free to use.

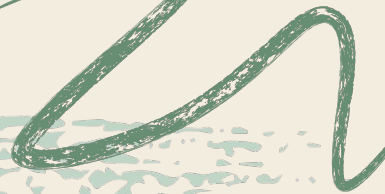


Here is a young boy fixing Miss Kealey's extremely heavy, metal, iron door with a banana leaf after it came off its hinges.

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Lastly, the mothers and daughters Kishunju Primary school work together to make baskets, bowls, jewelry and many more items which they sell every week at the market. The money they earn is then given to the school to lower the cost of their school fees. As this lowers the school fees it allows more children to access an education.





In the KS2 library is a display of some items from Uganda.

They include some currency, clothing, art, dolls, cooking utensil, bags, bowls, mats and jewellery all of which have been made from the children at Kishinju Primary school,

There is also a book available for anyone to write a message, prayer or simply ask a question. This book will be forwarded onto the children for you. If you wish to draw or type something you are welcome to do so and then stick it in the book. The book will be until Thursday at 1:30pm.

