

Newsletter 2021

Dear Friends

We hope that this finds you and your loved ones in good health and in good spirits. We are aware that the last two years have not been easy for any of us. We also know that some of you have lost loved ones. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

With best wishes from the *New Ways for Africa team.*

Our projects are focus predominantly on 3 countries – Ethiopia, Kenya and Malawi. You can see a lot of our activities on our website www.newwaysforafrica.com and at our YouTube channel [New Ways & New Ways for Africa - YouTube](#). We have added many videos this year. Our newsletter updates you on the 2 key areas that are run by Angel and Fernando who regularly visit the US. I hope you enjoy. Please do get in touch via info@newways.org.uk if you have any questions. Enjoy!

ETHIOPIA UPDATE

In Nyangatom, Ethiopia, where Angel Valdivia is based, has been affected by the impact of the troubles in South Sudan as well as Covid (CV), but not as much as the current war in Tigray is affecting the people of that area. However, the combination of both has created high inflation in Ethiopia which makes day to day living very hard for most of the population. In addition, most of the student population has lost a year of studies, and the cases of early pregnancies among adolescent girls, has significantly increased which will also affect their school attendance.



Despite all these problems, they have had limited impact in the Nyangatom region. For good or for bad they are so isolated that people here depend on their own resources, that is, animals and harvest, which again depend on peace, good rains, and the lack of animal diseases. The really good news when we look back over the last 18

MALAWI UPDATE

As many of you know Fernando is based in Benga, which is near Lake Malawi, and he reports that the period of the pandemic has not been easy for the people. The CV confinement did not take place in people's houses, as in most of the western world, but in zones to ensure that people could still engage in daily activities. The local economy depends on people going out to the fields and to the markets every day. The government kept activity open but still confined people to operate within their allocated zones.

The people of our region were lucky to have a bumper harvest year which ensures that they are well fed. This, combined with a very young population, has kept the spread of CV to relatively low levels, which given the limited supplies of vaccines in Africa is very important.



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months, is that the people are enjoying a long-term period of peace between the Turkana of Kenya and the Nyangatom from Ethiopia. During the seven years the team have been based in Nyangatom, the people have been in conflict for most of that period. The peace was not imposed by any stakeholders, nor it was achieved by our efforts alone, but it was a people-driven peace initiative, which is perhaps the reason why it is long-lasting.

The team have been quite during 2021 building the resources to enable the people to become more self-sustaining. The team have excavated dams, dug wells, and repaired others – water been critical for any development in the area as well as the health of the people. In addition, the first half of a 50-mile road to South Sudan, has been opened where many Nyangatom dwell in total isolation and are in dire need.



The team, with help from a US charity Trekking for Kids, have managed to build and start education of the small children through a day care center for children aged 3 to 6, and the objective would be to build a primary school by September 2022.



Our approach to people’s welfare is holistic, our focus therefore it to try to help people not only with projects

Working with some local ladies, the team produced and distributed 50,000 face masks, 3,000 liters of hand sanitizer and 1 ton of soap. For this we did buy local available materials, to further help the local economy. Therefore, we are now regularly producing hand washing soap and hand sanitizer.

As with all African countries where we work water is a critical resource to ensure the wellbeing of the local populations. It has been an aera of focus for the team led by Fernando and as a result they have drilled and equipped 19 boreholes in 2020 and 18 in 2021. Reaching 1,500 families and 8,000 school children making a significant difference to their day to day lives as we also add sinks for the washing of clothes.



Education is also a key area of focus. During 2020 we also built 150 latrines that benefited 11,000 primary school students in 12 schools. This further encourages girls to go to school as now we can have toilets allocated by gender.



The team have also secured land to build a non-state secondary school. Three boreholes have been drilled on the site now and equipped with water pumps and water tanks. We have built a perimeter wall and

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noted above but also in other tangible needs. At present we are supporting the vulnerable such as refugees, the elderly, the orphans, and the many sick who come to us for help. After 7 years we are now expanding our project base with a dispensary and a meeting hall.

Our ambitions remain great and with the continued support we receive we will transform lives with your generous help. **Thank you to you all we very much appreciate the support**



planted mahogany trees. A Houston base firm, IDG Architects has drawn up the design of school buildings pro bono. The key now is raising funds to cover the costs of phase 1 of the building project.

The wealth creation program has distributed more than 100,000 fingerlings to 15 different aquaculture clubs. In 2020 they harvested 1.55 tons and in 2021 2.34 tons. In partnership with US charity Watts of Love we have distributed 5,000 head lamps in 2019 and 5,000 in 2020. 10,000 families have benefited from this activity.



The local people have expressed their deep gratitude for all the support we have been able to give due to your generosity.

The team (Angel and Fernando) are planning a short trip to the US from December 7th to 21st to attend several fundraisers. They will be in New York (December 8th to 14th) and Chicago (December 15th to 20th) and would be very happy if they could meet up with you to personally thank your support during 2019 and 2020 and update you on our future plans. They would welcome an opportunity to meet new people who might be interested in our development work so if you could think of anyone they could meet, please do introduce us. Many thanks If you would like to meet the team please get in contact via info@newways.org.uk