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The official inauguration of Boreholes

Bhante Buddharakkhita led the official inauguration of two water boreholes on Friday, August 15, 2020 in Nalugala and Rwanjaba-Kasenye, Entebbe. The work was carried out by INTROPIA LTD, a local borehole construction company.

Safe and clean water will now be accessible in these two villages. Rwanjaba is a fishing village located along the shores of Lake Victoria in Kasenye, Entebbe Municipality, while Nalugala-Mawugulu Cell is located in Kitale, Entebbe.

The two boreholes were inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Ronald Kalema Basamulekere, the Mayor of Katabi Town Council. The first borehole was donated by Ms. Dolores Watson from New Orleans, USA and the second one by Buddhist Hub, and Australian based charity.

In Rwanjaba, the borehole will provide clean water to over 2,000 villagers in the area, who through their area chairperson expressed deep gratitude for this great initiative. Whereas in Nalugala, the borehole will provide water to over 5,000 people. The Lord Mayor expressed his deep gratitude and linked Water and Sanitation Project to other projects of the Uganda Buddhist Centre that have supported community development and the health of the population his town council. "By providing our community with access to safe drinking water, you have ensured more life and health to our people," he said. For the management of the boreholes, monitoring committees were set up.

Over the past 12 years, the Uganda Buddhist Centre has through its donors financed the construction of 8 boreholes in Entebbe area. This has helped communities to improve on its health, education and economic welfare.



There are many communities around Uganda that are water-stressed. Women and children take long to collect water due to the long distance and queues at the existing water sources. Also, the water being collected is not clean and safe for drinking.

We would like to invite you to contribute to this noble project. You can offer a village a borehole.

For more information please send us an email at ugandabuddhistcentre@gmail.com.





Laid Briquettes ready for market



Solar Dryer

UBC Invests in GREEN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT PROJECT (GREEP)

We are very happy to announce – our new project—GREEP. The project was initiated to reduce our expenses on cooking and generate income that would sustain the Uganda Buddhist Centre and its activities into the future. As the Temple grows, our needs have grown into requiring more special projects to generate income that will support these critical needs. Ranging from monastic requisites, to other project needs.

We have carried out ample research and we now believe that the only way for safeguard the future of Buddhism in Africa is to invest in areas that will make credible returns while adhering and keeping in mind the Buddhist tenets of business.

GREEP recycles, reduces and reuses waste materials such as charcoal dust to make “Briquettes” that are used in cooking on stoves. The dust is mixed with watery clay soil and porridge/molasses. We have three manual machines that lay these briquettes.

We have built a solar dryer (sort of green house) for drying the briquettes. We also have built a temporary storage for the briquettes that are ready for sale.

To make GREEP more lucrative, we need to build one more solar dryer at a cost of US\$ 1,350.

Furthermore, we need to buy a pre-owned truck (pickup car) at a cost of US\$ 13,600 to collect raw materials (charcoal dust) and delivering of ready briquettes to various buyers.



Updates on the Construction of Abbot's House

We are happy to update you on the progress of the construction of the Abbot's House—so far, the skeleton of the ground floor and first floor have already been laid. What remains now is the last slab of second floor and the roof. Currently, the builders are working on form work and steel bending for the second-floor slab.

However, our initial budget overshoot due to the addition of the Basement, the increased cost of the building materials, and the depreciation of the dollar-shilling value. We welcome your generous support to see that the UBC Building Project becomes a success.



Gratitude to All Our Supporters

UBC activities are made possible by many supporters from around the world. Therefore, we are eternally grateful for your kind and generous donations.

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- To maintain resident teachers/monastics
- To maintain the Temple
- To run Buddhist activities
- To build monks accommodation facilities

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