



School's in for P7

In mid-October, the government permitted candidates to return (that is, classes who are preparing for external examinations.) For Amari, this is our P7 class. We are delighted that despite the hardships faced by families with both COVID and the floods, all students and their teachers have returned.

Teachers On-site

In the meantime, teachers of lower classes are still preparing, sending home and assessing student's work. All students apart from a couple who are not in the district are participating, and parents appreciate the continued input despite schools still being closed. (In photo - Teacher Fred)



Teachers Off-site

P6 parents/guardians were requesting their children come into the P7 class. For various reasons, this was not possible. However, we were able to come to agreement that our teachers would meet with the students at various homes, and mentor them and encourage them face to face.

And still the water comes

The flooding situation in Buliisa is getting worse, and has, to a large extent, taken over COVID as the main cause for concern. Kalolo, where we did a tarpaulin distribution a few weeks ago, was totally surrounded by water, and we could only reach it by canoe. Now, three weeks later, even the areas that were dry when we visited are now under water.



Once again, THANK YOU

Once again, a huge THANK YOU to those who have so generously and faithfully supported, and continue to support, our flood relief fund. As you can see from this photo, the tarpaulins you donated towards are appreciated, and being well-utilized. As many people have to move a 2nd and 3rd time, the tarps go with them.

And here at Amari

The water has come over 2kms inland since March, and at its closest point is about 35m off our fence line. Some more Amari families living between us and Songalendu are having to evacuate, and a number of staff and students who have already moved once or twice are having to move yet again. (Jaz, Fausta and a couple of Amari students who live nearby)



Flood/Covid FUND- *Flooding is an ongoing and worsening crisis here in Buliisa. If you would like to donate towards tarpaulins (AU\$40 each) or our emergency or general funds, you can do so here. (Indicate 'tarpaulins' or 'flood' if you wish it to go specifically towards that) <https://amari.org.au/donate/>*

Can you help us share about the floods?

As mentioned, *the flood situation here in Buliisa is worsening*, and it is estimated that *over 10,000 households* have been impacted.

Now not only are individual homes being destroyed, but *schools and helath centres are also getting flooded out*. And the waters have almost crossed over the main access road into Buliisa.

This is a catastrophe that has been largely under-reported and I would love to help raise awareness in international forums.

More and more are daily becoming displaced. And while the government is working on issues such as resettlement, there is an *urgent need for emergency assistance* to tie people over in the meantime. Through your donations, Amari has been able to donate over 600 tarpaulins, and beans, jerricans and waterguard tablets.

We would love to be able to raise funds for at least another 1000 tarpaulins.

To that end we have put together another website specifically relating to the floods.

<https://buliisa-floods.mailerp...>

People in Kalolo moved from permanent houses, to temporary shelters. These were again flooded out two weeks later. Now the entire village of over 400 households is having to totally relocate.



Our website on the Buliisa floods can be found here



One of the 'challenges' we have on the Amari property is snakes. They are around in general. And now even more due to flooding. We minimize their impact with snake-proof perimeter fencing, and keeping the grass and bushes down around the school and accommodation. But lately they've been coming into offices, through gaps in the bricks. Denis here is cementing some holes.

Community Assistance

With the floods, COVID and fishing bans, many people are doing it tough. Amari is providing supplementary support to some of our more struggling families. This is an 80-year-old aunt, who is caring for an Amari student, as well as 7 other children aged 8-16. She has had to move twice already due to floods.



Child Sponsorship

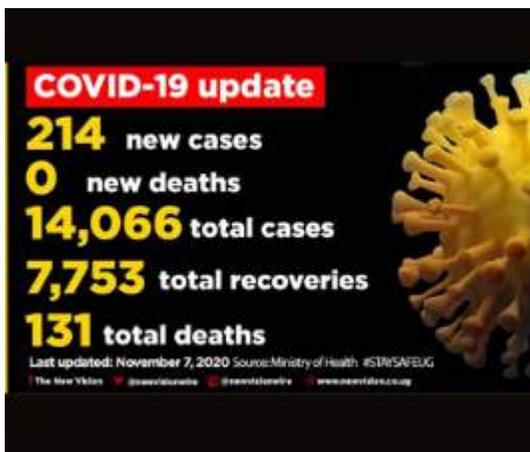
Education is the core of Amari, and child sponsorship helps run the school and pay salaries. Patrine is the 6th born of 7 children. Her father used to collect and sell shells to help make ends meet, but this has been impacted by the flooding, and the family are struggling to provide for their children.

If you would like to help support Patrine or another child on our sponsorship program, visit: <https://amari.org.au/sponsorship>



And down at our place

And down at our place, we've got six little bundles of fur running around, much to the delight of Jaz, Fausta (and Gerry, who is having a sleepover). We alternate between wanting to keep them all, and wanting to palm them off ASAP! One will stay with Joseph down the back, and the rest have been spoken for by other staff.



The COVID situation

Uganda is currently registering between 200 and 500 newly diagnosed cases a day. There have been some COVID-diagnosed deaths in the medical and political fraternities, and authorities are advising non-severe cases or contacts be quarantined at home. There is very limited testing done.

Praise & Prayer Points: Praise God that our P7s can now be back in school. And teachers are around and healthy. Thank God for the support given towards the flood fund, and prayers that the situation would ease, and that authorities will have wisdom as to how to resettle communities.

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Amari CDO began in 2008 to help relieve the effects of poverty through the support of education, development and welfare programs conducted in Uganda. Amari has 40 acres of land at Kisiabi in Buliisa District. It is registered as an NGO (Non Government Organisation) in Australia and Uganda. Its' primary focus is the education and support of orphaned and vulnerable children. Amari aims to invest in them educationally and spiritually through quality Christian education.



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