

Annual Report 2007



SidEcole works with **8 partners**: St Moses, Reach Out, Kuddizza, Have Mercy in Uganda, Busia in Kenya, Tafika and Chiawa in Zambia. **Over 1000 children and young people** have been helped.

UGANDA

Number of children girls/boys by category of teaching:

Place	Infants.	Primary	Sec.	Univ.	girls/boys	Total
St Moses		28 / 13	8 / 4	1 / 3	37 / 20	57
Reach Out		37 / 43	4 / 1		41 / 44	85
Have Mercy		124 / 138			124 / 138	262
Kuddizza	25 / 18	34 / 32			59 / 50	109
Total	25 / 18	223 / 226	12 / 5	1 / 3	261 / 252	513



In addition to **school fees, school meals, school materials and uniforms**, the funds that we contribute reinforce projects initiated by local communities in order to help them reach financial independence. This is the case in particular in the development of **4 sewing workshops**. We also fund **Saturday activities** e.g. cultural sessions of dancing, theatre, film, debates, sport and games, of which the aim is to transmit a

message **of prevention of Aids /VIH** and teach the children to cope with the difficulties that they are likely to meet in their lives. We cooperate with a **"child to child" programme** in which young people help with the housekeeping for families that are affected by Aids (washing up, fetching water). SidEcole is also involved in an ecological project with the **purchase of energy cooking saver** Visits for testing and treatment of Aids for 142 children have been organised in a clinic near Kuddizza School, thus enabling the orphans to receive medical care.

The children still lead a precarious existence; however, their lives have greatly improved. The teachers have noticed that:

- The children come to school earlier and leave later.
- They are much less absent due to illness.
- They are livelier, happier and concentrate better!

The teachers explain **the improved exam results as a direct consequence of regular meals**.



32 mattresses and blankets have been distributed to some of the smaller children who previously slept on the ground.

Finally the first programme (2002) has been discontinued due to the improved circumstances of the family who can now manage to pay the fees for the children still at school.

KENYA

The contribution to the orphanage of Mama Orphans has been increased to 110 children, covering all school costs and 2 meals a day. 3 sewing machines have also been purchased in order to make uniforms and teach the adolescents a trade.

ZAMBIA

SidEcole's funds have provided 157 uniforms to two bush schools. **A young man has successfully finished training as "medical orderly"** and will return to his village where the villagers have built a dispensary for him.

In the Lower Zambezi region **40 villages, 4314 school children and 131 teachers have received instruction in health prevention**, although sometimes we have found that the rural communities are so preoccupied with the difficulties of day to day survival (hippopotamuses and crocodiles attacked and even killed small children in a village) that the prevention of Aids is sometimes not a primary concern!



Sam 22 years old
"My parents now respect me because I am a schoolmaster."