

NEWSLETTER September 2018

Dear Friends and supporters,

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support for our work. This month, we have an exciting new project to tell you about that we believe is really important. We want to provide wellies to 300 women who currently wear flip-flops to work in the fields! Please read on!

Help us put **Women in Wellies!**



Imagine working in a field, preparing acres of hard sun-baked soil with only spades and forks and where the ground is covered with thorns and crawling with fire ants and scorpions, and then imagine doing that in a 40°C heat. Imagine doing that in a refugee camp in North Uganda where you have very little access to food or water to sustain you throughout the day.

Now imagine doing that having got up at 5am, prepared food for the family, got the kids ready, finished the washing up and then walking for 2 hours to the field where you and your fellow workers are trying your best to grow vegetables to help nourish your family.

Now
imagine
doing all of
this in a
pair of flip-
flops!



This is life for the South Sudanese women living in refugee camps in Uganda following the civil unrest that restarted in January 2017. Given their harsh working conditions and persistent droughts, their success is breath taking.



These incredible women are putting in several hours each day to clear, prepare, sow, tend and harvest an impressive range of vegetables such as cabbages, tomatoes and beans. The crops they produce feed around 2,500 people within the camps and they are producing a surplus that they then sell to generate funds to buy more seeds for next year's crop! Astounding results under tough circumstances!

The agricultural programme was the inspired idea of the Salisbury based charity CRESS who have worked hard to get this important activity going over the past few years. Projects Delivering Hope is partnering with CRESS to raise the funds necessary to buy each lady a pair of wellies - something they all asked for when PDH Trustee Adrian Burholt and his wife Katie met them in July this year.

A pair of wellies will provide better support when they walk the long distances to work and will mean that their feet won't get scratched, nipped at, bitten or stung as they work in the fields.



And a pair of wellies in Uganda costs £5.00 – yes, just £5.00 for a pair!



The numbers are rising and at the last count there were around 300 women, working in a number of small local groups within the programme. Wouldn't it be great if we could raise £1,500 together so they all get a pair of much needed wellies?

Please would you help us put these amazing Women in Wellies?

To make that difference please click [here](#) to make an on-line donation using give.net, our secure online giving platform. Any donation, no matter how small, will help. Whether it is just £2.50 for one wellie or £200 to buy a whole group of women a pair of wellies each, it doesn't matter. Please enter reference number 2018/001 so that we can ensure your gift goes to this project. You will also be able to allocate GiftAid using this method if your donation is eligible.

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor; the very thing we were eager to do." [Paul. 49 AD]

If you would prefer to donate by cheque, then please send it to Andrew at the address below and please indicate if you are eligible to claim Gift Aid. If you prefer to transfer your donation directly into the PDH bank account, or if you would like to discuss the project with us please contact Andrew Robertson on 07786 753 683 or send him an [email](#).

And we'll post regular updates so you can keep up-to-date with how the Women-in-Wellies project is doing, by following us on [Facebook](#).

To learn more about Projects Delivering Hope, or to make a donation to our general fund, then please visit our temporary [website](#).

To learn more about CRESS, or support their other activities, then please visit their [website](#).

Thank you so much for your interest. With your help we can make life a little easier for these wonderful women.

With our sincere thanks and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Andrew Robertson (on behalf of the Trustees)
Managing Trustee

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