

Uganda

This is currently by far our busiest field of activity. Disturbed and displaced by rebels for a number of years the northern part of the country had most of its population living in internally displaced people's (IDP) camps. The holding peace has resulted in all but one of the original 43 camps in Lira district being de-gazetted and the population returning home. As they were settling down and tending the crops in their newly dug fields the country was impacted by flooding during September and October. We were again able to assist families during this crisis.

It has been possible with the help of millions of dollars of international funding and the assistance of organisations and private individuals to accomplish an incredible amount during the past 12 months. **Just to give you an idea:**

- Renovation of 17 Health Centres and 15 staff houses
- Distribution programs benefiting over 45,000 households – over 211,000 people
- Transportation of over 1300 families back home
- Distributed 77,425 mosquito nets
- During floods supplied water purification tablets for almost 7million litres of water
- Monitoring of 24 health centres & presentation of comprehensive report to District Health Director
- Working weekly with 510 physically and mentally challenged children
- Constructing a new school including classrooms, kitchen and toilets in a remote village to open January 2008
- Providing medical care and nutritional support for babies and children
- Distribution of: 100,000 each of blankets & cooking pots, 75,000 tarpaulins, 40,000 each of buckets & basins
- Distribution of: 80 tons of soap, 200,000 each of mugs, plates and desert spoons, 25,000 jerry cans
- Distribution of: 450 bales of clothing
- Emergency flood response to 8,380 households – 36,405 people
- School Uniforms to 16,500 school children & school resources to 27,500 school children
- A number of children were sponsored to attend school and receive mobility aids

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