



**Our Mission: "To unlock the potential of Africa by delivering equal access to affordable, quality secondary education."**

Dear friend,

Welcome to the fifth edition of PEAS News. We hope you enjoy reading about our progress - it has been a busy summer in Uganda; we are well on course to open two new schools at the start of next year!

### PEAS FEST - a festival of music, dance and drama

With Glastonbury regulars starting to tire of the increasing commercialisation of UK summer music festivals, the place to be seen in August 2007 was PEAS-FEST in Kabalagala, Kampala. The all-day festival of music, dance and drama was organised to raise awareness of our work in Uganda and to allow students at our first school, St. Janan Luwum Secondary School, to perform to thousands of people - they more than met the challenge!

The event also raised money for the school to further improve science facilities. Over 7000 lucky ticket holders enjoyed performances from some of Uganda's finest and most famous Afrobeat stars, including Bobi Wine and Butcher Man. The musicians waived their performance fees to support PEAS and the event was covered by national radio and television stations. *(For anyone who is intrigued by Afrobeat, take a look at [Bobi Wine on Youtube!](#))*



*Photos from PEAS Fest - L to R: 1. Students perform a traditional dance as part of an inter-house competition  
2. The festival audience 3 & 4: Qute Kaye and Bobi Wine, two popular music artists perform live for PEAS*

### Growing PEAS

One of the nicest things about working for a charity that builds schools is that we can always see the impact of our funding in the new classrooms, laboratories, libraries and boarding houses we create. As you read this, two new PEAS schools are rising up from the red soil of Uganda, using designs from both Ugandan and UK architects, and being built by local contractors in Uganda. PEAS is still seeking funding to establish a third new school this year.



*The early stages of construction of the science laboratory and kitchen at the site of 'Onwards & Upwards' School, Buloba. (August 2007)*

As always our schools will be sustained entirely from local revenues after they are built. These revenues are a mixture of low fees and income generating projects. Donations to PEAS create affordable secondary school places today, next year and in ten years time. PEAS has also managed to create over 100 free places at our first school by cross-subsidising from higher fees charged to boarding students.

Find out more about our new schools: [Onwards & Upwards Secondary School](#) [Kikandwa Secondary School](#)

## PEAS Volunteers

PEAS continues to place a number of skilled UK volunteers in Uganda to support our local management team. Around half of our volunteers are participants and ambassadors of the Teach First scheme and their work supporting the development of our existing and new schools has been hugely appreciated by our permanent Ugandan staff. Tim Trainor recently completed a 10-month placement as project consultant for PEAS in Uganda and has just been replaced by two more TeachFirst ambassadors, Toby Nelson and Nicola Marven.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your hard work and support of the PEAS mission.

## PEAS Artists...

PEAS has recently signed an important partnership agreement with the New Forests Company which will see a new school built in Kikandwa, rural West Uganda. UK artist **Tracey Emin** has become a huge supporter of the project and as well as making a large personal donation to the new school, Tracey has kindly offered to organise a fundraising charity auction to support further projects. The auction, run by Sothebys, will see work by some of our leading contemporary artists go under the hammer in April. We'll have more on this special event in the next edition!

## Kili 4 PEAS...

Yet more people are tiring themselves out in the name of the charity. Many thanks to Dan Matthews and Arianne Curry for their hike up Kilimanjaro which raised over £3000. Rothschild investment bank backed up the private donations with a further £10,000, which will be used to build a boarding house at one of our new schools – brilliant!

## PEAS Support Partners

Do something amazing today by becoming a PEAS support partner. PEAS support partners make a regular donation of £8 a month to help create free bursary places within our new schools. Support partners send and receive letters to a student who is unable to afford even the low fees charged at our schools. PEAS uses the money donated to create permanent, free places under our innovative model described above.

The [donations page](#) on our website has the paperwork you need to make a regular donation to PEAS. Alternatively, you can set up a monthly donation to PEAS through the [JustGiving](#) website. Thank you.

**Our [Alternative Gifts scheme](#) is operating!** *(but we don't want to mention Christmas just yet...)*

Thanks to everyone who's been buying gifts over the summer!

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. As always, if there is ever any area of our work you would like to know more about, please don't hesitate to contact us - replying to this email is one of the easiest ways!

With best wishes,  
**The PEAS team**

PS: You can support PEAS just by searching the web - at no cost to you. *Everyclick.com* is a search engine that donates half its revenues to charity: click [here](#) to find out more and to try it out. Thanks!

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