



Update September 2011

- Hope Alive Uganda will organize a Kleurige Ketting Middag together with Pauline Bockling from Maridadi (<http://www.maridadi.nl>). During this afternoon Hope Alive Uganda will give information about its work and paper bead necklaces made by women's groups from Jinja will be sold. The event will be organized on October 9th in Kerk Avezaath in the Netherlands. Bas van Heycop ten Ham from Bassafaris (<http://www.bassafaris.nl>) will be present too with African paintings.
- During the past weeks, a total number of 12 Worldschool groups contacted us about the projects they are working on and doing research for. We have about 30 pupils working on several of our projects now. Many of them had specific questions about the situation in Kisozi, the projects run in Kisozi, the facilities available in Kisozi and cultural differences. We tried to answer them as best as possible and are following the students and the progress of their research closely. We enjoy working with them and can manage the large amount of groups this year.
- We have started the first phase of the Hopepads project: Steffie Ballemans is busy designing a brochure which will be used during meetings with women's groups and at schools to inform and instruct women and girls.
- Work at the site of the Agriculture project is continuing again, despite heavy rain falls the past few days/weeks, which sometimes makes work quite heavy or impossible.
- Hope Alive Uganda plans to start a new, special project in the new year together with Dutch photographer Melanie Rijkers. The project is called Eyes of Africa and gives the world insight into the lives and minds of children in Africa through photography and art. Moreover, this project is related to maternity care, single mothers, teen mums, hiv/aids and will bring different worlds together (or show how little differences there are and how many things there are in common). Melanie Rijkers designed a special page to introduce the project and show how this project grows and develops. Please click on the like button! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Eyes-Of-Africa/106295626141261>
- A new brochure for the hiv/aids training program for 2012 was designed. The new brochure will be used when contacting the schools again early 2012 about the workshops. Hope Alive Uganda is thinking how to finance the workshops organized by social worker Agnes Nakiirya and E & E medical centre, as the workshop program is not fully self-sustainable yet.
- After a period of writing evaluation reports to several partners and funders, a period of writing new proposals has started again. Proposal will be written for the agriculture project which still needs support, the Eyes of Africa project and hiv/aids project 2012.

- The Afrikamuseum has supported the women's groups in Jinja again by buying a large supply of necklaces and bags.
- The bikes shop in Kisozi – part of the cycle2school project – is closed for the time being: a new shop assistant is needed in this bikes shop and Hau will use the time to count supplies and stock.
- Hau is looking for volunteers in the Netherlands to set up a Christmas action to support the women's projects by selling necklaces.
- Hau had a meeting with 1 % club coach Matthijs de Raad about promoting the agriculture project on the website of the 1 % club and came up with some new ideas.
- At the end of August, Hau received an offending letter in a shameless way from a lawyer in Kampala about the use of the name Hau. Threats were uttered by Hope Alive Ltd. and Hau found a quick registration by Americans connected to this organization with the NGO board. Since Hau is registered at the district level and refused to pay money to the organization who demanded Hau to get rid of their name, the Ugandan branch decided to give in to their demand by renaming the organization and registering properly at the NGO board in Kampala. In Uganda, the organization continues its work as *Community Empowerment International*. The Dutch head office will follow in time. This means the next update will no longer use the name Hau, but *Community Empowerment International*. One can imagine that hacking the website in July and shameless threats have left the organization looking for peace and wanting to continue its work in a powerful way as it has done for over 4 years in Uganda.
- Claudia Hees from Nisadodesign – who has designed the logo for Amayinja Crafts and the menu cards for the restaurant in Jinja – is busy adjusting and designing the new logo for Community Empowerment International which will resemble the logo of Hau. The logo will be available and in use soon.