

Grant Giving Committee Highlights Report of the meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022.

The Committee met to consider a number of applications for assistance or support. On international activity it was agreed that

1) a £750 grant would go to a school in Kanyama, Lusaka, Zambia. The grant would fund new desks, an improvement to the present very poor lighting, help with the water bill and support for their feeding program. There are 189 children on the school register.



2) £750 would be put towards an application for a matching grant of £750 from District to help a school at Kimbilio in the DRC. The project aims to provide shelter and schooling for street children in a new school building.

3) £1000 would be contributed to a project in Kimbilio that supports young mothers. These teenage girls are living on the streets and generally have no choice but to earn money as sex workers. The project is to get them onto training courses to enable them to find a different way of earning a living and supporting their children. These training courses run for five months at a time, taking five young women to train. The cost of each course is £4,500

Lend With Care is running more normally now that the pandemic has receded somewhat. There are more loan proposals available, though they do seem to be becoming fully funded faster than they used to. . By the constant recycling of money we have so far contributed to 165 loans, lent a total of £5,955 to 470 entrepreneurs and helped to create 569 jobs that have in turn helped 1643 family members and 2,682 people in total. We still have no defaulters.

It was noted that a contribution to an India water management dam project of £500 was being examined and a £300 contribution to Feeding Dreams Cambodia had been made. ..

The committee also considered applications from local groups and agreed three grants.

New Kimbilio Primary School in Lubumbashi, DRC



A likely recipient of the Young Mums Project at Kimbilio- DRC.

Name :Jolienne Mushimbwe

Jolienne was born in Sakania in 2000 she is the first child of a family of 6 children.

Jolienne was living with her family, father and her step mother, but when her relationship with her father and step-mother broke down they accused her of witchcraft. Her father took her to a church who agreed the witchcraft accusation and the family started seeking help from different places to “deliver” her. One day after coming from church, she decided to run to the streets. Her new friends brought her to the day center, and she was transferred to the girls’ transit house. Jolienne spent 7 months at the transit house, and Kimbilio staff talked with her father about reintegration. Her father said that she cannot stay with them anymore and asked for her to be sent to her grandmother. However at her grandmother’s place she had a lot of free time and did not go to school. She soon became pregnant and did not know who was responsible for her pregnancy. She gave birth to a baby girl.

