



Feedback from our partners is a vital part of Egmont's operation. The reports we receive, as well as regular visits and other communications, enable us to understand exactly what our partners are doing and, importantly, the results they are achieving in transforming the lives of children and families affected by HIV & AIDS.

Many of our partners work through community groups and networks to spread their message and support as far as possible.

In Kenya, **TICAH** helps to organise workshops and training in herbal medicine and better nutrition in three Nairobi slum communities. Their approach is particularly effective: through participatory support groups, known as 'Miales', they promote

best practice, allowing their methods and advice to cascade across a wider network. TICAH has 125 Miales, each with ten members. Every group member looks after three families, each consisting of five people on average, so in total the Miales are reaching almost 19,000 people across Nairobi.

Envirocare in Tanzania operates a support group called 'Kyekima', providing nutrition and healthcare advice to over 300 orphaned and vulnerable children. This also benefits their families and the wider community.

In northern Malawi, **HAWIP** co-ordinates 20 teen clubs, each with 30 or more members. Many of the teenagers were born HIV-positive and the support groups have enabled them to survive and grow with confidence, as well as offering specific advice on education, nutrition and healthcare.

NOTES FROM... MOZAMBIQUE

Earlier this year two of Egmont's Trustees, Clare Evans and Alison Mayne, visited Mozambique to see some of the partners Egmont supports. Here is an excerpt from the report of their visit.

Vukoxa is a local community association which supports the elderly in 17 rural community groups around the town of Chokwe. The majority of the members are caring for orphaned grandchildren.

The association's strength lies in its local knowledge and network and its ability to support local agriculture, encouraging self-sufficiency. Elderly people (amongst whom illiteracy remains high) are keen to improve nutrition and income levels so they can feed and educate the grandchildren in their care.

Vukoxa provides seeds and irrigation equipment to enable groups to grow maize, butterbeans, cashew nuts, sugar cane, pineapple, and other vegetables; all are dependent on effective irrigation.

Vukoxa has been recognised as an exemplary, proactive organisation. It has recently been visited by both the President and the Prime Minister on the basis that it provides an excellent example to others!

In January this year the whole area was devastated by flooding, destroying homes, crops and businesses. Some of Egmont's funding went to specific post-flood support for people in the communities.

Vukoxa's co-ordinator, Michaque Ubisse, commented that one of the most significant changes he has observed in the last few years has been in the mentality of the elderly people. Rather than being rejected as a burden, they are regaining their pride and dignity, learning about nutrition and health, reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS and educating their grandchildren.

Michaque says he tries to teach the communities to regard their older people as "libraries" which should be "used" for their learning, wisdom and advice: "when an old person dies, it is like a library burning down."



FUNDRAISING NEWS: In March, Egmont supporters organised a Fundraising Quiz at the Thames Rowing Club, Putney. The evening was a great success, raising over £5,000. Huge thanks to Ali Newell, Celia Carlisle and Mango Ingrams who arranged the event along with Trustee Clare Evans, and to quiz master Paul Russell, who delivered a challenging test for guests.



Imagine was set up in response to local need in Katembe following the floods in 2000. It is still the only NGO working in this area where HIV incidence is between 15-20% and is clearly held in high esteem by the local people. In 2008, Imagine set up 5 Family Homes of Hope (FHH) as an orphanage for up to 60 of the most deprived children, providing a safe place to live, regular meals, daily schooling and recreational activities.

The first group of teenagers left FHH in late 2012, most to be reintegrated into extended family or their own community. A few boys went on to a Catholic vocational boarding school to learn skills such as carpentry, welding and agronomy. There is no similar school for the girls although Imagine are investigating alternative opportunities.

We visited various outreach activities. For a family with a sick father (AIDS-related TB)

and six children, Imagine has built a brick house and supplies food and educational packages. A group of elderly people turned out by their communities is now supported with food and household materials. And for a single mother with four children, Imagine has built a traditional reed house and supplies food and educational packages. All these groups are clearly benefiting from Imagine's support, in security, health and school attendance. Imagine's current aim is to consolidate the food and educational package support to the community.

Imagine is having a vital impact on the ground, both in the FHH and in the wider community, helping around 150 families. It is making a real difference to the lives of many vulnerable children in the Katembe area. Indeed, it has a similar ethic to Egmont: responding with small amounts of funding as and when the need arises.

FUNDRAISING NEWS: Congratulations to Andy Kocen and Freya Sampson who got married on 29 June and asked guests to donate to Egmont instead of buying gifts. So far they have raised £3,500. Congratulations also to Dominic and Monte Guerrini who cycled from London to Vassiliki in Greece in early July. They have raised almost £9,500. **What could you do to raise money for Egmont?**

EGMONT AWARDS AT THE RIGB

On Tuesday 21 May, Egmont hosted its fifth Annual Awards at the Royal Institution in London. The Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of the partners we work with.

In a lively and engaging presentation guests heard from Clare Evans, who introduced the work supported by Egmont and then showed a brief film.

Colin Williams spoke about the results being delivered by our partners before making the awards to Abdul Faquir of Meninos de Moçambique and Enouche Ndeche of VAP.



Meninos provides medical care and social assistance to disadvantaged children in Maputo while VAP uses football to drive social change in slum areas of Nairobi.

The award winners were recognised for two distinct achievements. Enouche Ndeche received the Most Inspiring Individual Award for his work in setting up VAP in Kenya. Abdul Faquir, who founded Meninos de Moçambique in Maputo in 1999, was presented with the Award for the Best Performing Organisation. They both spoke movingly about the work they direct, their personal story and what motivates them.

Next, guests saw a film featuring the work of Kimara Peer Educators from Dar es Salaam, led by Pffirael Kiwia, award winner in 2011.

Please visit our website for more details, photos and videos of the award winners' speeches: www.egmonttrust.org.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted that Egmont has been joined by Lily Leung as Finance Administrator, supporting Jane Baker in Cardiff. Sophie Crooke joins us as a fundraising advisor with a wealth of experience raising money from companies and trusts.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

On Thursday 7 November, we are hosting a fundraising Race Night with a difference (mechanical pigs rather than horses!) at the Westminster Boating Base, London SW1. If you are interested in attending or sponsoring the event, please contact Clare Evans (clare.evans@egmonttrust.org) or Alison Mayne (alison.mayne@egmonttrust.org).

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