

Newsletter June 2006

The Kabondo project is taking shape:

- Start up of “**HOPE HOME**”, a home for AIDS orphans. The local district officer is scheduled to meet with Achieng this month to familiarize himself with the project, and to provide formal recognition;
- Start of a women’s network, associated with a recognized **Community Based Organisation (CBO), Self Help Group.**



1. In February, Achieng Renish moved into her new house on two acres of land. In addition to raising her own two children and three children belonging to her sisters who died of AIDS, Achieng now takes care of eleven orphans on the premises. Since February, a monthly stipend is foreseen to cover the costs of the home. Help is available to care for the children, the vegetable garden, and the mini-farm (cow and chickens), allowing the home to be self-sufficient. Sophie Atieno acts as bookkeeper for the home, documenting income versus expenses. Quarterly reports are being generated and are available upon request.

2. Achieng Renish’s women’s self-help group “Hope for Kabondo Womens group”, has received formal recognition from the Kenyan Department of Social Services, with registration number: (nr 2119/2005). The group is expanding and aims to provide support to surrounding families, with particular focus on young girls and women. Regular meetings are held in the dedicated location foreseen on the same premises.



Priority setting is ongoing. Some initial priorities under discussion include:

- Building and expansion of the orphanage
- Sponsorship for school tuition
- Expansion of the Self-Help Group
- Collaboration and creation of synergy with other recognized projects in the area.