



Recent International Development Challenges

SIDshare & Barnsley FC Community Sports and Education Trust

A team of three TUoS students (one pgr/pgt/ug) and three apprentice footballers worked with Barnsley FC Community Sports and Education Trust to establish a football development and community outreach scheme in SW Uganda. This area, which was itself subject to internal conflict in the recent past, has been affected by civil war in neighbouring countries resulting in the arrival of 30,000 refugees in 2012 placing pressure on scarce resources. One of Barnsley FC's coaches is a Rwandan refugee and SIDshare was engaged as a partner in the project to ensure that the developmental aims of the project were achieved. The challenge involved background research, a needs assessment and feasibility study, the development of funding applications and fundraising activities. A preliminary baseline needs assessment and feasibility study was undertaken in April 2013 by SIDshare students identifying a choice of two suitable locations.

Training & Mentoring: Students received appropriate training through our SIDshare professional skills workshops and were mentored by a SIID academic and by Barnsley FC Trust.

SIDshare, Engineers Without Borders (EWB) & Butterfly Space (Malawi, NGO)

SIDshare worked with TUoS Engineers without Borders Student Society (EWB) and the NGO Butterfly Space to deliver and implement pedal powered water pumps to provide water for dry season crop irrigation to a local community at Nkhata Bay along the shores of Lake Malawi. EWB have developed the portable pedal powered pumps in Sheffield and SIDshare have been supporting them in developing the pumps for use in a resource poor context. The challenge involved background research, a needs assessment and funding. Funding was secured for a SIDshare student member to travel to Malawi with a team from EWB in August 2013 to undertake a needs assessment to determine the usage and location of pumps. In association with a local NGO, Butterfly Space, a demonstration scheme was organised.

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SIDshare, The Long Well Walk and Kids Club Kampala

The Long Well Walk is a Sheffield based NGO that has successfully secured ERDF funding to establish an arts and crafts social enterprise *Water Maid* with the NGO Kids Club Kampala who provide crafts based income generating and microfinance opportunities for communities living in some of the poorest districts of Kampala. SIDshare's role in this consortium was to ensure that the project is sustainable, ethical and benefits the local craft workers. This challenge involved value chain analysis, setting up a monitoring and evaluation system and fundraising. A SIDshare member travelled to Kampala to undertake an impact/value chain assessment to set up an M&E system. A SIDshare student member additionally worked with Kids Club Kampala to evaluate the role of the women's groups that had been set up to make the crafts.

Training and Mentoring: Students attended appropriate training courses provided by SIDshare and the Long Well Walk. In the initial stages students were mentored by the Director of the Long Well Walk and by a SIID academic and later by an International Development Consultant from the Sheffield based Consultancy IOD parc who specialises in M&E.

SIDshare, KEDA/CEDE, Tanzania

KEDA/CEDE is a small community based NGO located in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania that has a long-standing relationship with SIDshare. SIDshare is working with KEDA/CEDE to build capacity through various training activities such that it can seek funding to support its many livelihood projects. Funds have been raised to donate computers to the organisation. The challenge has involved a needs assessment, IT support and other professional skills training, web design, funding applications as well as the development of a strategic plan. A total of 20 students have now worked on different aspects of the project

Training and Mentoring: Students have participated in SIDshare professional skills training and have been mentored by a SIID staff member and by 2 alumni who work for the NGO Microloan Foundation and Katapult Kilimanjaro.

Progress to Date: A postgraduate research student was awarded a SIDshare funded internship 2013 and produced a needs assessment. On the back of the assessment, three students have been working on funding applications and a further 19 students have worked with KEDA/CEDE since 2013 developing a new web site and multi-media resources, providing IT training and assisting with report writing. Our recent challenge has involved building a Field Centre (www.fieldcentre.org.uk) in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania which will raise unrestricted funds for both organisations.

SIDshare, University of Makeni, Sierra Leone and the Makeni Trust (NGO)

In January 2014, SIDshare was approached by a local NGO, the Makeni Trust and the University of Makeni to help them develop their research in international development at the University. In the first instance, 2 Masters students travelled to Makeni in the June/July where they undertook a Needs Assessment to establish; what research in its various forms was happening; what resources were available to support research; and to understand the existing research capacity of staff (qualifications, training). As a result, SIDshare agreed to support the University in promoting the opportunity for PhD students and completed Masters

students to spend time at the University as lecturers while at the same time working with University staff on the development of research.

Progress to Date: The Needs Assessment has been completed and students from SIDshare will be supporting the University in collecting books to support a Library, raising funds for laptops and sharing online resources. In October 2014, an International Development Masters student was due to start a year-long position as a visiting lecturer however, the serious Ebola outbreak delayed her start until 2015. We are currently working on a new project with UNIMAK to develop an alumni database and support alumni relations particularly with those living overseas.