

# CHEDRA & THE BUGABIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## #UGM2016

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## ABOUT CHEDRA & THE BUGABIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This school was the original Shauku foundation project and played a huge part in creating the first Uganda Marathon. It has been supporting the local community and its 300 vulnerable children for years, by providing quality affordable education that gives the kids a boost in life that would



otherwise be completely unreachable.

### [The Bugabira students outside their classrooms](#)

Primary school education is supposed to be free in Uganda, but the government is unable to support the fast population growth and so offers only a small subsidised rate of £1 per student, per school term to cover all costs. This leaves schools having to charge fees, teachers not receiving wages and children being left untaught in many government institutions.

## VITAL RENOVATIONS TO TEACHING BUILDINGS

In 2015, from the runner's fundraising, we were able to increase the sustainability of the school by building a chicken coop for 200 layer birds, renovating the broken solar system and building a new fuel saving, up to date kitchen.





The brand new chicken coup, funded by runners from the 2015 Uganda Marathon



Runners from the 2015 Uganda Marathon “helping” to build the chicken coup

These changes will be saving the school 600,000 UGX (£119) a month in firewood, petrol and generator hire. The chicken coup is also bringing a food supplement of eggs to the school, a vocational class and an income-generating program. The school has transformed thanks to the marathon runners support!

But there is still much to do. In 2016, we have a massive project planned to continue supporting the 300+ students that attend the school. We are planning to improve the classroom facilities by renovating the termite and jigger ridden wooden structures, that were initially built as temporary buildings, providing no learning stimulus apart from the occasional black board.

With your help we are going to change this, turning the temporary classrooms into quality, permanent learning facilities.

Watch this beautiful video of children [singing in the Bugabira School](#)

## SEPTEMBER '16 PROJECT UPDATE

This primary school has undergone the biggest change since the marathon started supporting it one and a half years ago. A solar system has been installed, which has been operating wonderfully, providing power to both the boys and girls dormitories and also the teacher's office. This has allowed both students and teachers to have light, security and the feeling of safety beyond the natural cut off point of 6:30pm.

Another major impact can be seen in kitchen which, for the first time since the school was built, can now serve all 300 children three times a day with ease. The kitchen not only saves on fire wood each day but also provides a hygienic cooking area that is not disturbed by the rain. The chef says "It is now so much better to cook for all the children, thank you".



[The chef at The Bugabira School](#)

Some very exciting news to announce is that the chicks are now fully healthy chickens!! They are reaching 4 months old, so within one month from now they will start laying eggs for sale. After 2

months of laying eggs, the poultry project will start to bring in profit for Bugabira every month that they can spend on improving the facilities themselves.

But if you ask the kids what their favourite achievement and support from the UGM runners is, they will unanimously tell you that it is their brand new playground. You will always see the students showing off their creative side by playing on the beautifully colourful playground! This is bringing so much laughter and joy to the kids everyday as they run around and enjoy all the hugely positive aspects of play.



The teachers have also been seeing the positive effects of this playground, they've told us that the kids are more focused in class after break than before, as they have been actively awakening their brains. And with the swings now fitted, the fun is only going to grow!! Thank you East African Playgrounds and The Uganda Marathon Runners for bringing so many smiles!!

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!**