

2020 Annual Report



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The Road We Walk Together

Our journey continues and is made possible by our valued volunteers and field representative, dedicated donors, enthusiastic partners, and community members. Together over the past year we have continued to implement projects, coordinate events, raise awareness, and contribute considerable funds to our partner communities in East Africa.

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The CanAssist African Relief Trust (CAART) has been a registered Canadian charity since April 2008.

Our charitable number is 8325 18211 RR0001



Water and Sanitation

As basic human rights (United Nations 2010), clean water and sanitation are essential for preventing illness and death, and improving health, social and economic conditions. CanAssist supports access to clean water by working with communities to install boreholes and water catchment tanks, and has initiated irrigation systems needed to grow food. CanAssist supports sanitation by helping build latrines and other facilities, particularly in schools.



Education

A right under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and a social determinant of health, education is a key focus area for CanAssist funding through infrastructure projects. CanAssist has supported the building of classrooms, schools, support structures, teacher accommodation and sports pads, and has provided books, other basic school supplies, and furniture.



Health Care

CanAssist provides funding for health-related infrastructure projects that support hospitals and clinics, and improve quality of basic health care. Examples include providing hospital beds and water tanks, and funding building enhancements such as solar panels and security fencing.

CanAssist is a Canadian charity
funding infrastructure
development in East Africa

2020 CanAssist African Relief Trust Project Manager's Report Good news in a Pandemic Year!

In January 2020, when we heard about a new virus spreading around the world, we were worried that it might impact our funding and work with CanAssist African Relief Trust. After a few slow months due to lockdowns, both at home and in Africa, we were pleased that donations came generously and projects were funded and completed in record time. Through ongoing support to infrastructure projects in East Africa we are helping communities help themselves and leaving a lasting impact. Your ongoing financial support means that we can continue to build schools, fund latrines and water catchment and provide essential support to medical clinics. Together, we CanAssist!

I am pleased to share that last year we funded over \$164,000 for life-saving infrastructure projects. These include 2 new classrooms, 4 school kitchens with fuel efficient wood burning stoves, 4 latrines at rural schools, 3 water catchment tanks and associated guttering, 3 borehole wells, 1 security fencing project, 1 Women's Empowerment Centre, an access road, new classroom furnishings and school books and a community sports pad.



This essential support in the areas of education, water, health and hygiene have benefitted hard working African communities when they most need it. Not only do the community members benefit directly from a new school or a new well, for example, but by utilizing local labour and materials, CanAssist provides economic support as well.

Can you imagine running a school or medical clinic without water? We can't! There is still need for new water projects, new schools, medical clinic support and basic hygiene. We hope to continue to provide support, and through your kindness, we will assist.

Asante sana,
Nancy Grew, Project Manager & Trustee



Kenyan Field Representative's Report

Jambo,

Thanks to you, our donors, CanAssist African Relief Trust has continued to support communities in East Africa with basic infrastructure projects amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

I have continued to do an oversight role, acting as a bridge between the trustees, associates and local communities, with the basic goal of ensuring that donors get value for their donations and that we are able to achieve the overall objectives of CanAssist.

Your donations have continued to change lives, to improve living standards and to give hope for tomorrow to many, especially during these challenging times when the needs have increased due to effects of Covid19.

There has been an increased request to support rain-water catchment, basic hand washing units, and pit latrines in schools, hospitals and public places. Schools also need more desks due to social distancing requirements and textbooks are always needed in remote schools.

We all hope that the Covid19 Pandemic will be contained at some point soon, even as we keep supporting those in dire need through CanAssist.

Please keep up with your support. You can contact us through our Facebook page and email address.



(Kids smiling at SP Geddes School during the official handover of a new pit latrine.)

Yes You CanAssist!! Yes you can make a smile.

Daniel Oduor Otieno
Field African field representative.
CanAssist African Relief Trust -Kingston Canada.

2020 Funded Projects

Kenyan Projects

Project Number	Project Location	Infrastructure Funded
K2000	Kenya Help Project	Women's Empowerment Centre extension
K2010	Namayianha Youth and Community Empowerment Centre	½ acre chain link fencing
K2020	S.P.Geddes School	Construction of the desks
K2030	Mutumbu Sports Pad	
K2040	Ramula Medical Clinic:	The installation of the 10,000 L water tanks
K2050	Nyalunya School	Latrine
K2060	SP Geddes	Latrine
K2070	Kenya Help	Road

Uganda Projects

Project Number	Project Location	Infrastructure Funded
U1970	Great Challenge School Uganda	Classroom
U2000	T.A. Crusade/Nakiwaate C/U Primary School	kitchen and 2 latrines with hand washing facilities
U2010	EACO	Well repair
U2020	Holy Innocents	one additional 10000L water tank and concrete base
U2030	EACO	borehole
U2040	Crane's School	new kitchen structure
U2050	Great Challenge School	two-classroom block
U2060	St. Mathew School	kitchen structure, a fuel-efficient wood burning stove and tables and chairs for students
U2070	EACO	Borehole and well repair
U2080	Hope for Youth	Improvements to their existing kitchen

Kitchen Structure – Crane’s School, Uganda



Kitchen and latrines – T.A. Crusade/Nakiwaate C/U Primary School, Uganda



Kitchen Structure - St. Mathew School, Uganda



Two-Classroom Block - Great Challenge School, Uganda



4-door pit latrine - Nyalunya Mixed Day School, Kenya



Sports Pad - Mutumbu Community, Kenya



The CanAssist African Relief Trust

As of December 31, 2020

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended December 31

	2020	2019
Assets		
Current		
Cash and bank(s)	85,574	94,271
HST recoverable	373	393
Inventories (African handicrafts and beadwork)	300	300
Prepaid expenses (part insurance)	1,262	1,262
	87,509	96,226
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable (accountants)	2,075	2,075
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	85,434	94,151
	87,509	96,226
Changes in Net Assets		
Net assets, beginning of year	94,151	58,443
Difference Revenue vs Expenditures	(8,717)	35,718
Net assets, end of year	\$85,434	\$94,151

Statement of operations – 2020
for the year ended December 31

	2020	2019
Revenue		
Donations	163,549	161,076
Expenditures		
Total	172,266	125,358
Projects funded * (includes local agent fees for management)	162,454	113,991
Administrative costs in Canada and Africa		
Bank charges * \$860 in Africa	1,160	1,258
Director's & Liability Insurance	1,738	1,738
Office and General	1,647	1,838
Accountant fees	2,155	2,153
Telephone and internet * \$985 in Africa	1,089	1,557
Travel and expenses * (all in Africa by Kenya agent)	2,023	2,823
Total admin expenditures	8,442	11,367
Canadian admin expenses	4,574	6,266
Cdn admin costs/total expenditures	2.7%	4.9%
<u>Difference – Revenue less expenditures</u>	<u>(\$8,717)</u>	<u>\$35,718</u>

CanAssist began and ended 2020 with healthy bank accounts (one in Kenya) and several projects approved, ready to go. The first quarter showed a lull in activity while we were expecting COVID to stifle our operations. It did not (to a large extent) and the year was as good as many of recent years. Thanks is due to our faithful donors whose own activity in the year was otherwise severely compromised.

Over the calendar year we had our two usual fundraising campaigns celebrating Canada Day and Giving Tuesday when funds received were matched by two generous donors.

Michael Dent
Treasurer

We Can Assist you to help others

In addition to our many private supporters in 2020, we are grateful for the support of the following Group or corporate donors and foundations. Please accept our sincere thanks and that of the many people in East Africa whose lives are somehow made somewhat better because of your generosity.



- ❖ Sasamat Foundation, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- ❖ The Frank Family Foundation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Giving Tuesday Matching donation)
- ❖ Retired Teachers of Ontario
- ❖ Greygates Foundation, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- ❖ Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario
- ❖ Ontario Teachers Federation
- ❖ Mackenzie Financial Corporation
- ❖ RBC Global Assessment Management
- ❖ Bridgehouse Asset Managers
- ❖ Perth Road United Church
- ❖ Religious Hospitallars of St Joseph, Montreal Quebec
- ❖ Mayer Institute, Hamilton, Ontario.
- ❖ Peak Group, Montreal Quebec
- ❖ Anglican Church Women (ACW) Diocese of Ontario
- ❖ The Greene Family Education Initiative, held at Vancouver Foundation
- ❖ BonPatron by Nadaclair Language Technologies, a Canadian Software company



We Need Your Support

Consider becoming, or continue being a part of the CanAssist community.

Every Penny Matters

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You Can Make a Difference!!

If you have a talent, skill, or idea that could help promote or support the work of CanAssist, let us know.



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