

2018 ANNUAL REPORT





The Road We Walked Together

Our journey would not have been possible without our valued volunteers and field representative, dedicated donors, enthusiastic partners, and community members. Together over the past year we have implemented projects, coordinated events, raised awareness, and contributed considerable funds to provide support to numerous communities in East Africa.



The CanAssist Team

Trustees:

Evelyn Bowering
Elizabeth Good
Susan Potvin

Michael Dent
Nancy Grew
Raymond Vos

Field Representative:

Daniel Otieno

Grant Writing:

Molly Shannon

Thank you to founder John Geddes for his ongoing support

Contact us:

CanAssist African Relief Trust

P.O. Box 1385, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 5C6

Email: info@canassistafrica.ca

Follow us:

Website: <http://www.canassistafrica.ca>

Twitter: [@canassistafrica](https://twitter.com/canassistafrica)

Facebook Group Page: CanAssist African Relief Trust

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

Recognized as basic human rights by the United Nations in 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

2018 Project Manager's Report

2018 was a busy year for the CanAssist African Relief Trust. In preparation to write this report I began by looking back on what was accomplished. I was amazed to discover that, in the year 2018, CanAssist completed more than \$180,000 CAD in sustainable infrastructure projects in East Africa.



I also reflected on the good fortune that I had, to make not one, but two trips to Africa (at no cost to CanAssist), where I visited 14 different CanAssist project sites in Kenya and Uganda. This allowed me to oversee the work and to witness first hand the positive effects of our projects. Throughout this Annual Report you will see examples of how the work of CanAssist leaves a lasting mark on communities and this impact begins with you.

The proof of our impact lies in the numbers. For example, this past year we built 8 classrooms, 5 pit latrines, 5 borehole wells, 4 water tanks for water catchment, installed classroom furnishings, built kitchen facilities and installed a fuel efficient wood burning stove, constructed a food shed for safe food storage, installed solar power at a Health clinic and a teacher's quarters, funded the purchase of essential medical equipment for another rural clinic, and security fencing for a medical clinic in Uganda. Furthermore, we supplied more than \$3500 in books and classroom resources to 5 rural classrooms.



This essential support in the areas of education, water, health and hygiene has had a long lasting impact on the recipient communities and have benefitted thousands of hard working Africans. These benefits are not limited to obvious educational and health outcomes but also include benefits to the local community. For example, we use local labour and materials, which creates work for local tradespeople and supports the local economy.

We are so very grateful for the support of a large number of corporate, group and individual sponsors. This includes, but is not limited to, a number of Teachers' Federations, including OECTA, OSSTF, RTO, OTF, and the ETFO Humanity Fund. It also includes long-standing support from groups such as the Frank Family Foundation, the Grey Gates Foundation, the Sasamat Foundation and of course the multitude of individuals who support us through monthly or yearly donations. Thank you all for your ongoing generosity.



As the year came to a close our Trustee group began planning for 2019 and we are hopeful that several planned fundraisers will ensure that we can continue to do our work. Your donations are what make this work possible and I will thank you, in advance, for your continued support. Furthermore, I will thank you for entrusting me with the honour of making sure that your dollars are well spent and well maintained. It is true, together, we "CanAssist"!



Field Representative Report from Dan Otieno

I am pleased to report that CanAssist African Relief Trust Canada has made a tremendous impact by supporting infrastructure projects in East Africa. These projects are in the areas of health, education, sanitation and hygiene and they continue to improve lives in a variety of ways.

My role as CanAssist Field Representative helps to ensure that our supporters and donors get value for their money, timely implementation of the projects and that the quality of the work is up to the required standards. I also visit and represent CanAssist at official openings and at all stages of the construction projects. I am your eyes and ears on the ground.

I continue to witness, first hand, how CanAssist infrastructure projects, such as schools, latrines, medical clinic supports, kitchen facilities, etc. have changed lives and improved living standards on a daily basis. These projects support entire communities and provide hope for tomorrow to many children and adults alike.

Your donations and support are what make this impact possible. On behalf of the communities I hope that support continues. Yes you Can assist to assist those in need.

Daniel Oduor Otieno
Field African Field Representative,
CanAssist African Relief Trust



CanAssist African Relief Trust



**We fund sustainable infrastructure
development in East African communities.**

A registered Canadian Charity 83251 8211 RR0001

Projects Funded in 2018

Kenya Projects

| Project Number | Project Location | Infrastructure Funded |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------|
| K1810 | Namayiamba/Osupuko Maasai Project | Classroom |
| K1815 | Namayiamba/Osupuko Maasai Project | Latrine |
| K1820 | Murera School | Classroom Furnishings |
| K1830 | Kamin Oningo Community | Water tank and Gas Generator |
| K1840 | Save Haven | Kitchen Facility & Stove |
| K1850 | Kenya Helps/Global Hope Rescue | Food Storage Shed |
| K1860 | Kanyala Little Stars School | Water Catchment |
| K1870 | Nyalunya Secondary School | Latrine |
| K1880 | S.P. Geddes School | Latrine |
| K1895 | Ramula Secondary School | Latrine |
| K1896 | Obiayo Primary School | Latrine |
| K1897 | Kaswanga Girls' School | Water Tank & Guttering |
| K1898 | St. Catherine School | Three Classrooms |
| K1899 | Osupuko Primary School | Classroom |
| KS2018 | St. Catherine School S.P. Geddes School Ojwaya School Kanyala Little Stars School Hope School | Books |

Uganda Projects

| Project Number | Project Location | Infrastructure Funded |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| U1761 | EACO Namanganga Community | Bore hole well repair |
| U1762 | EACO Lugali Community | Borehole well repair |
| U1810 | Hope For Youth School | Classroom |
| U1820 | MTBI | Borehole Well |
| U1830 | Olimai Health Centre | Solar Panels |
| U1840 | Kyabazala School | Lighting and Windows |
| U1850 | EACO Dundu Community | Borehole Well Repair |
| U1860 | Hope For Youth School | Classroom |
| U1865 | Hope For Youth School | Classroom |
| U1870 | Holy Innocent Medical Clinic | Medical Equipment |
| U1880 | Bwindi Community Hospital | Perimeter Fencing |
| U1890 | EACO Kalagala Community | Borehole Well Repair |

Mukono, Uganda
Borehole



Kaswanga Girls' School, Kenya
Water Tank & Guttering



Kamin Oningo Community, Kenya Water Tank & Generator



Mukono Business Skills
Institute, Uganda
Water Tank



Biwindi Community
Hospital, Uganda
Fencing

Namayiana/Osupuko Maasai Project, Kenya Classroom and Latrine



Osupuko Primary School – Kenya Helps Classroom



Safe Haven, Kenya Kitchen Facility & Stove



Nyalunya Secondary School, Kenya Latrine



Kenya Helps/Global Hope
Rescue Food Shed



Olimai Health Centre,
Uganda
Solar Panels



Holy Innocent Medical Clinic, Uganda
Medical Equipment

St. Catherine School, Kenya Books



St. Catherine School 3-Door Classroom & Fencing



Obiayo Primary School, Kenya Latrine



Kanyala Little Stars School
Water Catchment Tank



Kyabazala School, Uganda
Lighting & Windows



Hope for Youth School, Uganda
Classrooms

S. P. Geddes School, Kenya Latrine



Murera School, Kenya Classroom Furnishings

The CanAssist African Relief Trust

Statement of operations – 2018 for the year ended December 31

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Donations | \$140,216 | \$168,978 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Total | \$216,664 | \$163,259 |
| Projects funded | \$207,343 | \$150,905 |
| (includes local agent costs for implementation) | | |
| Administrative costs in Canada and Africa | | |
| Bank charges | 1,373 | 907 |
| Insurance | 1,743 | 1,743 |
| Office and General | 702 | 3,774 |
| Accountant fees | 2,074 | 1,856 |
| Telephone and internet | 1,732 | 1,206 |
| Travel and expenses (by Kenya agent) | 1,697 | 2,868 |
| Total Administrative expenditures | \$9,321 | \$12,354 |
| Administrative costs/total expenditures | 4.3% | 7.5% |
| Difference – Revenue vs expenditures | \$(76,448) | \$5,724 |

CanAssist began 2018 with a healthy bank account and several projects about to start or in process. Over the 2018 calendar year project implementation costs in Africa was \$216,664. Total administrative costs over the year in both Africa and Canada were \$9,321 or 4.3% of the total expenditures. Canadian administrative expenses (included) were 2.1%.

CanAssist is proud to report that almost 98% of our spending in 2018 was in Africa, providing valued infrastructure and supporting various segments of the African economy in the process.

The CanAssist African Relief Trust

**Statement of Financial Position
for the year ended December 31**

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and bank(s) | 62,212 | 134,734 |
| HST recoverable | 257 | 435 |
| Inventories (African handicrafts and beadwork) | 300 | 300 |
| Prepaid expenses (part insurance) | 1,262 | 1,262 |
| | \$64,031 | \$136,731 |

Liabilities and Net Assets

| | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Mbita latrines and accountants) | 5,598 | 1,850 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted net assets | \$58,433 | \$134,881 |
| | \$64,031 | \$136,731 |

Changes in Net Assets

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Net assets, beginning of year | \$134,881 | \$129,157 |
| Difference Revenue vs Expenditures | \$(76,448) | \$5,724 |
| Net assets, end of year | \$58,443 | \$134,881 |



Thank You!

In addition to our many private supporters in 2018, we are grateful for the generous support from the following:

Sasamat Foundation, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Aqueduct Foundation (Richard Frank family)

Ontario Teachers' Federation

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation

Glenburnie Public School Students

Peak Group, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

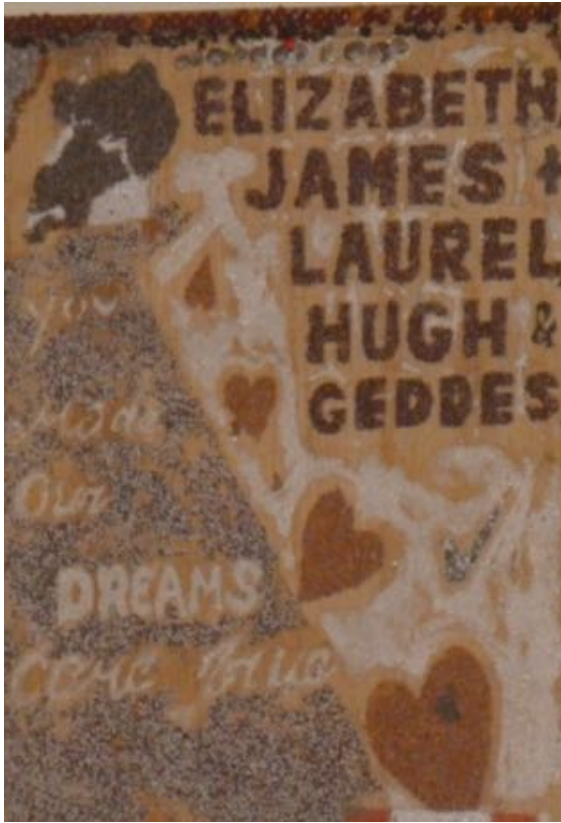
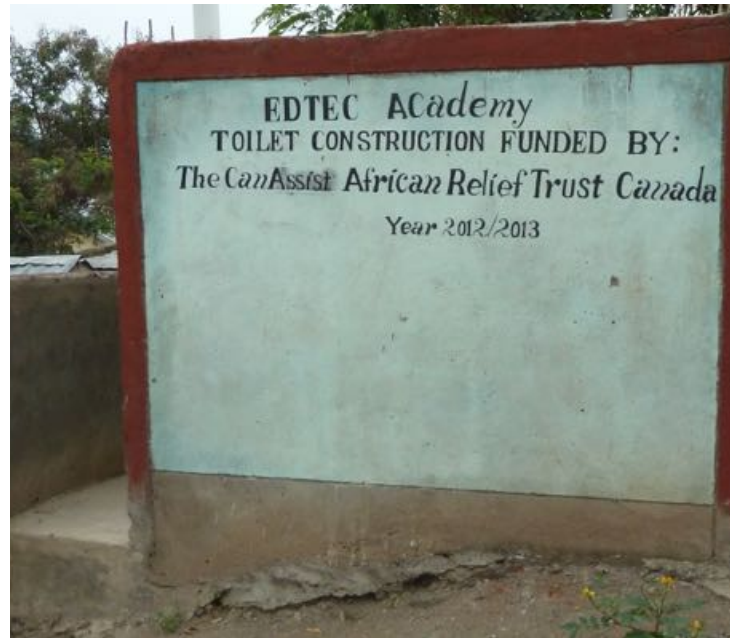
St. Francis de Sales

Marguerite Prachowney

Ramula
Secondary
School,
Kenya
4-Door Pit
Latrine











We Need Your Support

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

Every Penny Matters

95% of donated funds go directly to East African communities. Your donation goes a long way. You can donate online or by mail. Visit our website at canassistafrica.ca for details.

Make a difference by volunteering

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

