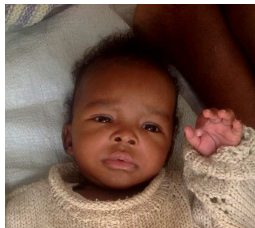


CHILD CRISIS CENTRE

Potter's Village Child Crisis centre was established in 2007 by Revd Canon Jenny Green because she saw babies suffering on the death of their Mother and had a vision to help. Potter's Village started its existence to rescue babies who had no other chance of survival. Today up to 18 babies can be given a home on the site.

Babies are given provision to thrive in a family unit with children of different ages and a house mother to care for them all.



Children are brought to the child crisis centre for a number of reasons;

- Death of their mother
- Abandonment
- A mother too mentally ill to provide safe care

Potter's Village cares for these little ones until they are ready to be reunited with their families or can be placed in Foster Care.

It is the intention of Potter's Village to be a stepping stone to support these children and their families at often devastating times. It provides short term residential care for these vulnerable children to enable them to grow and develop whilst, where possible, maintaining family contact.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

When the children are between 6 months to 1 year old (depending on circumstances) they return to their own extended family where that is possible or are fostered in the local community and Potter's Village will continue to give them support.

Often the family still needs financial support to care for these babies and this is given depending on circumstance, most often by way of a monthly child support allowance.



Short-term financial or food aid is also given to families in crisis due to an unstable situation, often health related.

In recent years these families have been encouraged to save some of their money as part of an Income Generating Savings Scheme. This scheme then helps to buy them an animal (chickens, goat or pig) to help the family support the child long term. The staff at Potter's Village find and buy good quality animals and then do home visits to ensure adequate care for them.

This scheme has proved very effective and many families have become self sufficient, no longer needing financial handouts from PV, which is wonderful.



MEDICAL CENTRE

The Potter's Village Medical Centre was opened in 2013. It has become well established in the community and is treating an increasing number of patients.

The Medical Centre provides 24 hour access for any child under the age of 12 years in the community. In order for it to remain viable, patients need to cover the costs of treatment.

There are two wards for inpatients amounting to 24 beds. Referrals are received from many Health Centres as well as the local Hospital. Common illnesses treated include, Malaria, TB, Pneumonia and breathing difficulties.

SPECIAL CARE BABY UNIT

The Special Care Baby Unit has been designed to look after premature babies, asphyxiated babies and babies with severe infections.

The facility has incubators, oxygen concentrators and CPAP machines. It provides phototherapy for jaundiced babies. A generator ensures the equipment continues to function despite the many power cuts.

It is the only Unit of this kind in the District and has saved many lives.



NUTRITIONAL REHABILITATION UNIT (NRU)

The NRU was born out of a direct need seen within the community.

The Potter's Village Medical Centre was seeing more and more cases of malnourished children and also noticed repeat admission for some of these children. The Medical Centre has limited beds and some of the very malnourished needed longer term care than could be provided.

The NRU can now care for 12 Children, who often stay for around a month (with their primary carer) to receive effective nutritional rehabilitation and any other medical care required. Once they reach their target weight they return home where they monitored.

Whilst onsite mothers (or carers) are taught about nutrition. There is an education kitchen where mothers learn to cook nutritious foods and they also learn about crop selection and management.

The Nurse in-Charge of the Nutrition Unit visits villages to talk to mothers about the importance of good nutrition and good hygiene. with the aim of preventing malnutrition in children.

ANTENATAL CARE & DELIVERY SUITE

Sadly maternal death are still very high in this part of Uganda which is why the most recent project for Potter's Village is the development of antenatal care unit and delivery suite. The plan is that expectant mothers will have antenatal care at Potter's Village and there will also be a delivery suite staffed with midwives for uncomplicated births.

Another goal is to reduce the number of asphyxiated babies and neonatal deaths. It is a primary goal of Potter's Village to help reduce maternal mortality and deliver healthy babies.



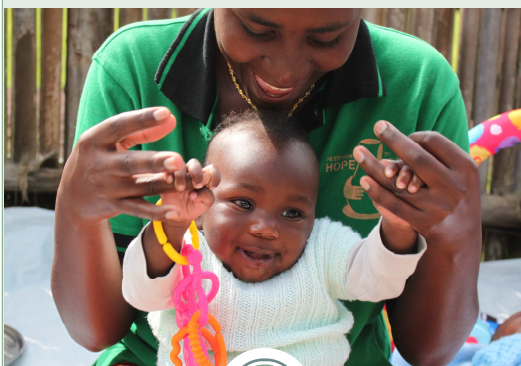
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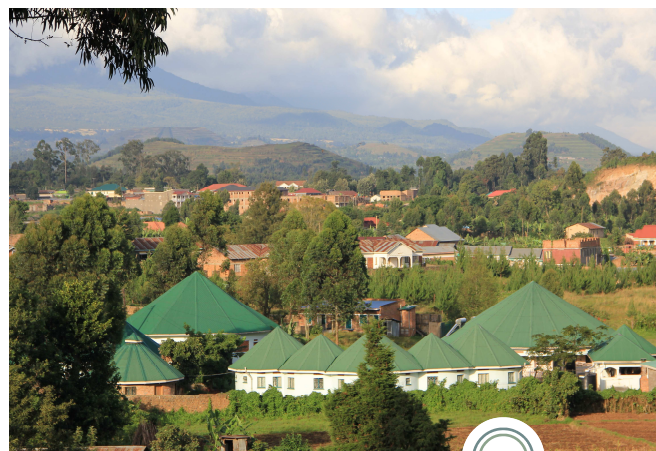


Since Potter's Village opened its doors to the first baby in 2007 It has worked with a Trust in the UK who provided funding and support for the project in Kisoro during its first few years.

As the project has now become an established part of the community and is over seen by a Uganda board of Trustees, the UK Trust has developed in to a purely funding arm called Friends of Potter's Village.

If you would like to know more about FOPV or would like to get involved in fundraising work in the UK, please contact pottersuk@gmail.com or look on our website for more details www.pottersvillage.org.uk

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"Whenever the pot the potter was working on turned out badly, the potter would simply start over and rework the clay into another pot" Jeremiah 18.4

PV's monthly running costs are approximately **£8000**

Ways to help;

- You can donate money. Please go to: www.justgiving.com/pottersvillage, or send a cheque made payable to The Potter's Village (address on back)
- You can sponsor a child from £10 per month
- Please pray for the children, staff, trustees and the work of Potter's Village
- You can volunteer your time or skills, in the UK. Please contact us for further information or to suggest your ideas.



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