

2019 Report

Building Schools in Africa (BSA) has a Ugandan counterpart, Brick Africa. The following report is for both organizations – our American-registered non-profit organization and our Ugandan non-profit (for simplicity, we will just use the reference BSA to refer to both). Telik Junior School is the school in Kibuutu, Uganda that our organizations built and continue to work with.

Telik Junior School

The Telik Junior School completed three years of operation in 2019. Eight grades were hosted in seven classrooms – Kindergarten 1-3 and Primary 1-5. Enrollment continued to expand with 191 pupils at year end.



Scholarships: Building Schools in Africa raised 44 need-based scholarships for pupils to attend Telik for the 2019 school year. The scholarships cover the annual school fees. Families are still responsible for other costs such as uniforms and school supplies. 2019 school fees were 200,000 UGX for nursery and 260,000 UGX for primary school for the year. Scholarship donations were \$65 for nursery and \$80 for primary.

Sports: Telik Junior School girls competed in netball in the Under 14 division at the zonal level. Here is Telik (in yellow) vs Kiyunga - final score 1:0. The girls made it to the semi-finals in a 12 school field!

The Telik boys also competed at the zonal level, in football (soccer).





Visitors: A few donors and guests also visited during the year and delivered some donated supplies to the school. This are always welcome to schedule visits.

Water Borehole

The funds for the borehole are complete! The balance of the funds needed came in at the end of 2019 and thus we hope to begin drilling in January during the dry season before school resumes.

This borehole (well) is to provide water for the school for drinking, cooking, cleaning and irrigation of food crops. The well would also be accessed by the local community, allowing them closer access to clean water. Having a borehole onsite would allow the school access to significantly more water, thus greater sanitation and the ability to grow more food (alleviating food expenses and availability). The onsite borehole would also allow us to meet government mandates.

Other News

The Ugandan directors and the school took on the project of adding a small block of rooms to operate a nursery school from. This project is entirely locally funded. While not yet entirely complete, they hope to utilize it in 2020 as a nursery school. This new space will allow for the existing building to operate as a full primary school, completing the school and meeting legal requirements of a separate nursery and primary school. Telik did register the nursery school this year as a separate entity, as required by the government.



Our Ugandan director, Tebba James, continues to serve as the Secretary of Education for private schools in Luuka District (the district in which Kibuutu is in).

There is now some online official data about schools provided. You can go to this [link](#) for more information. You can find Telik Junior School both under nursery & lower primary.

Weather has been unpredictable this year, leaving some growing seasons too dry, and then record rains and flooding through November in Luuka District. This has made growing crops difficult, affecting food prices for the school, as well as income for many parents. Additionally, it has washed out the main road to our district. This further affects some of our parents who find difficulty in delivering their sugarcane harvests to market, as well as transport of other goods.

The latrine that was dug at the beginning of construction of the school has filled and needs attention.