

29th August 2015

Dear friend of UPLIFT !

With August, at last, summer came to Norway, too. Late, but good, for the sun craving Norwegians. To some of us, not so different than Uganda – in January!



Summer in January

But first, the FUP Board would like to share a welcome message received from UPLIFT in August:

CONFIRMING UPLIFT'S NGO STATUS

After an extended and laborious process, UPLIFT has successfully reconfirmed its status of non-governmental organization – or nowadays, a civil society organization (CSO). The renewed registration with the national NGO registrar was based on the revised Constitution document (referred to in an earlier letter) and followed by the opening of a new UPLIFT organizational bank account. It is now operative, and recently, Friends of UPLIFT (Norway) made its first transfer of accrued contributions to the new account. With some USD 2.000 'to

go' in the fourth quarterly transfer, we are optimistic that our pledge of NOK 60.000 in 2015 will be achieved.

GRADUATION CEREMONY – JOIN US?

The time has come to remind those few who may have considered joining us on our next project visit to Uganda, and encourage them to participate in the 2016 UPLIFT Graduation Ceremony – most likely in the second week of January. Last time we were only three from Norway, but the year before, we were eight – a veritable delegation, and with a small safari included. A (typical) 10-day visit, stretching over two week-ends and a 3-day, mid-week excursion to west Nile, would cost appr. 1.200 USD, vaccinations and a mini-safari excluded.

If you are thinking about it, do get in touch for details while airfare is still reasonable!

STRATEGY WORKSHOP

The UPLIFT reflection seminar planned for september will be postponed. Our UPLIFT friend and event facilitator has been called out to a short-term UN assignment in Nepal!



When it comes to joy and self-confidence –

NEW SUPPORTERS

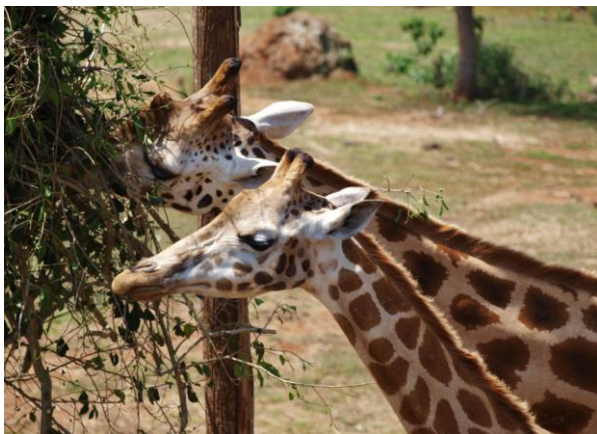
Even if the core of Friends of UPLIFT, being Norwegian members and two groups of steadfast supporters in Canada and Uganda, has been well established, we do add a new member now and then from an unexpected quarter. The FUP website (thanks to the English menu) has proved instrumental in creating interest and respect for the work of UPLIFT. Also, members are able to tie new friendships during their travels. Our newest member and contributor lives in Rwanda! – working for the Rwandan Nurses Association. From our geographical point of view, that's virtually 'in the neighbourhood'.

On behalf of UPLIFT and its learners, as well as our own modest association, we thank everyone warmly for contributions and other forms of support to the literacy programme in West Nile.

Best regards on behalf of the board of
Friends of UPLIFT (Norway)
Gunnar Lange-Nielsen



– the men also have a role to play!



Friends – sharing the abundance of the earth