



# Maragoli

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# Annual Newsletter 2013

## Community Resource Center Takes Shape

After several years devoted to procuring land, fencing the compound, digging a well, and building a temporary storehouse, serious work on the foundation of the Vigetse Community Center has begun. Stakeholder groups have donated much time to crush granite rocks and mix the stones with dirt to “backfill” the foundation to ground level. When completed, the resource center will serve as a nexus for income-generating activities that will make MACODEF’s programs sustainable over the long term.



College of Wooster students Moira McShane (above) and Maki Love and Gracie Kral (below) receive advice and encouragement on how to carry stones on their heads



Community members Elime Mbone (left) and Milly Agufana (middle) join College of Wooster student Pratistha Bhandari (right) in shoveling dirt to be used for backfilling the foundation of the community resource center



### *A message from...*



**Samuel Amukono Kidini**  
Local Board Chair

In 2013 the local board continued to contribute voluntary service to their community through MACODEF. I am indeed indebted to them, for all have other work and roles they perform in addition to serving on the local board. Working through our delegated management system, in 2013 we completed year three of our sustainable agriculture project, turned over management of the health clinic to the community, and made progress on the resource center, in addition to supporting vulnerable students and individuals in other important ways.

As we reflect on the past ten years, we realize that our donors, friends and partners have enabled the community to achieve new developments in education, agriculture, health care, and environment. Like others before it, this past year was a busy one, as narrated in the annual report.

We thank all of you for your generous donations in 2013 and for your loyalty over the past decade. We look forward to charting the future during the international trustees meeting that will take place in Kenya in less than two months.

# Health Clinic Begins New Phase



Volunteers work on a kitchen for the health clinic (above); leaders receive donated supplies for the clinic (below)



In 2013 MACODEF helped to purchase equipment & pharmaceuticals and to staff the clinic for its first six months of operation. We facilitated the transfer of the health clinic back to the community, which is now receiving support from local sources to ensure sustainability of services.

# MINI-PROJECTS



Members of the SEDA Physically Challenged Group continue to benefit from MACODEF's support



Recipients of solar lamps and fireless baskets gather to share knowledge about harnessing the sun



Orphans and vulnerable children continue to receive school uniforms, while girls receive sanitary napkins

# Wooster in Kenya Program



Onimu and Zipporah Nanjala (above, with Matt Germaine) were among the many local families who opened their homes to College of Wooster students; MACODEF's local board of governors (right, with visitors) coordinated the program and put together a rich set of educational activities.

For the fourth time since 2007, residents of Vigetse and Vigena Villages hosted a team of 20 visitors from Wooster, OH for four days of educational activities, work on MACODEF projects, homestays, and the free exchange of ideas.

