

Rotary help Kenyan school buy mosquito nets

When headteacher Agnes Tewa told Leith Rotary Club about children in her school becoming ill and dying of malaria, they quickly agreed to finance mosquito nets for every child and teacher.

The money for the Kambe Timboni school was paid over just when coronavirus struck Kenya, and the school was closed. Even pupil feeding schemes were suspended.

Agnes and Ritchie Walker of Leith Rotary Club kept each other up to date with lockdown developments in Scotland and Kenya. Recently Agnes reported that the school was opening, and her staff raced to Mombasa to buy 428 treated mosquito nets. These have now been distributed to the pupils.

Agnes said: "I thank you for your support, may the Almighty God bless you."

The mosquito nets will reduce the number of children getting malaria and improve their attendance and so benefit their education. Similarly, they will reduce in incidence of malaria amongst the teaching staff and so improve the teacher pupil ratio. These are treated nets which kill mosquitos which touch them and will be effective for five years.

The money raised by Leith Rotary was increased by a 50% District Grant from the Rotary Foundation. This is an international charity which supports Rotary Club Projects.

Leith Rotary works closely with a British charity called 'Under the Mango Tree' which has been supporting the Kambe Timboni school in Kenya for several years.







