



ZAP News

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We hope you will enjoy the fifth edition of ZAP News. In addition to the latest updates on ZAP Projects, we are including a centre page spread with a cunning double Pie chart. Recent research by the Fundraising Standards Board (March 2011) shows that donors like to be kept informed of how their donations are spent, with some 68% concerned about the costs of administration and fundraising itself. Here at ZAP we pride ourselves on keeping administration costs to a minimum, and we felt it would be of interest to show our funding sources and their specific targets. The data for the chart derives from accounts kept both in the UK and in Zanzibar over the past 18 months; we have tried to be as accurate as possible, though some figures are necessarily approximate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ZAP Supporters for their generosity and their interest in our work; we are a small charity but I promise you that we make a big difference to one of the poorest communities in East Africa.

Janie Preece, Director



In this issue of ZAP News, our double page feature article explains where ZAP's funds come from, and where the money goes.

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ZAP PROJECTS

JAMBIANI CLINIC

The Clinic has a small laboratory but over the past few years this has had only intermittent staffing. ZAP has decided that the only long-term solution is to train a laboratory assistant ourselves. A German charity called Child Development Fund (CDF) under the umbrella of ChildFund Germany has offered to fund a vocational bursary for a local village girl to train as a **Lab Technician**. The girl has been chosen from Form IV leavers, and will start as soon as possible.



Anaemia is increasingly recognised in the Jambiani area and a nearby hospital has found many Haemoglobin levels as low as 2. (Those of you who appreciate the result will be astonished.) We are now providing Dr Hamza with a Hb testing machine. This is expensive but very worthwhile and we hope that by the time you read this the machine will be on its way to Zanzibar.

Our local GP surgery in Docking has generously donated many useful items of equipment which were delivered to Jambiani by the Manager of **Zanzibar Travel**, **Michael Sweeney** (see ZAP website for **Zanzibar Travel** details and travel offers.).

ACADEMIC

Changing our focus to **higher education** is paying dividends. The Jambiani Community Academy (**JCA**) is thriving under the excellent Mr Vuai. Along with several other volunteer teachers, he provides free tutorials on five evenings a week, into the 'wee small hours', and the fact is that without extra tuition it would be almost impossible for secondary students to attain the grades necessary to pass into Form V in Stone Town. Eight youngsters have achieved this in the current year, a record number. These children represent the best hope for their community, and they will be awarded ZAP bursaries for the next stage of their education.



Boarding House students with Mr P, Mr V and Pat

The **ZAP Boarding House** in Stone Town is proving a big success. Though its facilities are very basic, it gives the students a safe haven where they can study and help each other progress. Several of them have written to ZAP to express their appreciation. The original Form VI students have all gained University places, both in Zanzibar and further afield, and the present Form VI await results of their final exams. We are actively helping with their career choices and giving guidance

where necessary. This year, ZAP intends to supply the Boarding house with a small library of textbooks which will be available to all who are staying there. Unfortunately, the rental of the house has doubled this year, but it is still very reasonable value at \$2,000 per annum.

Three **new scholarships** have now been offered through ZAP; an individual academic scholarship for a Form V girl, funded by a kind supporter in Canada, and two vocational bursaries – also for girls. Guided by Mr P and Mr V, these bursaries will be awarded for a Lab technician – much needed by the Clinic – and a Business/Accountancy VETA degree student.

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FUNDIS (Tradesmen)

The new garage (**JAMBIANI AUTOWORKS**) is still a work in progress, though it should be up and running by the end of April. It has been a complicated and exhausting few months, and a frustrating one for our two mechanics who have been ready to start work since the autumn. Mr Vuai has worked tirelessly overseeing the building work – no simple task in such an unsophisticated milieu – and he is currently giving the mechanics some concentrated tuition in business skills.



Julie & Janie - garage designers

Such a unique and innovative project is bound to be beset by teething problems, but the portents are good and Joe undertakes to iron out any bad wrinkles in July. The business will be associated with **Budda Autoworks**, a large modern garage in Stone Town, which will be extremely advantageous – however, we should emphasise that it is early days for this project, and we will give ZAP supporters a full update in the Summer News.



Julie & Janie planning the job

The rest of the qualified fundis are in full employment, and gaining valuable experience; soon we hope they will be able to take on more apprentices and begin to train other young people in their trades. ZAP has purchased a third Vespa – this time for the electricians and plumbers. On the November Field Trip, we met them several times and were impressed with their growing maturity and self-confidence. They positively overwhelmed us with their thanks and appreciation to ZAP, and we felt that they really were making the most of their opportunity, and that their network of family connections are seeing a marked uplift in living standards.

SEWING LADIES

We had a mini panic before Christmas when the school Headmaster threatened to charge the ladies rent for the room (which ZAP renovated) or they would be evicted. Mr Pandu's diplomacy prevailed, and we have indented for electricity running costs only for the present. This ZAP project is self administered, and of immense value to the community – a real success story.

ONLINE NEWS

ZAP DOCUMENTARY

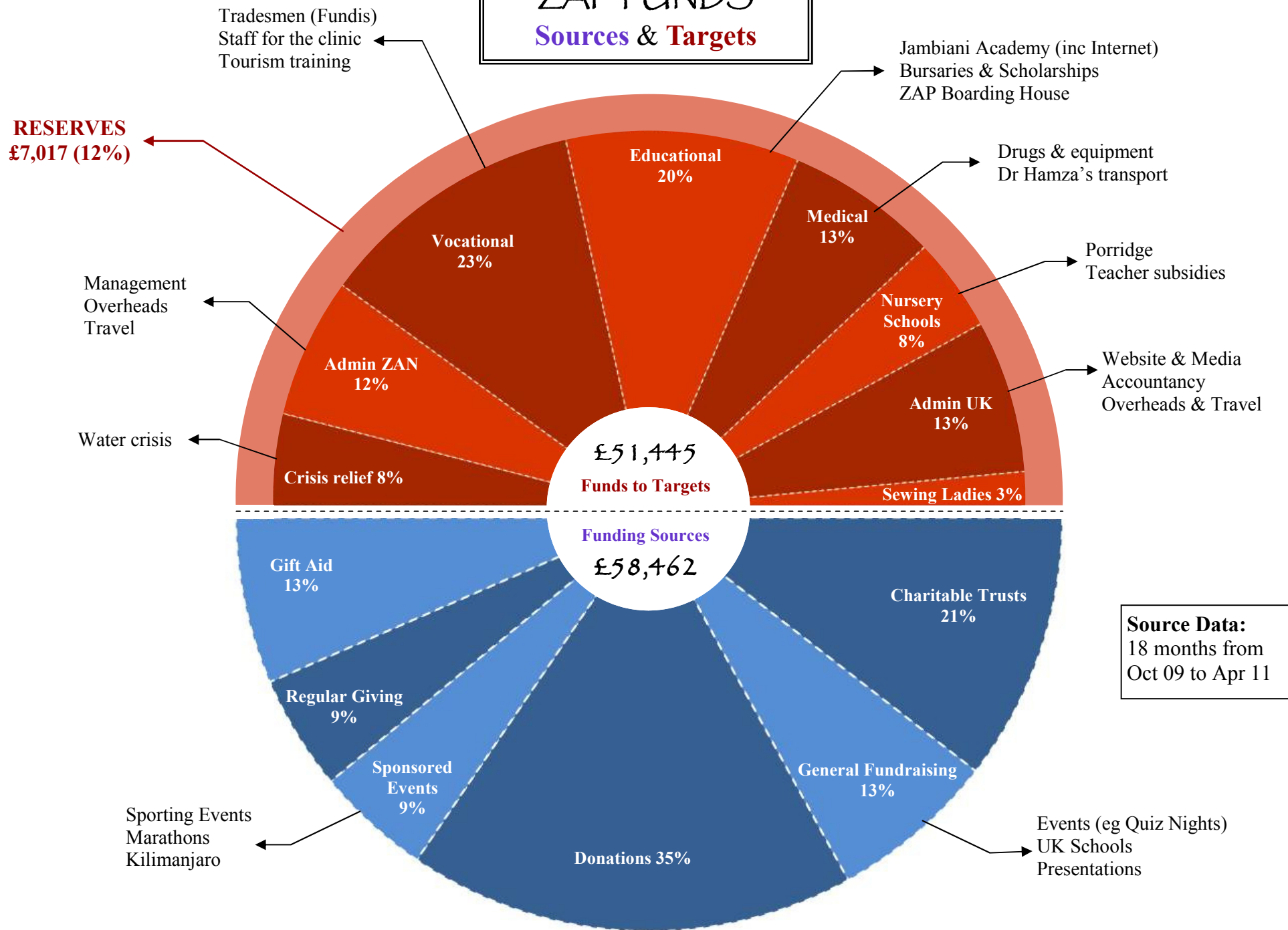
You will remember the visit of the Californian University film crew last August. Please go to the website to enjoy the completed film entitled 'WE COME FROM JAMBIANI'.

ZAP BLOG

The 'techies' amongst you must keep your eye on the new ZAP Blog. Paste this URL into your Browser: <http://www.zanzibaraction.co.uk/blog/> We would like to encourage as many people as possible to leave comments, so please do contact us and we will gladly post them on the site.

ZAP FUNDS

Sources & Targets



Source Data:
18 months from
Oct 09 to Apr 11

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ZAP PERSONNEL - VISITS TO JAMBIANI

New ZAP Director Mark Coley and his wife Julie joined Janie for the first time on a hectically busy field trip in November. Naturally, they experienced the usual exuberant welcome in the village, and their input into all the projects, particularly the building of the new **Jambiani Autoworks**, was invaluable. As Julie remarked, if anyone had told her that she would be standing in the dusty forecourt of a half-built garage, in boiling tropical heat, measuring up spaces for ramps, workbenches and (basic) loo facilities, she would not have believed them! We came across several knotty problems involving VAT and 'stamp duty' and our small committee worked effectively together with Mr Vuai and an imported accountant from Stone Town to solve them (we hope – time will tell!).



Joe and Mary Braitch have now joined the ZAP team, and their input has been impressive. Joe is a retired engineer and experienced business trouble-shooter; he masterminded the choice and purchase of suitable tools for the Jambiani Autoworks, and he and Mary lugged the whole lot out to Zanzibar when they paid their first visit to the village in February. BA gave them double the usual luggage allowance, but Joe had to pay for an extra seat for the tools on the short flight from Dar on the tiny Cessna plane! They spent a week of their holiday in February working with Mr Pandu and Mr Vuai in Jambiani and Stone Town, learning the ropes of ZAP Projects and travelling far and wide over

disastrously bumpy roads in Mr Pandu's car, whose air-conditioning, most unfortunately, broke down on Day 1. Undaunted, they plan to join us on our next trip to Jambiani in July. We thank them very much, and bless the day that they found ZAP on the internet.

A MARATHON for SOPHIE

Sophie de Winton challenged herself to run her first ever London Marathon (at the age of 48) for ZAP, on Sunday 17th April. She and her husband Tom have worked incredibly hard to raise money – her target is £5000 – in many original and effective ways. Tom, who runs **REEVE FLOORING**, a successful company in King's Lynn, pledged to donate 15p per metre of flooring sold during the past six months. We thank Sophie's many donors, and send her many congratulations - despite a painful knee, she still managed an amazing time. Well done for such a herculean effort, Sophie!



ZAP - direct co-operation and direct action

JAMBIANI NEWS

POWER

Sadly, power supply has become very sporadic again, affecting the Internet and computer use as well as general communication. It must be terribly frustrating for Mr Vuai in his Academy when he has whole days without electricity; the ZAP generator is there for emergencies, but is too costly to run during low season, without tourist support.

It is a salutary fact that Mr Pandu, our beloved ZAP Manager, who is a person of considerable eminence in the community, has no electricity in his present house (average occupancy 10 people). Despite the fact that ZAP bought him his useful internet 'dongle' which connects his laptop to the internet, he is often unable to use it because the laptop battery is flat, and he has to prevail upon his neighbour to connect it up. He can use the Academy computer (when it has power), but to get there he needs fuel for his car. A good example of the trials which beset charitable administration in this desperately poor region.



WATER

More cheerful news on this – the Northern village water pump motor, which had broken down during a power surge, has been renewed thanks to the generosity of Joe Braitch who personally paid for and masterminded its installation. Unfortunately, the Southern village pump motor also broke down; the cost of its repair was astronomical, and Mr Vuai stepped into the breach again to raise funds for this. Latest news is that he is just \$1000 short of his target – a truly remarkable feat.

ZAP has reluctantly decided that we must harden our hearts and cannot be responsible for any future emergency relief; we are a very small charity, and our funds need to be preserved to sustain our current projects.

ZAP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This has been very successful. Our target was to achieve a total of £10,000 per year in Regular Giving - the best of all sources of ZAP Funds – since it gives us the security which we need to sustain our projects. To date, annual RG donations stand at just short of £8,000. We have also received a remarkable £2,000 in new 'one off' donations as a direct result of the Appeal.

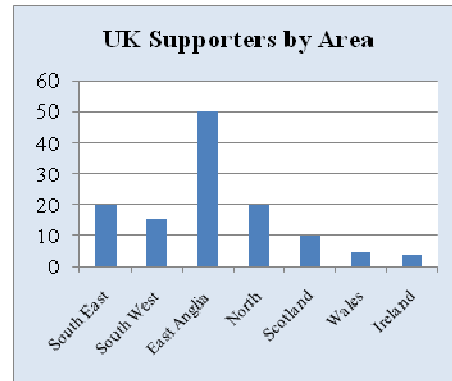
Our thanks and appreciation to all ZAP donors; on the back page of this Newsletter, you will see a chart showing equivalence between every £1 donated to ZAP and the actual cost of our projects. It cannot be stated too often that a little goes an extraordinarily long way in Zanzibar.



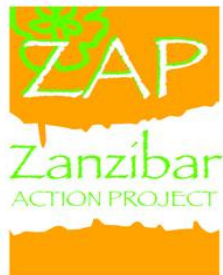
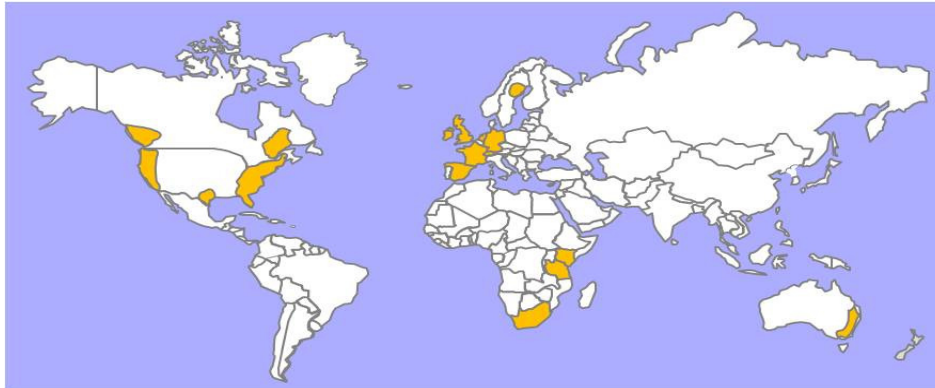
ZAP - DATA

Your £ in Zanzibar:

- £100 trains a Nurse for one year
- £100 pays for a bursary in Forms V & VI at ZAP Boarding house.
- £12 buys Porridge for a child for one year
- £75 buys a new Sewing Machine
- £600 trains a Plumber for 3 years



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