

Children on a hill near Kagando Hospital, Uganda



The gift to KARUCOM represented by this card will allow others to borrow and as it is repaid the money will be lent on to others again and again.

KAGANDO Rural Development Centre (KARUDEC) is a health care, education and agriculture project managed by the Church of Uganda based around Kagando Hospital (250 beds).

Kagando lies in the southern foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains in Western Uganda just above the equator and ten miles from the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo.

KARUCOM is **KARUDEC's Micro-Finance** scheme. It lends money to alleviate poverty and allow particularly women a way of generating income for the essentials of life. Many set up small businesses. They receive supervision and encouragement from the KARUCOM staff.

Friends of Kagando is a UK based charity set up in 2003 by past long-term workers at Kagando and regular visitors. It aims to support Kagando by prayer, medical education, raising funds and sending equipment. The 'Friends' administer and provide accountability for gifts from the UK.

www.friendsofkagando.org.uk

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