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ABOUT SAFAD

Silsoe Aid for Appropriate Development (SAFAD) is a British charity run by students at Cranfield University. Since 1969, SAFAD has sent over 340 graduate and post-graduate volunteers to almost 40 different countries in the developing world. Each year, a student volunteers to work with local organisations on existing or new projects. Every SAFAD volunteer has been a Cranfield graduate or post-graduate student in disciplines such as water, soil and environmental sciences, engineering, management, and health.

SAFAD aims to help relieve poverty by promoting appropriate development, community participation and capacity building to create sustainable livelihoods. The volunteers, in turn, gain experience through their work.

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Word from the President

SAFAD President 2022 – 2023: Arinaitwe BYAMUKAMA

At SAFAD, we remain committed to promoting sustainable development and empowering communities worldwide. We recognize the importance of aligning our projects with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and our efforts are geared towards achieving these goals especially in this decade of action.

Over the past year, we have continued to establish connections with various partners who will provide grounds of growth for our volunteers later this year.

We have increased our reach amongst Cranfield students with the commemoration of the SAFAD week in March 2023. We are proud of our partnerships with organizations that share our values and commitment to sustainable development. Together, we can make a significant difference and create a brighter future for all. We are thrilled that our volunteers have made a positive impact in the communities they serve, and we look forward to expanding our reach further, especially after not sending out volunteers last year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

As we move forward, we are excited to explore new opportunities and expand our efforts. Our team is committed to delivering impactful projects that leave a lasting positive impact on the communities we serve.

Thank you for your continued support of SAFAD, and we look forward to updating you on our progress in the months and years ahead.



New team handover

Introducing SAFAD's new committee

The new SAFAD committee members took their duties on November 24th, 2022. Roles were allocated by mutual agreement as follows:

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| President | Arinaitwe BYAMUKAMA |
| Secretary | Margret MWANZA |
| Treasurer | Muna HASSAN |
| Project officers | George MASLIN, Bock SAMAI, Anuska RANABHAT |
| Fundraising & events officer | Francis OTIENO |
| Event officer | Mufinta MUNKOMBWE |
| Publicity officer | Delphine RENAUT |
| Marketing officer | Patricia NASIKE |

Coming from England, France, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia, the members of this new cosmopolitan team have in common that they are all Masters students in the Water Department at Cranfield University. With their diverse backgrounds (civil engineering, environmental science, agronomy, sanitation...), they are motivated by the idea of making a positive impact at whatever scale they may reach.

The team is accompanied and advised by the Dr Andrea MOMBLANCH, a lecturer at Cranfield University and former secretary of the charity. Members will remain in office until the renewal of the committee.

SAFAD Week 2023

27/02/2023 – 04/03/2023

One of SAFAD's major events, the SAFAD week, took place early last month on the Cranfield University campus.

Traditionally organized every year, this week-long event is dedicated to fundraising but also aims to give visibility to the charity among students and staff of the university.

All activities were hosted at the Cranfield Student Association (CSA), at the heart of the campus.

From a bake sale to an African dance workshop and the projection of a film on sanitation, the week was well attended and received significant interest.

Check out what the schedule was! 



Along the week, the committee was able to raise £276.25, which will be invested into future volunteering missions, to support student volunteers. It was also an opportunity to answer questions from prospective volunteers and talk about past project partners.

The committee would like to thank again the CSA team and all those who supported the organisation of the week through the donation of cakes or time.



Bake sale, bingo night, dance workshop, face painting, movie night... the recipe for a successful SAFAD week!

Making a positive impact

Some of the volunteering opportunities we have been part of over the years



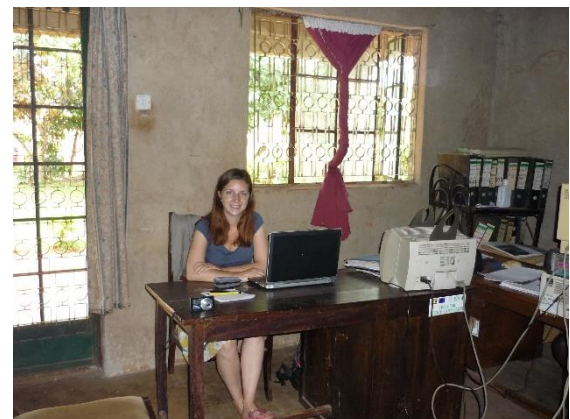
Bruce,
working on habitat restoration
with Mountain of the Moon University
(Uganda)



Annette,
working on sanitation
with Pure Water for the World
(Honduras)



Fergus,
working on sustainable agriculture
and renewable energy
with SIBAT
(Philippines)



Clémence,
working on wastewater
management
with BFIU
(Uganda)



Lise,
Working on water quality
With Pure Water for the World
(Haiti)



Matthieu,
working on water treatment
with Caminos de Agua
(Mexico)

Prospective project partners

Get to know some of our current or future project partners, offering volunteering opportunities to Cranfield students! Make sure to follow us on our social media pages for guidance on how to apply to our projects once they will have been revealed.

Caminos de Agua (Mexico)

Founded in 2012, Caminos de Agua's mission is to improve **human health** and **community well-being** through adequate and affordable **access to clean water**, in response to the decline of water level and quality of the Alto Río Laja Aquifer, in northern Guanajuato State, **Central Mexico**.

The organization works in partnership with local communities, grassroots organizations, government (municipal, state, and federal), international NGOs, and leading research institutions to provide open-source water solutions for over 680,000 residents, in the watershed and beyond. Caminos de Agua also trains aspiring, socially responsible engineers, scientists, and other young professionals looking to make social and environmental impacts in their work.



The activities of the organization are sub-divided in several projects, including:

- the production and distribution of certified ceramic **water filters**, created by Caminos de Agua to eliminate water-borne pathogens,
- community-based installations of **rainwater harvesting** systems,
- **water quality monitoring** at well sites throughout the Alto Río Laja Watershed,
- research and development of specifically engineered solutions for the **removal of arsenic and fluoride** from drinking water,
- grassroots **community development**, education, and training regarding regional water quality issues and solutions,
- national **water politics**, and public policy work at the municipal, state, and federal levels.

Caminos de Agua has an extensive history of working with foreign volunteers, including 3 SAFAD volunteers and 4 Cranfield MSc students on thesis placements.

[Learn more about Caminos de Agua by visiting their website!](#)

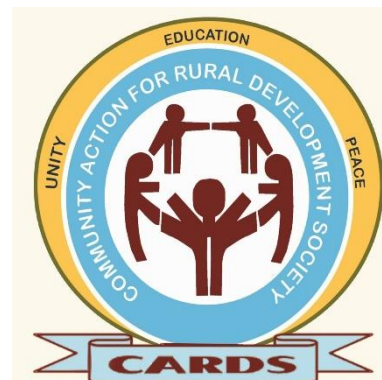
Community Action for Rural Development Society (India)

Founded in the 1980's, the mission of the Community Action for Rural Development Society (CARDS) is to **support deprived and oppressed communities**, in several regions of the south-western **Tamil Nadu** state, India. CARDS is organized around 4 main areas: **education, health and sanitation, livelihood, and environment development.**

The activities of the Society are sub-divided in several projects, including:

- the distribution of educational materials and the construction of **sanitary blocks** for rural schools,
- **after school education** in 20 different villages of the region,
- the provision of a **rehab service** for people struggling with addiction,
- the implementation of health and sexual education **prevention programs**,
- tailoring and embroidery **training for women**,
- conversion of agricultural waste in **renewable energy**,
- **forest conservation** programs.

[Learn more about CARDS by visiting their website!](#) ➡



Home of Youth Development Organisation (Ghana)

Founded in 2003, the Home of Youth Development Organisation (HYDO) is a non-governmental organisation, based in Mankessim, in the **Central Region of the Republic of Ghana**. Its mission is to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the youth, for self and national socio-economic development.

Since its inception, the organisation has been involved in several activities, including:

- the improvement of the welfare of the youth and children through **Malaria and Cholera campaigns**,
- the promotion of **girl-child education**,
- **water and sanitation** support,
- **women empowerment** and entrepreneurship training,
- the promotion of **agriculture** and agri-business among the youth at the local level, to support self-employment,
- the improvement of the socio-economic well-being of the **youth** through arts and culture, sports, tourism, and ICT training.

[Learn more about HYDO by visiting their website!](#) ➡



Nakalama Skilling Centre (Uganda)

The Nakalama Skilling Centre is an organisation based in Iganga, **Eastern Uganda**. The Skilling Center is dedicated to providing support to the local population in 5 main areas: **sustainable agriculture, water and sanitation, health care, human rights** and politics, and **education and child protection.**

The activities of the organisation thus all gravitate towards the following goals:

- improving household **food security** and income by promoting **sustainable agricultural** practices and natural resources management,
- improving access to clean and **safe water**, as well as to **hygiene and sanitation** services for rural communities,
- contributing to community awareness and **health literacy** on health services accessibility, diseases, and healthy lifestyles,
- promoting the **recognition of the rights of people in conflict areas**, through the mobilisation and strengthening of communities' capacity to prevent, prepare for and respond to conflict and emergency,
- contributing towards **rehabilitation of education infrastructure** and **skills development** for resource constrained rural communities.

Word from one of our trustees

Dr Andrea MOMBLANCH

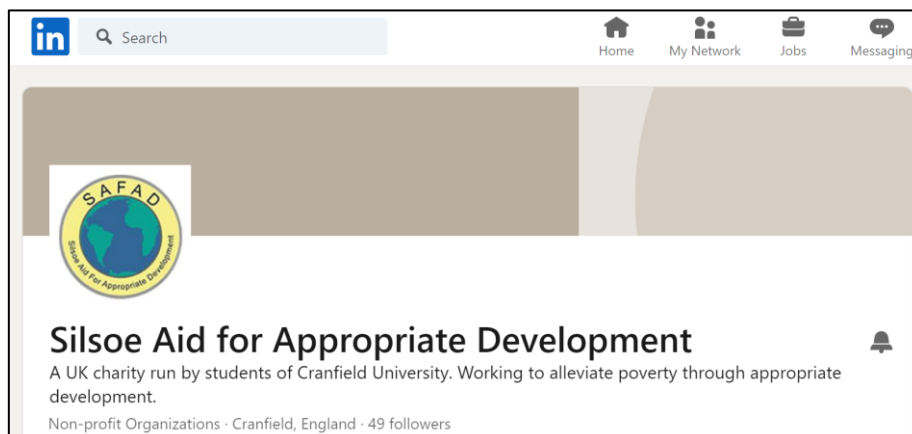
SAFAD is a clear example of how a small charity can make a great impact. The determination of SAFAD's committee, volunteers and supporters to improve livelihoods in developing countries makes it possible. However, with increasing natural disasters linked to climate change, and current unsustainable and unequal development trends, the work of organisations like SAFAD is still much needed. As a student-run organisation, SAFAD benefits from the enthusiasm, energy and fresh ideas that have helped it thrive for over 50 years. Let's all make sure they feel our support to keep the remarkable work. Let's all be part of the change.



SAFAD on LinkedIn

SAFAD is now on LinkedIn! Do consider following us for fundraising news, past volunteers' testimonies, and guidelines on how to apply to one of our projects!

👉 [Visit our LinkedIn profile now!](#)



SUPPORTING SAFAD

How can you support SAFAD?

SAFAD is a 100% volunteer-based committee. Our overheads are very low, and donations go exclusively to funding project volunteers. SAFAD relies on public donations and on-going support and generosity from charitable trusts and companies to continue supporting communities across the globe.

There are a few simple ways in which you can support SAFAD:

- ❖ [Donate with Amazon Smile](#) – Your everyday purchases could help increase the number of volunteers SAFAD is able to support. Your shopping experience stays the same; the only difference is that every time you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon donates to your chosen charity. Simply follow the link and search 'Silsoe Aid for Appropriate Development' to get started. Link to [Amazon Smile](#)
- ❖ [Give as you Live *Online](#) – not only Amazon, but you can also raise FREE funds for SAFAD when you shop at one of over 4000 online stores. Simply follow the link to get started. Link to [Give as You Live](#)
- ❖ If you wish to make a direct donation, please get in touch with the SAFAD committee at fundraising.safad@cranfield.ac.uk

Your contributions are essential to our work.

With thanks

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