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Hundreds of sports mad youngsters in Uganda are set to benefit from the generosity of Leicestershire junior football clubs as 80 boxes of sporting equipment is being flown out to Kingdom of Tooro this week.

Leicestershire company [Clifton Packaging PLC](#), who have established business links in Uganda, are kindly facilitating the transfer of the donated kit to its final destination in Western Uganda.

The 80 boxes are packed with a variety of donated sports kit, including football shirts and full team kits given by junior teams from across Leicestershire as part of the [Leicester City Council](#) backed [Kits4Africa project](#) launched in 2007.

In its first two years, 70 boxes of unused sports equipment have already been delivered to Northern Uganda, where young people held a schools' football tournament wearing the new kits. This new consignment of 80 boxes, consisting of over 2000 kits, sets a record for the project so far.

Steve Humphries, City Council Sports Marketing Manager and Kits4Africa Project Coordinator, said: "Once again, the junior football community across Leicestershire has risen to the challenge and shown their generosity to young people of Uganda."



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"Many teams have kit and equipment they no longer use that goes into the garage never to be seen again. Here's a great chance to put it to really good use. This equipment will help hundreds of youngsters in Uganda connect to the inspirational power of sport. I am so grateful to Clifton Packaging for their support, especially during these difficult economic times."

Shahid Sheikh, managing director of Clifton Packaging PLC, will be flying out with the kit to Kingdom of Tooro, Western Uganda this Tuesday (April 13).

He said: "None of this equipment would be here if it wasn't for the kind support of all the clubs and partners involved. I would like to thank them all for making a difference to the lives of children in Uganda who will now be inspired, motivated and have the pleasure of playing sports in style."

"I would also like to thank the personal aide to the King and Queen of Tooro for arranging the distribution of the first batch of kits to the St Maria Goretti Orphanage School. It was a pleasure to see them enjoying their new kits on a recent visit."

Ivor Finn, general secretary of the Leicester and District Mutual League, has been instrumental in the project.

He said: "It's heartwarming to see these clubs demonstrating such unity of purpose through their generous offers of sport equipment. We know this will make a tremendous difference and help ensure young people in Uganda can fully enjoy all the benefits that playing organised football brings. I hope this encourages even more clubs to support this fantastic scheme."

For further information on how to support the Kits4Africa project contact Steve Humphries on (0116) 252 8509 or email steve.humphries@leicester.gov.uk.