

AUGUST 2025 UPDATE REPORT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION!



MEETING SPONSORED STUDENTS



Sue presenting the gifts to some of the sponsored children



Every year around July, it is always an opportunity for the WADU supported students to interact with the visiting team from Christian Development Uganda who always visit the sponsored children in their schools to touch-base.

Some of the Sponsors that physically met their sponsored children were extremely happy with the transformation already registered in the lives of the sponsored children.

Dear Gilbert,

I was so happy that we could actually meet when I came to Kabale 2 weeks ago. Your courage has been an inspiration to the many people I have told about you, and of course to the other Batwa children in your "Rise and Shine" school. You have made huge progress in your education - don't ever stop learning. It's wonderful that in addition to your excellent teachers, you have the WADU team helping to take care of you, especially for your spiritual and medical care. It was great to see you participating in the school sports day; it is my hope and prayer that soon you won't need the crutch any more.

Letter from one of the sponsors who met his sponsored child at school during the visit.

GLIMPSE AT THE AFRICAN CULTURE



Ugandans are remarkably hospitable and hail from a diversity of rich cultures and lifestyles with each tribe having its own distinct cultural values that describe who they are. All these values are based on tribal traditional activities from all spheres of life; including, food and welfare, traditional dances, clothing and organization of societies. The children in our schools are always nurtured to preserve their cultural heritage through unique traditional dances with many variations for different occasions. The Rising Stars were able to give the visiting team a glimpse of what a hospitable community looks like through brass band matches and performing different traditional presentations



UNLOCKING THE CREATIVITY BLISS

Whereas school programs are intended to support learners acquire life skills and positive behaviour such as being able to express him or herself, make good decisions, and participate productively in society, girls and boys face environmental and behavioural challenges.

WADU therefore believes that education should offer children with the opportunity to cultivate their creative talents, critical thinking, acquire life skills, develop social relations and grow up with dignity as individuals. During the school monitoring exercises with the visiting Team, WADU made sure that the Batwa children in different schools engage in inventive and creatively and imaginatively competencies linked to everyday life, nature, knowledge and understanding.



WADU HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAM



Colin and Sue the Chairman and Secretary CDU interact with Gilbert's mother who benefited from the house building project 2025

The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a call for action by all countries – poor, rich and middle-income – to promote prosperity while protecting the environment, by 2030.

Housing is an important component of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and an essential driver for achieving many of the Sustainable Development Goals.

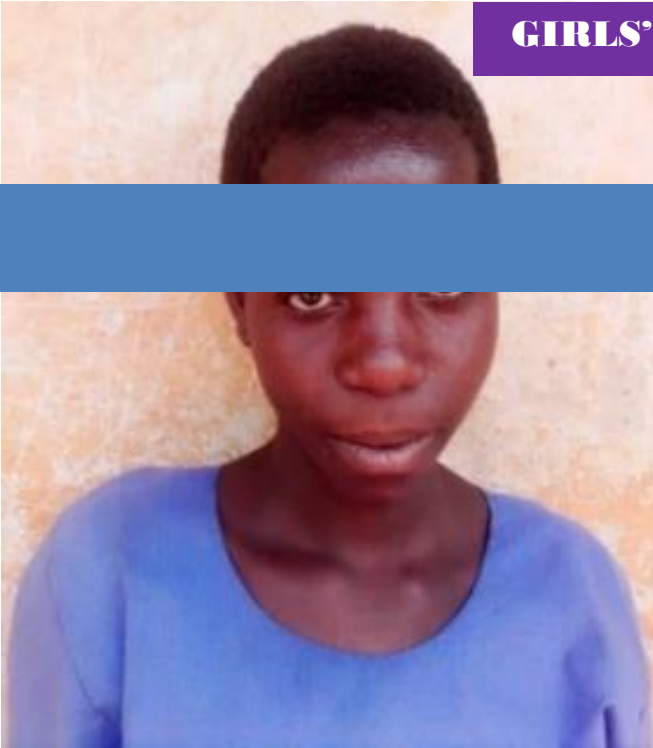


A visit to the constructed and renovated house at Gilbert's home

WADU is devoted to supporting the most vulnerable Batwa families in the communities where it serves, including homeless families.

Gilbert's grandmother takes care of the grandchildren who were living in a congested one roomed house that needed urgent intervention and thus inline with WADU's vision of improving housing as a ladder for household transformation decided to build and expand the grandmother's house to provide enough space

GIRLS' CORNER PROGRAM PRODUCING HOPE



We continue to thank God for the provision and always responding to the prayers of various vulnerable children in Uganda through Christian Development Uganda. Mbire Emily (**16 years**) is one of the girls that has been frequently attending the Girl's corner program at Kagooma primary school. She was spotted by one of the visitors as a potential beneficiary of the skilling program and is soon starting her training at one of the local vocational Training Institutions in Kabale Town so that she could attain a skill in Tailoring, Fashion and Design so that she is able to earn a living in future

BATWA MATERNAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

WADU is thrilled to have met Dr. Mike Dobson who was among the team that has visited WADU twice to give advice on how WADU can find resources that may be used in improving maternal health in the communities we serve. Dr. Mike Dobson was a point of contact for collaboration of Word and Deed Uganda and other stakeholders in the Batwa Health care missions and we are grateful for the support he rendered in improving the health of the Batwa mothers. WADU will be distributing Mama kits and other essential supplies to the women during pregnancy and post-delivery to the Batwa women.



A STITCH IN TIME

WADU staff talking to Rahwa woman on Maternal

5

During the visit, Jannette who was one of the visitors trained the children at Rise and Shine preparatory school sewing skills. A series of skills like measuring, drafting, cutting and joining fabric were accomplished where trainees were able to practice the skills with the guidance with their trainers.

Focus was put on the shapes and measurements of the items that were to be sewn. Special appreciation goes to Jannette who was the lead Trainer and demonstrated how to use the needles and how to cut out pieces of the materials and stitch them together in a particular order to make a school bag. The girls were happy for getting such an opportunity to learn how to make school bags and demanded to have more of the products. WADU is grateful for this opportunity of skilling the Rising Stars who will soon be introduced to the training in making reusable sanitary pads as most of the training

Jannette delivering the clothes to the newborn baby



WADU Rising stars pose for a photo displaying their joy for the finished product

COMMUNITY TOILET CONSTRUCTION



Word and Deed Uganda in partnership with Christian Development Uganda embarked on the construction of community latrines in the different Batwa resident areas by setting up a demonstrative latrine is to show people a good example. This is usually sited at a place where general public gather or where five or more households can access. The community members always provide a small piece of land for the site and help in providing

manual labour whereas WADU in partnership with CDU provide all the necessary logistics including structural plans and designs and any other financial needs.

WADU has so far built three latrines in different Batwa communities of Kinyarushengye, Murambo and Murubindi (Nyakera).

After the launch of the constructed latrine, a women's health and empowerment group is always formed to promote gender equality and women's health in the community. The Sanitation and Hygiene Committee normally oversees the use and maintenance of the latrines.

We are indebted to the works of Mike Peachey and the team for always helping in the construction process and raising the funds for the community latrine construction process.

This year's village of focus was Nyakera in Murubindi Batwa settlement



CHURCH SERVICE WITH THE RISING STARS

Time and time again at WADU, we see how Christ's love can profoundly change a child's life. At Word and Deed Uganda, we believe that Hope is a powerful thing to give a child. Encouragement and support from our local school church services helps children and young people believe in a future free from social upheavals. We firmly believe that hope is the most effective way to release children from poverty. The Rising stars under WADU care always have a special church service where they always get an opportunity to share bible verses, sing in the choir and fellowship with a special meal.



LOOKING BACK - LOOKING FORWARD AT THE MINISTRY

The Bible calls us to reflect and remember

Twelve stones were taken out of the Jordan River so the people would reflect and remember (**Joshua 4:1-9**).

Likewise, at WADU, we were able to reflect at the amazing transformation that our partners Christian Development Uganda has brought to the vulnerable Batwa Communities in last 40 years of Ministry in Uganda.

The Rising Stars were able to share a cake with CDU Trustees in recognition of the 40 years of Ministry in Uganda framed on how CDU has built godly character into the children's lives.

essed to reflect and
ne Old Testament



CONCLUSION

The month of July-August was basically for recognizing the season we've come out of the season we're in, and the season we're moving toward to enable us to be more intentional in life and our long-term ministry. We request you to pray for the children who are returning to school soon so that they may continue reflecting back and looking forward to a holistic and transformed. We also request for prayer to the WADU staff to seek wisdom in our bid to plan for the coming seasons with grace as we grow the ministry.