

APRIL 2025 UPDATE REPORT

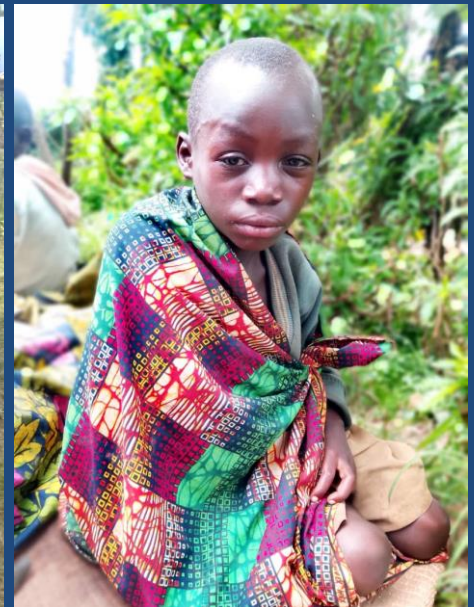


WADU FEEDING PROGRAM

At WADU, we are dedicated to stepping up our efforts in addressing the main issue of hunger.

Our school feeding program continues to register success and retain children in school as well as our weekly porridge program in every center that is aimed at feeding the stomach, brain and soul.

Joan (9) and Timothy (7) in primary three and primary two respectively are some the children that have been missing the feeding program for some weeks until we discovered in an urgent health crisis due to poor management. They both had presented total weight loss, Dry mouths, White eyes and general body weakness, Pale skin and so emaciated to the extent that they could hardly eat.



They also presented signs of stomach pains followed by constant diarrhoea, fever and loss of appetite.

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*Nurse administering **Ready** to use therapeutical food to the children*



The Nurses at Rugarama Hospital were able to provide adequate care to the children and the children were given Therapeutical milk addition to other healthy foods to enable them regain their nutritional health status.

We continue to believe that adequate nutrition is a cornerstone for childhood development and future success as this is evidenced in the three weeks rehabilitation process that has revived the health status of Timothy and Joan. We are afraid that if they go back to their homes, they may still suffer as the family is totally wanting.

We are always striving to make a difference, and we've learned that no matter how much you want to love, share or educate, no one can function if they have no food first. We invite you to lend your support in offering a lasting solution to these young souls through sponsorship by reaching out to us on sponsorship.cduganda@gmail.com or secretary.cduganda@gmail.com for more information.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS AND END OF TERM CONFERENCES



The Easter celebrations with Word and Deed Uganda partner schools is always another period of Joy, excitement, merry making but also great reflection and teaching our children as well as staff the actual reason for the season.

During the Easter celebrations and end of term conferences, the major reflection focused on **Mark 10:45** *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many”*



The children and staff in all the 9 WADU Partner schools were reminded of the everlasting love of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ demonstrated through His death and resurrection; and what that means to the body of Christ.

SPORTS FOR INTEGRATION

Sport plays a bonding role and helps students learn important skills to function socially; it has both physical and psychological benefits to learners. To John and Gordon who are the Rising Stars on the WADU-CDU sponsorship scheme were once despised due their Batwa background.

Through sports, they have been able to integrate well with the rest of the students and are among the best players in the school Football Team.

“When I play football, I become more active and attentive. This enhances my concentration in class and improves my academic performance. The exposure I gained through sports has also helped me to learn more about culture through interaction with people from different social backgrounds making it easier to tackle examinations related to social studies,” John explains.



The uprising Super Footballers pose for a photo with Marion the WADU Youth and Sponsorship coordinator during the Post primary Football competitions.



RIISING STARS CONTINUE TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN

We are happy to report that we got all the Rising Stars into a safe, boarding school where they can ably spend time healing, learning and growing that will allow them to become confident, independent, self-sustaining adults. WADU staff frequently visit the children to provide counseling and spiritual guidance to help overcome challenges childhood trauma.

Children on the Rising stars programme are able to receive sufficient scholastic materials, Uniform and three complete meals and are able to regularly attend school.

The school term ended well without any challenges and some of the children have since gone to their homes while others who always find it difficult at home are still hosted at school so that they can be well catered for.



Girls inside the boarding facility at Rise and Shine Preparatory school

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION

The Batwa parents had a tendency that child Education is entirely the role of the organisations that support their children and never mindful of the status of schools that accommodate their children in addition to limited knowledge on child learning and assessment procedures.

WADU encourages parents to visit their children at school to encourage a positive relationship with the school and also foster parents' involvement in the education process of their children.

Once every term, WADU facilitates the parents of the supported children in the boarding section to check on their children



Parents and WADU staff visiting the children at Rise and Shine school on one of the school visitation days.

NEWLY SPONSORED RISING STARS

Sponsoring a child means facilitating long-term success because with educational opportunities and personal guidance, kids who might otherwise be stuck in a generational cycle of poverty get the chance to break the pattern.

As Word and Deed Uganda, we are proud to report that Annet and Charity who are under high risk of dropping out of school recently got generous sponsors.

Newly sponsored Rising Stars



Annet 14 years was abandoned by her mother after losing the father three years ago. The mother has five children each with a different father and Annet doesn't know the whereabouts of her mother and is under the care of an elderly couple in their village. Because of her enthusiasm and willingness to learn Annet was spotted out as one of the potential Rising Stars that has been under the care of Word and Deed Uganda for the last three years. We are highly indebted for the support extended to her in the provision of life changing foundational needs as we continue to pray that she archives her fullest potential.

Charity 11 years lost her father when she was three years and the mother got remarried to another man who did not wish to take her up as a step child. She is on the Word and Deed Child Education program but always found wondering on the highway looking for survival in child labour related chores. She recently got a sponsor to relieve her from such an agony of hopelessness.



RISING STARS SHINING FOR CHRIST

Word and Deed Uganda grows school-based fellowships once every month where the children get ample time to actively engage in the Church service, do devotionals and sing praise and worship songs.

The children are sometimes taken in the media house like Radio stations to present what they have learnt at school to the rest of the World.

Batwa children were always despised and segregated against but Word and Deed Uganda is unlocking this trajectory with the Rising Stars program.

Kawara Monic one of the Rising Stars in the studios of Peak Fm



ANOTHER INCREDIBLE PERFORMANCE

The month of March saw the release of National Advanced Certificate of Education results which mark the end of High school and transition to University and College studies. To Word and Deed Uganda and the sponsors, it was yet another period of celebration and Jubilation as one of the long outstanding scholar Blair was among the superstars in the District. Blair was picked into the Sponsorship program in 2018 and has been on the Sponsorship program for the last 6 years.

We are highly indebted and thrilled to have special sponsors like you who have continued to make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable children like Blair in Uganda.

Blair will soon be enrolled on a Civil Engineering course in one of the Universities around which will totally transform him and the communities around him.

"I was determined to succeed and that's why I scored highly. My academic journey has been full of ups and downs especially due to financial constraints. I am grateful to Christian Development Uganda that supported my Education from senior One to senior Six/. Thank you for the six years of support and I pledge to never let you down". Blair explains as evidenced in his letter of appreciation.

Hello Sponsors,
 I humbly appreciate you so much for the academic and spiritual support you have been equipping me with since I joined a secondary. It has been great and means a better future in my life.
 I completed senior six last year and under the commitment I had that was meant to boost my performance, I managed to pass well and I thank God for it.
 I therefore thank you so much for supporting me for the last six years of my academic journey.
 I continue to pray that God makes a way for the remaining journey for a better future.
 I send greetings to all your family members.
 May God bless you all and reward you for the good work you have done in me.

yours affectionately
 Tumwiyuke Blair.



Blair's Sponsors Colin and Sue Townsend meet him at school in one their visits.

GIRLS' CORNER PROGRAM - AN IDEA THAT IS TURNING LIVES AROUND

It all started as a small idea of meeting the Adolescent girls and has continued to make progress among the teenage girls that WADU cares for. It is an opportune moment for the girls to be counseled and values instilled among the Batwa children amidst trainings in sanitary hygiene and home making.

WADU staff has been able to understand the challenges met by the Batwa children especially resulting from domestic violence and family conflicts that often lead to early marriages among the young girls as an escape window from such upheavals. Word and Deed ladies try to allocate sufficient time to each individual child.

"We always have a lot to deal with; parents harassing their own children and forcing them to marry so that the family can get some survival and constant family wrangles which often affect the attendance of the children that we care for" Marion the in-charge for Youth and children affairs remarks.



CONCLUSION

As Word and Deed Uganda, we are always inspired by our own lifestyles and the scripture from **Ezekiel 16:6**: *'Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, Live'.*

The needs are too much and people are always running to us for comfort but we are thankful that God answers every prayer for any need that comes along. We are always humbled and eternally grateful to know THE ONE that is always there through it all. He knows, He loves and He has always gotten us through and enabled the children in our care to **"Live"**.