

WADU RISING STARS-a key programme of the ministry to the Batwa

Programme Overview

WADU believe education to be a key strategy in reaching Batwa communities. Rising Stars is a dedicated initiative focused on provision of good primary and secondary education for Batwa children. It provides a stable boarding school environment and all necessary school requirements. The programme aims to bridge the gap in education and create a brighter future for the Batwa community. The Rising Stars Programme is more than just a school scholarship; it is a complete transformation journey. By combining quality education with spiritual care and practical life skills, we are raising a generation of Batwa youth who are confident, skilled, and ready to lead their communities.

WADU also provides a safe and supportive environment for orphaned, abandoned, and at-risk girls through the home-based programme.

Our commitment remains to provide every child with the “*necessities of life*” from bedding and clothes to books and mentorship ensuring they can focus entirely on their growth.



1. Quality Education and Language Development



At the heart of our programme is academic excellence. A major focus is placed on English language proficiency.

By encouraging the children to speak English, we are opening doors for them to communicate more effectively in the professional world and succeed in their national examinations.

2. Spiritual Growth & Evangelism

We believe that true healing begins with the heart. Every month, our programme hosts the Rising Stars to nourish their Spiritual guidance, offer the faith and hope they need to keep dreaming of a safe space to find hope, moral strength and a supportive family of faith.

3. Practical Skills for a Self-Reliant Future



To ensure our students can stand on their own feet, we provide hands on practical and skills training. We are currently equipping young girls with marketable skills including baking, knitting and weaving as a power to change their own lives. They aren't just learning a hobby-they are learning a trade that will allow them to move past their challenges and build a future filled with dignity and success.

4. Holistic Transformation & Positive Living

We believe in supporting the whole child. Through our mentorship programme, we treat every child as a unique individual with great potential. We teach them how to make healthy choices and give them the tools to overcome social challenges.

Our programmes are designed to help the children discover their talents and build self-esteem. We engage our children in exciting activities and encourage responsibility:- for example football and sport, rabbit keeping and participation in the school brass band to ensure that every child has the confidence to succeed.



5. Home visitations

While we encourage our Rising Stars to excel within the school environment, WADU believes that a child's success is inseparable from their home-life. We are committed to ensuring these children maintain deep cultural and emotional ties to their families without suffering the pangs of hunger. Many families still struggle with extreme food insecurity due to the subsistence nature of their livelihoods. To prevent malnutrition and absenteeism, WADU conducts regular home visitations and delivering essential food supplies directly to their households to ensure that no child has to choose between their education and their next meal. Your support therefore transforms a moment of crisis into a foundation for stability. When you give, you aren't just filling a plate-you are keeping a family together and a child in school



6. Life Skills and Personal Hygiene

For many of the Batwa children, the boarding section offers more than just a bed-it provides access to essential resources that are scarce in their home villages where limited access to water and soap make consistent hygiene difficult. By living in a boarding school, children are immersed in a structured routine that includes daily bathing and dental care. These habits become a natural part of their lives, ensuring they stay healthy, focused and ready to learn. This doesn't just improve their physical health; it builds a sense of self-respect that they carry with them for the rest of their lives.

7. Provision of Medicare services

We believe that a healthy body is the foundation for a bright future. WADU provides essential medical care to ensure that every Rising Star has access to the treatment they need. From routine check-ups to emergency care, we bridge the gap between vulnerable families and lifesaving medical services. By addressing health issues early, we keep the children in school and on a path to success. We are always there to make sure no child suffers in silence.

8. A Call to Action – Be part of the change

Every Child Deserves a Fighting Chance

Behind every Rising Star is a child who was once invisible, a Batwa boy or girl born into poverty, pushed to the margins of society, and told by circumstances that their future was already decided. WADU's Rising Stars programme says otherwise. Through it we have seen children who could not write their own names grow into confident students who speak English, play in school brass bands, and dream of becoming doctors, teachers, and leaders. We have watched young girls learn to bake and weave, and in doing so, discover their own dignity and worth. We have held the hands of families on the edge of collapse and helped them stay together. None of this happen without you.

"When you invest in a Rising Star, you are not just paying school fees, you are writing the first chapter of a story that will change a community forever."

Here is what your support makes

- ✚ **Education & Books:** Keeps a child in school with everything they need to learn and grow.
- ✚ **Food & Home Visits:** Ensures no family has to choose between a meal and sending their child to school.
- ✚ **Practical and skills training:** Gives young girls real, marketable skills that break the cycle of poverty.
- ✚ **Medical Care:** Provides routine check-ups and emergency treatment so no child suffers in silence.
- ✚ **Spiritual & Emotional Support:** Surrounds every child with faith, hope, and a community that believes in them.

The Batwa community has carried their struggles alone for far too long. Today, you have the power to change that one child, one meal, one lesson at a time.

Partner with WADU. Sponsor a Rising Star. Together, let us raise a generation that is confident, educated, and ready to lead.