

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

A YEAR OF GREAT IMPACT

Our Purpose

Word and Deed Uganda believes that a fully transformed life is possible/achievable through the word of God and deeds/actions that impact a change on a person's life through her motto.

“A holy soul in a healthy Life”

Our Approach

Word and Deed Uganda continues to employ an integrated, holistic approach in addressing the multiple, interrelated barriers marginalized Batwa face in completing quality Primary schools. It raises demand for Batwa Education through provision of uniform, food, scholastic materials to the Batwa children, strengthened learning in and after school through Child center days, mentoring and identifying and advocating for Batwa access to school and needs in school.



AWORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Dear Partner/Friend

We needed you and you were there.

Thank you for giving a life changing gift of Education and Healthcare to vulnerable Batwa children here in south western Uganda through 2022.

Because of you 155 Batwa children were able to attend their first level of primary school consistently throughout 2022, received all the necessary scholastic materials, a daily school meal, a set of school uniform, received health and sanitation items monthly like soap and jelly, plus a mug of nutritious porridge. In addition 14 youths were also been enabled to pursue various vocational education skills/courses at tertiary level. This has also been a strategic platform to share the love of Jesus Christ to all.

Access to Education and Basic health care coupled with the word of God has the power to break the cycle of poverty, to protect and save more lives and to make a bright future possible for all.

Your generosity is what gives these young people the resources and support they need and opens doors for the next transformed generation among the Batwa communities in this region.

You truly make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nabimanya Arinda Precious', written over a white rectangular background.

**Nabimanya Arinda Precious
Executive Director
Word and Deed Uganda-WADU**

SUMMARY OF MAJOR MILESTONES FOR 2022

No	Program	Planned Activities	Realised Activities	Comments
1.	Stratified Evangelism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Conferences • Sponsored students' retreats • Regular Staff Morning Devotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 9 conferences held in 9 schools > 5 Retreats held for sponsored children > Staff morning devotions done regularly. > 81 School based Center days carried out in all the Batwa schools. > 	<p>✓ A God-centered education and character development Evangelism being promoted.</p> <p>Each school was visited once per month for 9 months on center days.</p>
2.	Batwa Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batwa Enrolment • Supply of school Uniform • Food Distribution • Provision of Scholastic materials • Hair cutting • Provision of Monthly Nutritious porridge • Provision of Sanitary items to all Batwa children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 155 Batwa children enrolled for the entire year. > All the 155 Batwa children supplied with school uniform > 6510 School meals provided 	<p>✓ We had started with 230 but in the 2nd term, 75 returned to the two other Batwa schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We served weekly meals to all the 155 children for 42 weeks of the school calendar

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1860 Exercise books provided ➤ 930 Pencils provided ➤ 150 pens distributed ➤ 13 Mathematical sets given ➤ 1395 Bars of Soap ➤ 1395Tins of Jelly ➤ 1395 Mugs of Nutritious porridge served ➤ 1395 Hair cuts done. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each child received 4 books each term for three terms in a year. • Each child given 2 pencils per term for three terms, a pen and Mathematical set for those in upper primary section. • Each child received a monthly bar of soap for 9 months. • Each of the 155 children received a tin of jelly for 9 months • Each child served with a monthly mug of nutritious porridge for 9 months • Each child shaved for 9 months
3.	Child sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Covid Lockdown Retention of the students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15 students were on the sponsorship 	All successfully finished the school year.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of school fees and scholastic materials • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> program. ➢ School fees and scholastic materials fully paid for throughout the year. ➢ 7 counselling sessions were carried out to 15 sponsored students ➢ Distribution of Holiday Home packs for all the sponsored children 	
4.	Health and Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritional Assessment • Jigger fumigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 230 children assessed on Nutrition. ✓ 60 Households with 160 children fumigated for jigger prevention. ✓ 47 Children treated from jiggers. 	

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

ADMINISTRATION

Marion's wedding

"...and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined, let man not separate." Mark10:8-9

Word and Deed staff member in charge of children's affairs Marion Nyikirize on 4th September and her husband Charles took one of the most important decisions in life when they finally exchanged vows at All Saints church Kabirizi and officially became husband and wife before hosting their guests

in a beautiful wedding reception, where guests were treated to eats and drinks of all kinds.

Marion attributed her wedding to the prayers, guidance and comfort she has



received after joining Word and Deed Uganda especially through morning staff devotions.



SPIRITUAL PARENTING OF THE BATWA SUPPORTED CHILDREN

Always seeking to honor and equip biological families when possible, but ready to fill in where biological family is absent or unable to care, Word and Deed Uganda staff step in as fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles, and mentors to the children.

STAFF COMMITMENT

Word and Deed Uganda is comprised of committed men and women of virtue who would wish to see the community transformed fully and children achieving their fullest potentials. The Team continues to serve diligently and enthusiastically to see the Batwa communities attain the best out of their actions.

“As long as we're prayerfully united, and as long as we continue to organize, invest, and lead with our Christian values, we'll be unstoppable. Not even the bad roads will hinder us from taking the love of Christ to the most vulnerable Batwa in Murambo .Haircutting,community sensitization, a piece of soap and jelly plus a moment of prayer were surely fulfilling”.



EVANGELISM

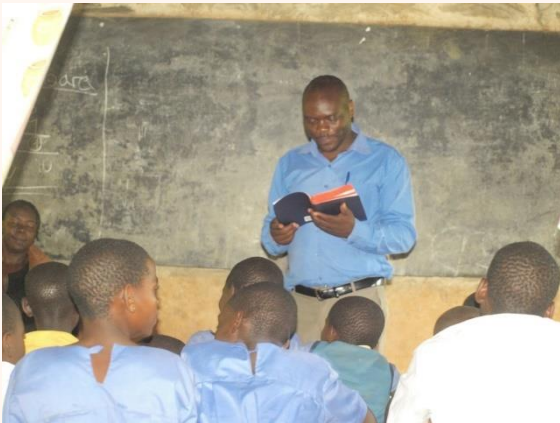
STAFF MORNING DEVOTIONS

“Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, His Love endures forever”. This is always a morning song for Word and Deed staff before the day’s work starts. WADU staff shares the scripture teachings on how to understand compassion from a biblical perspective which foundation keeps us from losing sight of our evangelistic calling as we respond with Christ’s love to the needs around us.

WADU Staff always share prayer requests on an individual, community and partnership level and are thankful that God is always in control of every situation.



MONTHLY GOSPEL OUTREACH



MISSIONS

Word and Deed Uganda organised a weekly Child Centre day across all the partner schools to preach the word of God to the young folks and also develop their characters as young Christians so that they are able to grow in the Love of Jesus Christ and it’s their best chance to accept Christ. We would like to see Batwa children have every opportunity to believe in Jesus.

It also helps avoid some negative outcomes of sin. Only God’s grace can change our hearts, but knowing the consequences of disobeying God is often a wakeup call. When children understand the great price that Jesus paid for their salvation, they are more likely to stay on the way of the righteous.

STUDENTS' TERMLY SPIRITUAL RETREATS.

Just as Education alone is not enough, Word and Deed Uganda is imparting all round regular retreats that are organized at the beginning of each school term to bring the children closer to God and share experiences on good Christian living where all the students are rejuvenated.

WADU organized regular retreats for all the sponsored children for both

physical and Spiritual sharing in order to encourage the children to grow in their understanding that God Loves them and should also live to give witness to God's love and presence when at school, home and in their communities.



Time for prayer and reflection during the opening of term sponsored students' retreat

Sponsored students with their parents and caregivers receiving gifts after the retreat

WORDS FROM THE SCHOLARS AND THEIR PARENTS AFTER THE MEETING



“Our children now love school, their teachers and have learned so much in a safe and loving environment. We love Word and Deed Uganda because they are genuinely caring about the well-being of our children and invest in their development. We have now realized the change in their behaviors and wish you could continue impacting lives through such interventions” Turyomurugyendo Agnes mother to Tumwesigye Expert a student at Nyaruhanga High school narrates.



“I thank God for I had lost hopes of joining a secondary school but because of His mercies, I am now in Senior 4 at Nyaruhanga High school. I thank those who have continued to support us through Word and Deed Uganda especially our sponsors for providing with us scholastic materials and school fees that help us at school so that we’re able to have a brighter future and be successful” Tumwijukye Blair a student at Nyaruhanga High school explains after receiving the scholastic materials for the new term.



“It has been a time of prayer, meditation and fellowship with you all. Word and Deed is such a blessing to us. Thank you for standing on the truth and becoming a light to us as sponsored children when we really needed help. God is truly working through you”. Joan says.

END OF TERM CHRISTMAS CONFERENCES

Christmas is ordinarily an incredibly difficult time for disadvantaged families living in poverty in Uganda and across the globe.

Word and Deed Uganda in partnership with Christian Development Uganda understands the challenging time that these families go through during the festive season. As such, Christmas presents were given to all the 155 supported children

under WADU Education Program who would otherwise miss out on presents this year.

It was a happy Christmas feeling seeing kids celebrate with a plate of meat and rice and a bottle of Soda and jumping around with big smiles on their faces.



BATWA EDUCATION

Word and Deed Uganda with support from Christian Development Uganda (a UK-based charity), supported 155 Batwa child in Education and Economic empowerment in partnership with 8 Government Aided primary schools in Kabale and Rubanda Districts in South western Uganda.

Table indicating age categories of supported Batwa children

NO	SCHOOL	0-5 years		5-10 years		10-15 years		Above 15 years		No. of Pupils per sch.
		Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	
1	RUTOJO	1	2	11	7	2	1	0	0	24
2	KAATO-A	1	0	5	2	4	0	0	0	12
3	KAATO-B	1	3	4	3	3	2	0	0	16
4	KINYARUSHENGYE	4	5	4	6	6	4	0	0	29
5	MUKITOJO	2	1	4	6	2	2	0	0	17
6	NCUNDURA	4	0	9	3	5	3	0	0	24
7	KAGOMA	1	2	4	4	2	3	0	2	18
8	RWABURINDI	0	3	6	4	1	1	0	0	15
TOTALS		14	16	49	35	25	16	0	2	155

School meals

Happiness and Joy feel the children when it comes to taking their lunch. It is clear that some of the children sleep with no food in their homes and when it comes to lunch time at the school, it is like a dream come true. The major reason why the Batwa children would not go to school was because of lack of food both home and at school. As one way of keeping these

children in school, Word and Deed Uganda provides food to Batwa children in all eight (8) school on a monthly basis to support Batwa school meals on a daily basis.



Table showing quantities of food distributed

No.	School	Food distributed				
		Posho	Beans	Soap	Salt	Rock salt
1	Mukitojo	1215	945	18	36	18
2	Kagoma	675	486	18	45	18
3	Kinyarushegye	1080	783	18	45	18
4	Kaato	540	329	18	36	18
5	Kaato Annex	540	329	18	36	18
6	Rutojo	900	648	18	36	18
7	Rwaburindi	900	756	18	36	18
8	Ncundura	765	594	18	36	18
9	Kacerere	480	360	18	36	18
	Total	7095	5230	162	342	162

Table showing Distribution of Scholastic materials.

SCHOOL	No of children	Exercise Books received	Pencils	Mathematical sets	Pens
RUTOJO	24	288	144	Mathematical sets	20
KAATO-A	12	144	72	0	26
KAATO-B	16	192	96	8	12
KINYARUSHENGYE	29	348	174	0	10
MUKITOJO	17	204	102	4	10
NCUNDURA	24	288	144	0	25
KAGOMA	18	216	108	1	32
RWABURINDI	15	180	90	0	15
TOTALS	155	1860	930	13	150

Table showing distribution of Uniform

School	Boys	Girls	Total no. of uniforms distributed
Rwaburindi	15	13	28
Ncudura	05	17	22
Kinyarushegye	15	14	29
Kaato	02	10	12
Kaato Annex	05	07	12
Kagoma	12	07	19
Rutojo	09	16	23
Mukitojo	09	08	17
Kacerere	32	27	59
Total	104	119	223

SCHOOL MONITORING

Throughout the year, WADU staff was able to conduct a school monitoring exercise to ascertain the academic progress of the Batwa children across all the partner schools in Kabale and Rubanda Districts. The rationale behind the monitoring was to improve life changes for marginalized Batwa through:

- 1. Increasing Access and Retention of ages 5 and above to complete Primary School.*
- 2. Ensuring that Batwa children are learning in an inclusive environment and protected from harm*
- 3. Ensuring Batwa children and needs are listened to and responded to and that Batwa children get adequate scholastic materials, get meals at school and their parents participate in decision-making concerning their education.*



Clothes Distribution

Food, Shelter, Clothes and medical care are the basic needs for the survival of every human being. However in Uganda, it's very hard to find a household with all the above essential basic needs. WADU as an organisation strongly feel about destitute and believe that no one



should suffer the lack of clothes because for us, every human life is sacred .This prompted WADU through support from Christian Development Uganda to think of distributing at least two pieces of clothes to the children to supplement on the uniform and give room for the parents to wash the school uniform in the middle of the school week.

On receiving the cloths, the children had smile on their face and feeling of gratitude in their hearts for WADU. Tears were noticed in the eyes of WADU staff seeing the touching condition of the Batwa children.



Before



After

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Nutritional Assessment

Word and Deed Uganda carried out a Nutritional assessment baseline survey to assess the nutritional status of the Batwa children before the official launch of the school feeding program. Word and Deed Uganda carried out a MUAC (Mid Upper Arm Certification screening) using the measuring tapes bought for this purpose. Word and Deed Uganda also procured a weighing scale and a height board to critically assess the nutritional status of the all children under her care.



Table showing Nutrition assessments 2022

No.	School	Total no. of Malnourished pupils.	1 st assessment		2 nd assessment	
			Severe	Moderate	Severe	Moderate
1	Rutojo	2	1	1	0	1
2	Kinyarushengye	11	4	7	0	2
3	Kagoma	4	1	3	0	0
4	Kato	10	1	9	0	0
5	Kacerere	10	6	4	-	-
	Total		13	24		3

Monthly Hair cut

All the 155 Batwa children received a monthly Hair cut through pout the year to keep them tidy while at school and in their homes. This was done by specialized WADU committed staff who were turned into Barbers by the Ministry



Distribution of sanitary items

The price of soap and other essential commodities in Uganda has more than tripled over the past since the outbreak of the Russian-Ukraine war but because the hearts of the Donors ache for these children, they kept providing funding for the supply of sanitary items like soap and jelly and the joy on the children 's faces says it all.



Serving Weekly Nutritious porridge

This is provided to children as one way of boosting their immunity and tackling the malnutrition issues.



Jigger Fumigation

As our motto goes *“A Holy soul in a healthy body”*, Word and Deed staff carried out a jigger fumigation and extraction exercise across all the schools where the jigger infestation prevalence rate was high with the main purpose of reducing on the effects of jigger infestation on children enrolment and retention in school, academic performance and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Word and Deed Uganda staffs were zealous in removing the jiggers from the feet, hands and sprayed the affected areas with chemicals to avoid re-occurrence and ensure that the children are healthy and able to concentrate on their studies.

Out of 223 children reached, **43 (19.2%)** who were infested with jiggers had their feet and other soft muscles cleaned and jiggers removed during the health outreach programs.





Deworming

This was done by WADU staff targeting to deworm all the Batwa children in order to prevent the high prevalence of the children affected by Intestinal parasitic infections which may lead to cognitive impairment and malnutrition.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

For every child that passes through our program, our goal, as a first priority, is always that they would be evangelized. The next two important aspects that our program focuses on Uganda's next generation to impact their families and communities and the final target that WADU looks for, is to make sure that each child that leaves our program is empowered and transformed holistically.

Monthly scholastic and sanitary materials

As girls enter puberty, they risk dropping out of school because of the challenges worsened by their attitude toward their bodies and inability to manage their menstrual periods. To Word and Deed Uganda's sponsored children, this challenge is always addressed by the supply of a monthly pack of sanitary pads, Tooth paste, soap, Jelly and other supplies to each supported girl child in the program.



Christmas packages to the sponsored students

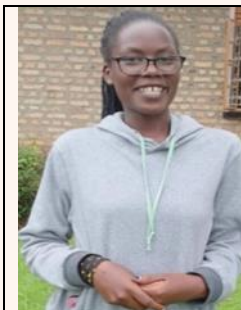
Gifts were given to vulnerable supported students under WADU Child sponsorship program with support from Christian Development Uganda.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MEET SABRA

Sabra is currently doing a Teaching course at Uganda Christian University Bishop Barham campus and has been on the sponsorship program since 2019. She is one of the students that has strived to excel through thick and thin because of the support extended to her by her sponsor through Christian Development Uganda. She wishes to serve as a Teacher and also be able to support other vulnerable children who are struggling like how she was struggling before joining the program.



“My name is Sabra Ainebyoona a student at Bishop Barham University college Kabale doing Bachelor of Education with English and Literature as my teaching subjects. I would like to thank the sponsors through Christian Development Uganda for being charitable and kind to us by sacrificing the little they have to cater for our Education. We are now a big family of sponsored children and we pray that the Lord will bless you as you keep touching the lives of the many vulnerable children through Word and Deed”

SPORTS

As the saying goes “All work without play makes Jack a Dull boy” WADU believes that Play is one of the important components of a child's life and it is one of the major activities that promote children's imagination and creativity. Children can learn the basic and social skills and develop through play. Also some components such as play materials, playground and play mate have a considerable role in play and more especially play materials which have a positive impact on a child to learn and explore the world with a rich imagination in a joyful way.





To the Batwa Children in South western Uganda, studying in a school with play materials was a dream they thought would never come true in their lives not until they got the generous support from Stanton Harcourt School that fundraised and installed the three pieces of play equipment at Kinyarushengye Primary School in Rubanda District.



CONCLUSION

With funding from Christian Development Uganda a UK –based charity, Word and Deed Uganda was able to carry out all the above activities in the targeted communities majorly ensuring that the vulnerable children are able to report to schools after a long period of unprecedented times brought about by the Covid-19 Pandemic and continued lockdowns throughout the country for almost two years. Word and Deed Uganda is highly indebted to all the supporters for the Great giving hand that has been rendered so that these children who had lost hope may continue to study and become important people in future.