



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

“A Holy Soul in a Healthy Body”



WORD AND DEED UGANDA

APPRECIATION



WADU Board and Staff Members

Dear Partner,

As Word and Deed Uganda staff, our vision is to see every child is nourished in body, mind, and spirit. We do this by demonstrating the love of Christ through providing essential education support and holistic healthcare to vulnerable communities.

"This year, we have seen God's faithfulness in every school meal served and every life touched through our outreach. In a year of economic challenges in Uganda, Word and Deed Uganda remained a beacon of hope..."

As we close the chapter on another year of ministry, our hearts are filled with a profound sense of gratitude.

With deep appreciation,

WADU TEAM

EDUCATION INTERVENTION: MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

WADU continues to provide Education support to over **200** Batwa children as our primary tool for breaking the cycle of poverty. We focus on removing the barriers that keep children out of the classroom.

Throughout the year, scholastics were timely delivered and distributed to all the children to enable them pursue their careers and transform their lives.

School Meal Program

Hunger is a major cause of school dropouts. By providing a warm, nutritious lunch, we have always seen a great increase in school attendance and our retention ratio is very positive.

WADU has been able to support over **200** Batwa children in the 9 partner schools in south western Uganda. We have registered improved concentration levels and reduced malnutrition-related illnesses.



EDUCATION INTERVENTION: MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

School Uniforms & Supplies

A uniform is a badge of dignity. It protects children from stigma and fulfills a mandatory requirement for school attendance in Uganda. We were able to support the children with another set of school uniforms to all the 200+ children.



Health & Wellness: Healing Hands

Our health interventions ensure that the communities we serve are physically fit to pursue their dreams. We were able to provide basic health care services to the children both in the Rising Stars program and in the rural schools.

Gilbert one of the Rising stars that has benefited from the WADU Healing Hands program recently told our team: *"The uniform gave me dignity, but the Rising Stars program gave me a vision. I don't just want to be a doctor; I want to be a doctor who builds clinics for the poor."*

COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH

Our focus as Word and Deed Uganda is on maternal health and provision of health sensitization programs in the Batwa resident areas in order to curb down jigger infestation among the Batwa children.

Word and Deed Uganda through Christian Development Uganda and St. Peters Primary school was able to provide Ceramic Water filters to the schools where children and Teachers were trained on clean water practices to prevent water borne diseases that have always affected the rural population in Uganda.



COMMUNITY TOILETS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Building a community toilet is a practical way to improve local health and hygiene. Each year, the visiting CDU Trustees always design a simple and effective design, for a **ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine** which is often the best choice for areas with limited infrastructure like the Batwa resident areas in South western Uganda.

This year, the Team was able to construct a basic 2-unit block (1 for men, 1 for women) to serve a small community of about 5 to 10 households in Nyakera in Murubindi Batwa Centre.



EVANGELISM: THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

We believe that physical aid is a gateway to sharing the Gospel. As Word and Deed Uganda, our primary responsibility is to ensure that every shilling and every prayer invested into Word and Deed Uganda is used to glorify God and serve the people of Uganda. In **2025**, we focused on End of Term Conferences, Easter and Christmas celebrations with the children in all the **9** partner schools. It wasn't just about reaching more schools, but about ensuring the schools we serve have the spiritual mentorship needed to raise a God-fearing generation.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND HOUSEHOLD DIGNITY



While education and health are our pillars, we recognize that a child cannot thrive in a struggling home. This year, we expanded our "Holistic Care" package to include livestock and essential bedding.

Providing sheep and rabbits allows families to generate income through breeding and organic manure for their gardens. The sheep are grazing in the backyard—a growing asset that will eventually pay for secondary school fees.

"We are not just giving handouts; we are giving head-starts. By providing a mattress, we give a child rest. By providing a sheep, we give a family a future."

The Gift of Rest: Mattresses & Blankets

Many of the children we serve were previously sleeping on papyrus mats or the bare floor, leading to respiratory issues and poor school performance due to lack of sleep.

We were able to distribute mattresses and blankets to all the Batwa children that attend Rutojo primary school in Kabale District during our Alternative giving mission 2025.



A starter pair of Rabbits

WADU was able to distribute rabbits to all the 23 Rising Stars to enable them start communal Rabbit keeping project. The rabbits once multiplied will be sold to cater for the personal items like underpants and shaving tier hair and learning the value of work and stewardship.

VOCATIONAL SKILLING: EMPOWERING THE GIRL-CHILD

In many rural Ugandan communities, girls face significant barriers to finishing secondary education. Our Tailoring & Design Program provides a "second chance" at a dignified livelihood, ensuring these young girls are not vulnerable to early marriages or exploitation.

Beyond stitching, girls are equipped with skills in garment cutting, pattern design, and Life Skills,

WADU plans to implement the start-up Kit where upon graduation, the girl child is gifted with their own sewing machines to start home-based businesses.



Mbiire Emily "From Stigma to Seamstress"

At 17, Emily felt her future was over. Emily was on the Batwa Education program at Kagoma Primary school she stayed home, helping with chores and feeling like a burden to her family.

"I had no hope and no plan," Emily recalls. That changed when she joined the WADU Skills Training program. Over six months, Emily now hopes to earn a steady income sewing clothes for her age mates in the Rising Stars program and repairing uniforms for the local primary schools.



Phionah training the Rising stars in Bakery skills

THE POWER OF PLAY



In many rural Ugandan schools, play is often overlooked, yet it is essential for cognitive growth and trauma recovery.

At Word and Deed Uganda, we believe that a child's "work" is play. Many of the schools we support lack basic recreational facilities, leaving children with no outlet for physical exercise or creative expression. This year, we prioritized the distribution of School Play Materials to foster joy and teamwork.

Word and Deed Uganda equipped Two partner schools with play equipment installations designed to improve motor skills and social cohesion. Items such as swings, slides were installed at Rise and Shine preparatory school and Mukitojo primary schools with funding from St. Peters primary school and Stanton Harcourt school respectively.

The installation of these materials led to a measurable shift in the school environment:

The Head teacher Mukitojo primary school reports: *"The atmosphere has changed. The children are more vibrant. Even the shyest students are now participating in group activities. Children are more motivated to attend school when they know "playtime" is part of the curriculum"*



THE "RISING STARS" PROGRAM: INVESTING IN EXCELLENCE



While our general interventions provide a baseline of support for all, the Rising Stars Program is our flagship initiative for identifying and nurturing exceptional talent. We believe that by investing in the rapid growth in potential and skill. We also believe that every child in our program is a unique individual that deserves to be nurtured through

care, respect and opportunity all aiming at helping the Batwa children break the cycle of poverty and reach their full potential through quality education.

As we look back on 2025, it is clear that Word and Deed Uganda has reached a significant turning point with 27 Batwa children on the Rising Stars program promoted to the next level and still enjoying school.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A Year of Resilience and Growth

It was of a great honor to hold our first ever Annual General meeting where WADU staff presented the performance report for the year ending 31st December 2025. It was a year that our organization remained steadfast in its mission. The Board chairperson was able to present the gift of the bible and other items to some of the Batwa beneficiaries.



WADU CHRISTMAS LOVE IN ACTION DRIVE



In Uganda, Christmas is a time of celebration, but for many, it can be a real struggle to provide even the necessities.

As the festive season approaches, we are always reminded of the true spirit of Christmas – a time for giving, sharing, and spreading joy. For many, this season is filled with family gatherings, delicious meals, and the excitement of opening gifts. However, for countless orphans, vulnerable children, and communities in Uganda, Christmas is often a time of hardship and struggle.

With your help, over the past few Christmases, we have been able to transform lives in Uganda. We have provided food, shelter, education, and healthcare to those who need it most, bringing hope and joy to countless individuals, families and communities through our Christmas "Love in Action" drive.



CONCLUSION

Looking back at 2025, we are reminded of the words in 1 Corinthians 3:6: **"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."**

Because you chose to "water" the seeds of our mission this year, the harvest has been bountiful.

- Your support this year reached into the most vulnerable corners of Uganda:
- It provided hot meals and new uniforms that kept hundreds of children in school.
- It delivered sheep and rabbits to Batwa Rising Stars, creating "living banks" for their families.
- It provided mattresses and blankets, ensuring that "the least of these" slept in dignity and warmth.

And most importantly, it allowed us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every child and parent we served.

As we look toward 2026, our prayer is to reach even further to more schools, and more families. We are honored to have you standing with us as we "Restore Hope and Empower Futures."

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.