

KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY



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**Unlocking Human
Potential**

We Foster Sustainable and
Vibrant Rural Communities
Through
Unique Partnerships Focused
On Education, Human Rights,
Socio- Economic
Empowerment, Food
Security, and Better Health.



FOUNDER KIGOZI GEORGE'S MESSAGE

Greetings from KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY Team. As we once again come to the end of the year 2024. Allow me extend my sincere appreciation to all those that have lent a hand to see us reach this far as we continue seeking for your continuous cooperation for the years ahead of us. As we look ahead for the coming years, our new strategic plan for the coming years has been as result of reflection, consultations and discussions by community partners, collaborating organizations/individuals, development partners, KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY administration and staff. On behalf of the organization, I have no adequate words to thank our potential stake holder's supporters who are always willing to support the organization on its road to self-reliance. Indeed, KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY is very appreciative to all those that have put a hand in seeing us this far.

Our Volunteers scattered in all corners of the world have always been supplementing scarce resources both in various ways, be it time, social and financial terms. KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY is indeed very grateful for their work. Sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our local partners; and the staff, not only for the active participation in the process of developing this new strategy, but also the support in the work of the organization since its inception.

If there is anything that we have achieved in the past years, it is none other than your plans and interventions. *"Your role as stakeholders can be compared to a coach of a team who recruits and selects players, trains them, sends them, watches them while playing, directs them and again plans for the success of his team".*

We commit ourselves to continue working in partnership with likeminded initiatives in order to continue unlocking the potential of our beneficiaries and to create long term impacts.

Thank You,
KIGOZI GEORGE

About Us

KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY is a registered grassroots charity that started in 2022 with proven experience in implementing sustainable and innovative projects that are designed to better quality of marginalized livelihoods/communities to live better lives. KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY since our establishment has struggled to improve the socio-economic situation of the vulnerable children, Elderly, youths, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and women. Our pride is to continue supporting them through mitigating the socio-economic causes of their vulnerabilities to enable them live a better, meaningful and sustainable life.

We envision in a future where livelihoods and other disadvantaged members are able to reach their full potential, healthy, educated, rise out of poverty and become self-sustainable with increased capacity to support their households. We commit ourselves to continue with our aim of alleviating poverty and its effects through facilitating long lasting changes in the lives of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, the old going age, PWDs, youths and women and their communities by providing support through education, health, skills development and empowerment, environment and agricultural support as well as meeting their basic needs. In achieving these, we shall continue to value;

- **Transparency**; strive to implement the principle of transparency in all that we do; we shall do this by being open to rights holders, stakeholders and partners. We believe that transparency will facilitate building of mutual trust among stakeholders and partners as well as enhance cooperation.
- **Accountability**; become responsible for the decisions we make and the actions we take. We will be accountable to our constituents and donors by conforming to internationally acceptable financial management systems and giving them opportunity to evaluate our performance. Accountability will ensure a strong reputation of our organization.
- **Justice**; endeavor to be fair to all our constituents irrespective of religion, tribe, gender or political affiliation. The principle of justice and promotion of human dignity will permeate all our operations.
- **Participation**; strive to involve rights holders and other stakeholders in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of our interventions by promoting participation we will make our intervention more meaningful to those being served.
- **Professionalism**; ensure observance of professionalism in service delivery. We shall do this by targeting skilled staff for the implementation of our interventions as well as adherence to acceptable professional values and ethics. Professionalism will promote good quality for our interventions.

Benefits and Beneficiaries

Community	Youths
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access the disadvantaged livelihoods with quality and affordable health services. 2. Skill empowerment and development. 3. Initiate and support Self Help Groups (SHG's) 4. Initiate income generating activities in the community. 5. Support and advocate for human rights in the community. 6. Access to clean and safe water as well as improving on the poor sanitation hazards in the community. 7. Support literacy programs in the Community. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free youths clinic on HIV/AIDs and other sexually transmitted diseases. 2. Life skill training and empowerment. 3. Spiritual development. 4. Support formal and vocational education. 5. Recreation activities. 6. Establish a resource and information Centre for the youths in the community
Orphans and other Vulnerable children (OVC)	Persons with disabilities. (PWDs)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educational support. 2. Emotional, material and basic support. 3. Moral and spiritual guidance. 4. Nutritional and health support. 5. Advocate and support their rights. 6. Recreational activities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Psychosocial counseling and support. 2. Educational support. 3. Advocate and support their rights. 4. Life skill training and empowerment.
Elderly/Old going age.	Women
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emotional, material and basic support. 2. Nutritional and health support. 3. Advocate and support their rights 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gender Based Violence 2. Income Generating Activities 3. Skills empowerment and development



Our Child Care Support Program



The Child Care support Program is part of the objectives of increasing enrollment and supporting orphans/vulnerable children in schools, basic, supporting them with legal, nutritional and medical needs. We have so far identified a number of children who need help most and we have confidence that with your help, these children can reach unexpected heights in the future and be able to sustain themselves and their families. We also want to thank our current sponsors of the children for your continued and tireless support for the disadvantaged children in various forms. The challenges are still increasing due to the high costs and poor standards of living coupled with the increasing number of orphans without any assistance and child-headed families . But while we are assisting these children, we can't do it in isolation of your support. We are therefore calling for your kind participation in helping these helpless children and their families live a better life by sponsoring or getting them sponsors to meet their Educational, Nutritional, Medical, Legal and Basic support.

It does not need one to be very rich to help a child under KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY because we believe that even a cup of water can create a huge smile on a needy child's face.

Child sponsorship allows you to personally connect with a child in need while making a lasting investment in his/her future. Your donation also strengthens your child's local community, ensuring an extended network of support and a safe environment in which your child can thrive. You will receive a photo and personal profile of the child you are sponsoring, updates on his or her wellbeing, and notes, drawings or correspondence from your child, at least twice a year. You will also have the opportunity to send notes and small gifts to your child. Child sponsorship provides more than just short-term hunger relief—it provides total quality of life (improved health, better education, a reduced risk of HIV/AIDS, higher earning potential, etc.) and a brighter future for your sponsored child. You can make a difference in a child's life by providing assistance for the basic living needs of a child. In the coming years, we aim to scale up the number of children we reach. We commit to provide them with quality services, offer protection and help them to meet their basic needs.

Through a holistic approach we aim to empower the communities where our targeted children live, so that they can become self-reliant and can sustainably take care of their entire families. However, KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY faces challenges of supporting these children and their families. It is even worse with the unemployment and poverty hitting Uganda today; the children are often lacking what to feed on, education, clothes, beddings, shelter and medical care. These children are abandoned

Because their parents/guardians cannot afford the basic needs, therefore run away from responsibilities. Other children are born orphans for instance a child is born and a mother dies, then when the father marries other women, they are subjected to domestic violence and torture. Other children are abandoned by their parents with no one to help. Such Children end upon the streets on absolutely nothing.

Our Call to You

We have come a long way over the past. The coming years are vitally important in allowing us to continue to shape, scale and develop effective services and extend our influence so that we can help more and more children. KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY aim to improve on OVC basic welfare, education and health of the OVCs through Interventions/strategies that directly and indirectly relate to children's welfare and support, Cognitive and psychological support, etc. The starting point is availing the children with basic needs that will help them grow physically, psychologically and socially. Our urgent needs for this purpose includes but not limited to:



Clothing – We are always appealing for Clothes, nappies, etc. for age sup to 18 years. Worn-out or old clothes to you may be of paramount importance to children in Uganda some of whom have no access to any one piece. Feel free to send them to us as gifts to the children; they will be grateful to you.

Welfare – We shall be grateful if you assist the children with Food items. Children need good food for proper growth and increase their resistance against diseases and malnutrition like complications.

Beddings –For proper growth of children, adequate sleep is paramount. Blankets, bed sheets and mattresses are required for this purpose.

Medicine – We have mobile medical visits to vulnerable families to attend to the health demands of our children since most of them have complications relating to their poor backgrounds. A child who is HIV positive needs adequate and timely healthcare. Some of our children have HIV and it is incumbent to us and you, to take good care of them, not to despair or lose hope, as they are victims of circumstances mostly contracting HIV from their mothers. You can help us with medical drugs, equipment or financial support for this purpose.

Educational sponsorship – After all the above is done, the child is ready for school. Education is one of the gifts you can ever give to an African child not forgetting that 45% of Ugandan children do not go to school. Please support our children to stay in school.



With your generosity and support, we commit ourselves to continue:

- Providing care and support for neglected and abandoned children
- To provide education support to orphans and vulnerable children in our area of reach
- To improve the health of orphans and vulnerable children in communities that we serve
- Purchase of beddings and clothes for vulnerable children
- Provision of food and shelter
- Alternative care for neglected and abandoned children
- Training of staff and community on care and support
- Provision of scholastic materials and uniforms
- Provision of fees (child sponsorship) to children under our care
- Skills development for children in upper classes
- Provide recreation activities for vulnerable children
- Carry out psychosocial care and emotional support for disadvantaged children in the community.
- Information on health, hygiene and nutrition and ARV therapy for those living HIV/AIDS positively



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About Our Child Care Support Program.

How Does The Sponsorship Program Work?

Every time someone becomes a sponsor, two lives are forever changed. The lives of sponsored children are changed as a result of

Your financial gifts. With your support and the assistance of other caring sponsors, we try to develop the ability to sustainably maintain ourselves. Your sponsorship will help make

Programs possible that will address your sponsored child's (and other children's) most basic needs—programs that provide basic medical care, school fees and other supplies. The children also benefit in ways you cannot imagine. The love you provide through a simple letter or gift may be the encouragement a

How much are the costs?

We don't have specific sponsorship costs as costs may vary depending on a number of factors including schools and classes they do attend. However, we encourage you to be faithful in your financial support and appreciate a minimum of at least one-year and above commitment to the sponsorship program. Remember that the sponsorship costs will cater for medical expenses, school fees and other basic requirements like clothes, food and shelter.

How will my contribution be spent?

School fees, medical fee, basic support will directly benefit your children but one of the most effective ways of helping children is to combine your sponsorship gifts with those of others. Your child will not benefit exclusively as benefits will be shared. This system ensures that children who may not have a sponsor of their own will still benefit from our programs. This is done to ensure equity to avoid feelings of betrayal and unsupportiveness to those who may not have sponsorship.

May I choose the child I want to sponsor?

Yes! When enrolling, you may request for children that need sponsorship and we shall always send you a full profile for the children's that need sponsorship. Currently, KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY has a list of children who need your sponsorship. If you do not have a preference, a child where sponsor support is needed the most will be selected for you.

Can I give a sponsorship gift?

Struggling boy or girl needs to make it through another challenge. You will see firsthand how you have given your sponsored child the chance for a brighter, hopeful future. The second life that is changed is yours. How can the photographs, letters, or drawings not touch you from your sponsored child?

Yes! You are able to share the gift of child sponsorship with a loved one by selecting a child and requesting for a Child sponsorship form at KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY

Who can I contact if I have questions about the sponsorship program?

You may contact KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY's Sponsorship Program Coordinator at +256726 543064

How long will my sponsorship last?

We hope that you will want to be part of KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY's work for a considerable length of time. Committed support from sponsors will allow us to achieve lasting results.

However long you will be with us, your sponsorship is very important to us. There is no set age limit for children in our sponsorship program. A child may be in her late teens but still needs to continue attending school or learn a Skill. As long as a sponsored child is in a project associated with KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY will continue to receive assistance.

We will notify you when your sponsored child becomes self-sufficient or if she or he leaves the program. At that time, we'll introduce you to another child who needs your help.

Can I visit my sponsored child?

Meeting your sponsored child can be a most valued experience that strengthens your relationship and understanding of KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY's work. In keeping with our commitment to child safety, all visits to KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY must be coordinated through KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY's Secretariat well in

Advance. Prior to visiting your sponsored child at his or her school, a notice will be required from KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY. We hope you understand that these steps are necessary to ensure the safety of the children.

Can I correspond with my sponsored child?

We encourage you to build a relationship with your sponsored child. You may send letters or cards to your child as often as you wish. We encourage you to write at least once a month. A handwritten letter is more personal; however, we will accept e-mailed letters, which will then be printed and given to the respective owner. The more you write to the child you sponsor, the more she or he will reap the benefits of your relationship.

What should I write about?

KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY suggests you share a bit about your life, family, where you live, your culture, and what you do. Please personalize your letter. That makes it meaningful. Also ask your child about his or her life. We ask you to be

Sincere and realistic in language and manner in which you write consistent with the values and Norms not forgetting that these are children.

What should I avoid writing about?

Please refrain from writing about your material possessions, or anything else which may stress the difference between you and your sponsored child. Another topic to avoid is Pornography and politics. Also, do not include any personal contact information such as phone numbers, e-mail or mailing addresses. This is to protect your privacy as well as to avoid direct appeals for financial aid from your child.

Can I send packages to my sponsored child?

We understand you may want to send packages to your sponsored child; however, KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY only accepts registered packages that may include clothes or other things that may be shared. Slow delivery, the possibilities of loss, theft or damage are some of the risks associated with sending unregistered packages.



Income Generating Activities



KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY's economic initiative is aimed at Income Generating Activities with the goal of promoting Economic empowerment of the rural poor in the development process. The main areas for intervention in this respect include the initiation of the following:

- Group dynamics, skills empowerment, business idea generation and financial literacy.
- Animal Husbandry
- Micro-finance – Village banks
- Addition of value to Agro-produce
- Sustainable Organic Agriculture

The Program:

This project follows on from previous women's empowerment projects and comprises two initiatives that will have a direct impact on vulnerable women living in some of the poorest communities. The first initiative is women's savings and loans groups which have demonstrated great success since being implemented in 2018. This project will create Over 10 more groups together with ongoing training and project management. A new support officer will be employed to provide greater support and follow-up to existing groups. The second initiative is vocational skills and business training for young mums to learn income-generating skills to look after themselves and their young children.

Outcomes and Impact:

- A full-time Project Officer was appointed and is responsible for daily monitoring and support of the existing network of existing savings groups. This is proving to be a strategic outlay as the program continues to expand.

- Refresher training has been held with leaders of the Village Savings and Loans (VSLA) groups and the Train-the Trainer team who play a key role in monitoring and evaluation across multiple groups.
- We have partnered up with a number of local artisans and vocational training school which includes hairdressing and tailoring with plans for training in food production eg rearing goats and raising poultry.

There are a staggering of over 500 indirect beneficiaries of this project and 72 directly benefitting. It is truly life-changing for so many with VSLA groups becoming self-sustaining once established. Thank you for supporting these communities

Animal husbandry

This greatly support the practicing of sustainable agriculture mainly in the area of manure making which include the following: - cows, goats, birds, pigs and bee keeping

It is the plan to support the members by giving every five families one cow, one goat, one pig and some few poultry. The methods will be that one family has a cow, the other gets a goat etc and after the giving birth of any of these, the offspring will be given to one member in the five family team at random until the entire five members have acquired all the different category of animals. This will help the community in organic farming practicing thus alleviating poverty.

Sanitary Pad Program

Problem: Female students have limited to no access to the products and medication needed to manage their monthly menstrual cycles. Their independence is curtailed, their education is punctuated by monthly absences during their cycle, and their confidence suffers.

Solution: By increasing female students' sponsorship donation by \$2, each female student will receive education focused on women's health and menstruation. During their trainings, they will also receive a Sanitary Kit that contains reusable menstrual pads made locally, soap to wash their pads, and medication to control menstrual symptoms.

Impact: Each female student is empowered with access to a continuous education, allowed the freedom to choose where she will be *any* day of the month, and is given the very dignity she deserves.

✚ Mentorship Program

Our mentoring program works to support and keep secondary students in school, a time when they are more at-risk to drop out. Working with partner secondary schools, this weekly course covers topics on building strong self-esteem and leadership, making healthy decisions, and creating a brighter future.

✚ Community Health Program



In partnership with local and international health service providers, carry out free medical expeditions and we are looking for more partners to continue proving quality medical services to the less fortunate people. We have also been distributing free treated mosquito nets and carrying out HIV testing and counselling in schools, deworming in schools and healthy education in communities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Practices



Access to safe water is a basic human need and yet it is a dream for most communities within the rural communities. The burden of collecting water is shouldered mostly by women and children. According to UNDP, “women in sub-Saharan Africa collectively spend about 40 billion hours a year collecting water. This significantly impacts their employment opportunities, the Children spend a lot of time waiting in long queues, in the morning and evening which affects school attendance and performance. Relatedly, the number of children who die each day due to preventable water and sanitation-related diseases is high and many teenage girls in these rural communities end up with unwanted pregnancies because they spend lots of time away from safety, in search of water, even after nightfall. KIGOZI GEORGE CHILDREN MINISTRY in partnership with other stakeholders have made community WASH interventions with the aim of attaining the SDGs related to water, sanitation, and hygiene for all, especially for underprivileged groups in the rural set up thereby improving the health situation of the poor and enhance equitable development with the aim of:

- Improving access to safe and clean water as well as promote sanitation and hygienic practices among women and children.
- Contributing towards equal access to basic hygiene and sanitation skills training and formal education in the community.
- Promoting village water user committees at community level to protect water source activities.
- Improving women and community capacity to create and manage water point's sustainability.
- Improving the socio-economic security of women and the community.
- Enhancing community capacity to recognize and respond to Hygiene issues in the community.



With support from likeminded charities we have been able to access safe water to communities and improve on their sanitation practices.

Within the coming year, we plan to put more strength on Children, Environmental programs, Human Rights, supporting Persons with Disabilities as well as improving on our Agricultural programs.

We are therefore looking for more partners to join us in reaching more disadvantaged livelihoods in unlocking their potential and empowering them to become self-sustainable.