



**Wake up Ugandan Children's
Foundation (WUCFO)**

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A Very Different Year



MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

This year began as a normal year but along the way, it became a complicated year due to the covid pandemic that disorganized the whole world. At Wake up Uganda Children's Foundation, most of our project activities came to a standstill. The children were cut off from their schools, markets, worshipping places, friends and sports.



However we could not just back and watch our children and their families get disintegrated by the pandemic, so we hired some private teachers for some of the children living at the center and those in high classes waiting to do their final examinations. We also conducted soccer and basketball coaching from the small space we have at the center and this helped us to keep our children focused ad motivated.

Furthermore, our families were greatly affected financially and psychologically most especially during the lock down and the night curfew and as a result, most of the families could not afford a decent life. Some families had to relocate to villages where the cost of living is low. Despite the fact that we had such challenges, we managed to support most of the families with food and money. However, this was only possible due to the amazing generosity of our sponsors who have continued to give despite the challenging conditions everywhere. Such courage, determination and support from all of you gives us the confidence that there is nothing we cannot achieve together as we go to next year 2021

Thank you so much for always staying by our side and please enjoy this edition of our newsletter and please share about wake up Uganda Children's Foundation to your friends and family members. Wishing you a happy and healthy festive season and glamorous New Year

Ayazika Moses

PROTECTING OUR GIRLS DURING THIS CRISIS

Our main worry throughout this year has been how to protect our girls especially in the adolescent stage. Substantial evidence from most parts of Uganda indicate that adolescent girls have been greatly affected by the covid crisis. They have been affected in a myriad of ways including adverse effects on education, personal safety, peer support, social connections and economic prospects. As a result, many girls have been forced into early marriages and have ended up getting unwanted pregnancies and thus stand a risk of dropping out of schools.



At Wake up Uganda Children's Foundation, we decided to get closer to our girls especially those in secondary schools since in our community, it's quite a big challenge to raise a girl child and in such times when schools were closed. Therefore, we encouraged them to join sports in order to create safer spaces, increase peer support and provide access to services that adolescents are entitled to. Sports have helped our girls to build confidence and stay focused as well as realizing their potential and strength in our community. More so, this has inspired other girls in the community to join us .

Furthermore, we have conducted group character training programs where we could invite the girls at the center to interact with one another. This has been achieved through organizing dancing competitions and fun games with an aim of keeping our girls focused and motivated. Check out this link <https://fb.watch/2w9DuaSSVP/>

MESSAGE FROM GIRL'S TEAM

I joined WUCFO girl's team with a big dream that I want to achieve. I knew that WUCFO would be the candle that would light my life and make me different and unique. Ever since I joined WUCFO, I have transformed into a new person. I feel important and even when am moving in the community people keep looking at me and many young girls call my name. Soccer has helped to get a good school on scholarship and now I am studying for free. I want to be a strong woman in a few years to come who would also inspire other girls to stay positive and stay on course. Am proud of my coaches, teammates and surely at WUCFO, I found a new family. I want to end by thanking the people who have continued to support us for instance we were given training kits, shoes and such assistance empowers most of the girls to be motivated.



MY EXPERIENCE DURING THE PANDEMIC

By Gloria

I would like to share with you about my life during corona virus. When they first shut down the schools in April, it felt like a holiday and I was actually happy to be at home with my family. However as time passed, I started feeling very sad and missing school, friends and teachers. Classes could be televised on TV stations and over radio stations but it was very difficult and boring to follow. The fact that I was in my final year in high school, I became more worried thinking that we would never go to school again. Every day, I would wake up early in the



morning and do house chores but that wasn't enough to keep me busy. I tried to visit my friends but even some of them had gone to the villages since life had become expensive and miserable. It was like I had been left in this big world alone.

However in September the government reopened schools and now am feeling motivated. While am happy and excited to be back at school and see my friends, I am also sad that some of my friends have dropped out of school because their families cannot take them back to school. All in all, classes are now smaller and we study while masks are on and despite all that, I am staying positive that things will soon return to normal

GO FUND ME CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

This year has many of us. It our lives as we and has left problems to time. So on as a tradition, people aware the hardship pandemic the last 8 Wake up Children's fought for an safe, happy future for our

By closing markets, shops



been hard on has changed know it forever many of us with fight for a long **Giving Tuesday**, we tried to make of WUCFO and the corona had on us. For years, we at Uganda Foundation have education, a and healthy children.

down the and limiting the daily on goings, the livelihood of our children and their families was severely compromised.

Families needed to move further into the village where life was cheaper. Children weren't able to go to school and normalcy was taken away. In the summer 2020 life seemed to improve, markets were open for a short time and generating income was possible. However, times are changing again due to the fact that the country is preparing for elections soon. And this has made people scared of what the next couple of weeks might bring. Therefore, on this cause we asked people for their support in order to give our children the most fundamental of help: food and clean water and actually we managed to raise over 1000us dollars and this was enough to give our children and their families a decent Christmas. Again we would everyone who stood with us in this cause.

COVID SUPPORT

During the complicated Uganda where the standstill. Markets were transport was decided to donate food to need. Remember life has in such times that everyone our dear sponsors thank to stand with us.



times of locked down in economy was at a closed and even public compromised. We some of the families in got to continue and it's needs the other. Lastly you so much for trying

MEETING WITH HOST FAMILIES

We successfully concluded a meeting with the Parents and Guardians. The meeting aimed at discussing issues related to child development as we try to achieve our set goals.



CONSTRUCTION OF SANITATION FACILITIES

