

2015

JESUITS OF EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE



[OCER CAMPION JESUIT COLLEGE (OCJC)]

2015 PROFILE

Brief History



Ocer Campion Jesuit College is the first Jesuit Secondary School in Uganda. It is a Catholic boarding school open to both boys and girls of all religious backgrounds. The school was officially opened in February 2010 with 35 students joining the pre-secondary preparatory class. Currently, 448 students (266 boys, 192 girls) are enrolled at the school, with 36 members of teaching staff (24 male, 12 female). The mission of the school is to provide

quality education in Northern Uganda, especially for children from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. OCJC aims to become a world class education institution producing Uganda's best professionals.

In April 2013, OCJC was registered with the Ministry of Education and Sports as a private 'O' level secondary school. In 2014, the school was granted an examination Centre number by the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) and had its pioneer class of students sit for Uganda Certificate Examination (UCE).

School Performance

A total of 42 candidates sat for the 2014 National Examinations. 22 of them (8 girls, 14 boys) attained Division One, while 20 (8 girls, 12 boys) attained Division Two. Ocer Campion was ranked 1st out of 70 schools in Gulu District. Out of 179 schools in Northern Uganda, the school was ranked 3rd and 69th out of 3,149 schools in Uganda.

Activities/Projects Implemented

The following activities were implemented in 2014:

Activity 1: Infrastructure Development

- **Installation of Water tanks:** Work started in December 2014 and was completed in January 2015. The 60,000 liter steel water tank has been installed to provide water in addition to the already existing 36,000 liter tank.
- **Construction of toilets for students:** Two outdoor toilets were constructed for boys and girls at the classroom and dorm sites.

- **Acquisition of Land:** 18.5 acres of additional land was acquired 25 kilometers from the school campus. The land will be used for agriculture, in an effort to supplement the ongoing food program for the students and staff.

Activity 2: Equipment and Furniture

- **Provision of Furniture:** An assortment of furniture including student chairs, lockers, teachers' tables, chairs and bookshelves were purchased for use by Senior 1 students and their teachers. Senior 1 classes are set to begin in May 2015.
- **Purchase of computers and accessories for the lab:** 20 computers and their accessories were purchased and installed in the lab. The computers are run using N-computing technology, which allows multiple users to simultaneously share a single operating system.
- **Internet Connection:** A new internet connection was installed, in addition to the existing connection of BOSCO Uganda to provide more reliable internet services. This enables students and teachers alike to carry out research via the internet.

Activity 3: Scholarships

- **Scholarships:** Through collaboration with local and international partners, 97 students received scholarships for partial and full tuition fees as well as scholastic requirements.

Activity 4: Transport and Maintenance works

- **Transport:** 3 vehicles; a 26 seat coaster bus, a 62 seat bus and a 4 tons tipper lorry, were purchased to improve transportation of students and ferrying of items such as construction materials, firewood and food items. This has greatly cut down transportation costs.
- **Maintenances:** these include rehabilitation of the boys' dormitory which involved flooring and cementing, solar batteries replacement, and leveling of walking paths.





Activity 6: Strategic Planning and Capacity Building

- **Capacity building workshop:** one (1) teacher attended a 4 day capacity building workshop on 'Needs Assessment and Project Proposal Writing Skills' organized by the Jesuit Development Office in Nairobi, in November 2014.
- **Strategic planning:** a strategic plan for 2015 – 2018 was formulated and awaits approval. The plan aims to earmark the development priorities of the institution over the next 2 to 4 years.

Activity 7: Partnerships & Collaboration

- **School Visits:** 8 pupils and 3 teachers from St. Ignatius Preparatory School, San Francisco, USA, spent 3 weeks at the school in September. They donated an assortment of items ranging from sports, uniforms, equipment, cloths and scholastic materials. Four representatives from Bainbridge Graduate Institute (BGI) also spent 3 weeks assessing potential areas of collaboration with the school. The joint visit also saw 2 delegates from Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and 4 student interns from Rockhurst University spend 6 weeks, climaxing to the visit of the President of Rockhurst University.
- **Monitoring visit:** 2 Misesan Cara staff conducted a 2 day monitoring visit for the 2 buildings they co-funded: the boys' dormitory and classroom block. Prior to their visit, a pre-monitoring visit was done by the Education Coordinator, Jesuit Irish Missions.
- **Students Peace Camp:** the yearly peace camp facilitated and supported by American Peace Corp volunteers took place in May. Several schools from northern Uganda attended the one week camp.

Challenges

- Insufficient funds to support the ongoing student sponsorship program
- High equipment maintenance costs and destruction of equipment by lightning

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