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OCER CAMPION JESUIT COLLEGE  
Gulu, Uganda

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### **Ocer Campion Jesuit College (OCJC), Gulu, Uganda**

Ocer Campion Jesuit College was established in 2010 as part of the Jesuit Eastern Africa Province Apostolic Plan of providing access to quality secondary education enriched with Christian values to vulnerable children in Northern Uganda. In order to support marginalized students the school provides boarding facilities to both female and male students, fee-subsidies/scholarships and guidance and counseling support. The school has an optional year of pre-secondary education to assist pupils who wish to join Ocer but do not have the academic qualification and thus have to raise their grades by re-sitting their Primary Leaving Examination. Currently, the school has a student population of 683 students (323 girls, 350 boys). Each student pays a tuition fee of UGX 2,234,250 (approx. US \$ 621). In 2017, 182 students (72 female, 110 male) received full scholarship support for their studies.

In February 2018, OCJC initiated 'A' Level Studies. The annual tuition fee per student for Advanced Secondary education is UGX 2,381,250 (approx. US \$661)

### **Academic Performance**

70 students sat for their 'O' Level examinations in 2017; Ocer was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the District, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the region and 94<sup>th</sup> in the Nation. In Mathematics, Ocer was ranked 19<sup>th</sup> countrywide.

### **Activities/Projects Implemented**

- **Completion of construction:** construction of the Jesuit residence that begun in 2016 was completed in 2017. On July 10<sup>th</sup> 2017, Father Joseph Afulo SJ, AOR Provincial Superior, officially opened and blessed St. Alberto Hurtado house. The house has 16 self-contained rooms with a lounge on each floor, a guestroom, chapel, library, dining area and a kitchen. With this development, there is more room for Jesuits and volunteers to work at the school. The nuns have also taken up residence in the former Jesuit house consequently creating room for female teachers in the girls' dormitory.
- **School infirmary:** the new infirmary has a capacity of 20 patients and is equipped with a treatment room, reception area, examination room and a drug store. It also has 2 self-contained rooms for the nurses alongside a dining area. This is convenient as the nurses no longer have to travel long distance to come and tend to sick students.
- **Boys' Dormitory:** construction for the boys' dormitory was completed in December 2017. This development has enabled expansion and the introduction of upper secondary level. The dormitory has a capacity of 300 students; it has 16 cubicles (each accommodating 8 students), a tutor's residence, 3 rooms for student leaders and 2 common rooms where students study, hold discussions as well as watch television. The boys' residence also has quarters to accommodate 4 male volunteers.

## Development Needs

Currently, construction of the Administration block and library has been completed. Both the administration block and library require furnishing so that they can be fully utilized.

Other developments that are yet to be initiated include:

- **Construction Projects**

- ***Girls' dormitory:*** due to the expansion and introduction of 'A' Level classes, there is need to expand the facilities to accommodate the increased number of students. The proposed dormitory will have a capacity of 300 students; 16 cubicles (each accommodating 8 students), a tutor's residence, 3 rooms for student leaders and 2 common rooms where students study, hold discussions as well as watch television. The dormitory will also have quarters to accommodate 4 female volunteers.
- ***Science laboratory:*** the proposed science laboratory will encompass Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Computer studies for 'A' Level students. The intention is to have separate laboratories and other facilities for the 'A' Level students separately to avoid interruption of 'O' Level classrooms.

## Other needs

- **Staff Capacity Building:** The school would like to offer regular seminars in areas like child protection, counseling, justice and peace and Ignatian pedagogy.

