



To Our Valued Friends and Supporters,

We, at Kids Club Kampala extend our sincerest appreciation for your unwavering commitment to our mission of empowering vulnerable children and families. As we reflect on the last half of 2024, we are humbled by the progress we've made together, and we recognize that none of it would be possible without your generous support.

Program Highlights:

The Ewafe Project: The Ewafe Project continues to provide a lifeline for abandoned and at-risk children in Kampala. From July to December 2024, we made significant strides:

Rescued and Supported: We identified and rescued 10 children, with 8 receiving care at our transitional home and 2 being referred to other suitable institutions.

Rehabilitation and Essential Services: We provided vital services to 86 children, including counseling, medical care, education, and skill-building programs to help them rebuild their lives.

Reunification Success: Through dedicated efforts, we successfully reunited 13 children with their families. 10 of these children were enrolled in the Gweneth School Project, and we conducted 22 follow-up visits with the reintegrated families to ensure their well-being. Additionally, we conducted 11 follow-up visits with children in foster care.

Preparing for Independent Living: We have identified 3 teenagers who will participate in our Independent Living project. These young adults will receive mentorship and vocational training to equip them for self-sufficiency when they turn 18.

Access to Education programme: We are committed to providing quality education to vulnerable children, and we've seen a significant increase in school enrollment and academic achievement.

Early Childhood Education: Our programme supported 98 children aged 3-6 with early childhood education, accompanied by daily hot nutritious meals, in the three slums of Katanga, Naguru, and Namuwongo.

School Sponsorship: Through our school sponsorship project, 181 children received support for school fees and learning materials. They also received Christmas gifts.

The Gweneth School Project: This project supported 16 children to continue their education after being reunited with their families through the Ewafe project.

Family Strengthening programme: This program equips families with the skills they need to become self-sufficient.

Mara Skilling Centre: The Mara Skilling Centre in Naguru slum offers four-month training courses in knitting and tailoring. In the last six months, 45 youths and women have graduated with certificates and starter machines, empowering them to build their own businesses.

Carpentry Project: Our carpentry project in Katanga slum has empowered 12 young people. They graduated with certificates and starter packs to help them launch their own carpentry businesses.

Income-Generating Activities: Two families were supported with initiatives to help them generate income.

Keeping Children Safe Programme: Our Keeping Children Safe programme remains central to our mission through various initiatives like:

Saturday Kids Clubs: Every Saturday, children are engaged in activities like Bible study, counseling, play, and meals in our 10 different centres that provide a safe haven for vulnerable children, offering them a supportive and nurturing environment. 900 children benefited from this in the last six months.

Safeguarding and Social Justice: In the last six months, we worked on 16 safeguarding cases (maltreatment, neglect, rape, and defilement) and 30 social justice cases (malicious damage, theft, defilement, and robbery). Working closely with authorities such as the police and probation officers to ensure children's rights are protected, our interventions include rescues, child inclusive mediation counseling, making social inquiries, providing counseling, and attending court sessions, resettling children back with their families.

The Teens Project: This project empowers teenage girls through support groups, counseling, and sanitary pad distribution. We distributed 1,727 pads to support their health and well-being.

Football Project: Our two teams (Naguru and Namuwongo) participated in 92 games and 2 tournaments. This project not only develops their sporting skills but also fosters teamwork, discipline, and healthy competition.

Events organised:



In the latter half of 2024, we engaged in a variety of impactful activities. These included:

- Celebrating Skill Development & Empowerment:** In August, we celebrated the graduation of 45 students from our knitting and tailoring project and in September, we honored 12 carpentry graduates. Each student received a certificate and a starter pack to kickstart their careers. – the tailoring students with sewing machines and the carpentry students with tools.
- Community Engagement and Recognition:** We also held a thrilling inter community football tournament where our two teams ie the Naguru team and the Namuwongo team competed fiercely, with the Naguru team emerging victorious with two trophies and Namuwongo with one trophy. In addition, we expressed our gratitude to our dedicated community volunteers with an end-of-year appreciation event.
- Festive Celebrations:** In December, we joined our children in celebrating the birth of Jesus through joyous Christmas parties at our three Early Childhood Development centers and Ewafe transitional home. Children participated in skits, dances, and songs, commemorating the Prince of Peace.

Visitors and Partnerships:



Over the past six month of 2024, we were delighted to welcome a steady stream of visitors, from our CEO all the way from the UK offices to generous donors, partners, friends, supporters, well-wishers and representatives from organizations like the Rotary Club UK and the Lions Club both from within Uganda and from around the globe.

These visits were truly inspiring. Some generously brought gifts and food for the children, while others explored opportunities for collaboration. We were also thrilled to see existing donors renew their commitment and explore ways to further support our mission.

Every visit, every interaction, brought a unique energy and strengthened our resolve to continue making a positive impact on the lives of children in Kampala. We are incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement we received from our visitors.



Impact stories:



In May 2022, we took in eight siblings who had been neglected after their father was imprisoned. Referred by a probation officer from Luwero, the children received medical care, counseling, shelter, and food at Ewafe Home, along with skills training in crafts and basket weaving.

As rehabilitation was ongoing, we traced their father and conducted assessments to determine how best to reintegrate the children. At the time, he was living at the Chairman's house. We decided to support him by providing an income-generating activity, hiring land and supplying a starter farming kit to help him become self-sufficient.

The seven younger siblings were enrolled in the Gweneth School Project, which will cover their school fees and needs even after reintegration. The eldest sister stayed at Ewafe for our Independent Living Project, where she is currently undergoing mentorship.

In December 2024, after a series of counseling sessions and with the father now in a stable position—having secured accommodation and a steady income—we decided it was time to reunite the children with him. When we delivered the children to his home, along with bedding and food, the father expressed his overwhelming gratitude. He said, *"I am so happy, I feel like throwing a party! I thought my children had been sold when I couldn't find them after I left prison. But when I learned they were safe at Ewafe, my heart was at peace. I am deeply thankful to Kids Club Kampala for helping me get back on my feet and reunite with my children. No one else was willing to help, and I was desperate to find them. You've given me the chance to care for them again."*

Lydia also shared her heartfelt gratitude: *"I am deeply thankful to Kids Club Kampala for all their support. My daughter had persistent eye problems that caused constant headaches, and she struggled in school, always coming last. We couldn't afford the medical check-ups she needed, but Kids Club Kampala stepped in, took her for an eye exam, and provided her with glasses. Now, she's doing much better and excelling in her studies."*

We were living in very poor conditions, with rain constantly getting inside our house, and my daughter even got bitten by a snake. After hearing our struggles, Kids Club Kampala decided to build us a new, safer home. We are now in much better living conditions, and they also helped us with clothes. We are incredibly happy and grateful. Long live Kids Club Kampala!"

Developments

The second half of 2024 brought significant changes and positive news for Kids Club Kampala.

- New ECD Center in Naguru:** We are thrilled to announce that construction has begun on a brand new, permanent Early Childhood Development (ECD) center in Naguru! This follows the unfortunate demolition of our previous center due to the sale of the land. This new facility, located next to our Mara Skilling Center, will provide a safe and nurturing environment for young children in the community, thanks to your generous support.
- Van for Ewafe School Children:** A heartfelt thank you to one of our compassionate donors who gifted a van to transport Ewafe children to and from School. This valuable resource will ensure safe and reliable transportation for our children, allowing them to continue their education without interruption.



Call to Action:

Your support is crucial as we strive to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families in Kampala's slums. Here are ways you can make a difference:

- **Give:** Your financial donations directly fund essential services, education, and care for those in need.
- **Sponsor a Child:** Invest in a child's future by sponsoring their education and give them the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- **Foster a Child:** Open your heart and home to a child in need by providing them with a loving and nurturing environment.
- **Volunteer:** Share your time and skills by mentoring, teaching, or assisting with administrative tasks.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our mission with your network to raise awareness and expand our reach.

Together, we can create a brighter future for children and families in need."

Your support fuels our mission to uplift vulnerable children and families in Kampala's slums. Together, we are making a real difference, bringing hope and love to those who need it most. Thank you for being a part of our journey of transformation.

Sincerely,

Kids Club Kampala.



Website:
Kidsclubkampalaug.org



Contact:
0200905793



Email address:
ugline@kidsclubkampala.org