



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

God is still on the throne and He will never forsake His own. He is the blessed controller of all things even amidst the Pandemic fears, anxiety and the uncertainties.

Thank you for standing with us at all times, supporting the Ministry through prayers and meeting its financial needs.

We have come this far because of your love, care and great support.

We have very quickly adapted and shifted to caring and training our girls at the center by the 3 staff members who are in house 24 hours a day.

We have offered simple food and aid-assistance to those pregnant girls now home-based and the students whose families can't afford during the lockdown. We have therefore multiplied the number of people we impact though the impact is obviously different.

The Lockdown has created

- Fear of corona virus among young mothers and staff, the girls have become vulnerable to external shocks
- Transporting expectant young mothers to hospital has become difficult.
- High prices of essential food.
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- All student mums are at home except the ones in the Agriculture institution. Education has been affected and not all our girl who were re integrated back for further education can manage online teaching especially our girls in rural areas who have no access to electricity.
- The ultra sound scanning was affected due to the lock down.
- At the Centre, we have 19 girls and 2 babies born to Rashida and Martha.
- The Hospital within our reach is costly.
- We are still not taking in any new admissions as new cases of Covid 19 have been detected in the country the waiting though of girls in need of our services is growing longer.
- The weekly gynaecologist's visits at the center are not possible so we communicate by phone over a girl's condition.



covid 19 prevention measures that the girls have been taken through



excerpts from the construction of the girls domitory project that is on going

Outreach

One of the girls visited during the lockdown

Rebecca is 16years gave birth to a baby girl named Esther 3 months old now. She came to Wakisa Ministries from a Christian foster family and was being taken care of by an organisation called Shared Love Uganda in Mukono.

Her parents are disabled, the father lost both legs and the mother is mentally sick. After the birth of her baby she was taken to live with another family but have been having

challenges. The baby has been sickly, with diarrhoea, stopped breastfeeding, and she looks underweight, they don't feed her well. Rebecca herself has a toothache. The foster family is sharing the little they have with her and the baby, now that the baby is sick, the family finds it hard to care for both.

While at Wakisa she was interested in tailoring but given an opportunity she would love to go back to school (p5) or study agriculture.



outreach food distribution - wakisa councillor with a young mum



pit latrine built by a wakisa girl in mbale district during the lock down

At the center

We still have 19 girls. We cannot thank our 2 staff Heroes enough Betty and Marion who has been literally standing in for all staff members and bearing the girls scrabbles and their psychological needs and demands.

The 2 young mothers with their babies and the pregnant girls at the centre are doing well and keep in touch with the outside world through television and phone calls with the counsellors and their families.

Like the rest of the world we have adopted methods of working from home while still serving the young mothers at the centre.

The mid wife, care taker and warden who have improvised a new schedule that is comfortable for all during the lock down.

Thank you for your prayers and timely intervention when Martha suffered seizures due to Eclampsia and was rushed to the nearby hospital. We are grateful for the Kampala City Council Authority that availed an ambulance to rush her to hospital. Martha and Rashida have their babies being held and pampered by the other pregnant girls.

The counsellors have been able to keep up with the counselling schedule by having virtual sessions with the girls, their parents and the girls who are home from school. Since internet has not been reliable, we make phone calls.

The young mothers who are at Agromax are in school and fine. The Agromax administration is strictly adhering to all guidelines towards COVID 19.



Martha & her baby



Rashida & her baby



girls at agromax

Vocational Skills

Are mainly 3, namely cookery, healthcare, and bible study conducted by the caretaker and midwife.

It is so encouraging to see the girls making baby blankets and bedcovers on their own. These are made from knitted squares sent to Wakisa Ministries. They have also made paper bead necklaces. We hope they will be able to make their own face masks.



girls with masks they made



catering class at wakisa



personalised baby clothes



crafts made at the center



Prayer Requests

Please pray for the girls at the center to have safe deliveries.

Please pray that we will cover the delivery bills at the nearby hospital, clear utility bills, food and toiletries for the center and young mums within reach at this trying time.

That the construction of the new Wakisa Center will continue. This will be the proper setting for social distancing - in the dormitory, birthing center and vocational skill demonstration space. We will need your support to achieve all.

Thank you again for what you are doing for Wakisa Ministries girls.

May the good Lord keep you, sustain you and cover you in His everlasting wings.

In His Name

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