



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We are grateful to God for the great support and love you have for the vulnerable girls. We have continued to admit the pregnant girls at the Center from different parts of the country .

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted all aspects of life in Uganda, resulting in school closures, loss of jobs, and disruptions in access to health and social services. But no group felt the effects of the pandemic more than adolescent girls.

When the country went into lock down in 2020, children stopped going to school as schools across the country shut down. By the time the year ended, some had been impregnated. The high rates of teenage pregnancy can be attributed to disruption to programmes that support access to sexual reproductive health information and services to school girls. Additionally, poverty has led to some parents marrying off their daughters in order to make money to survive.

Sponsorships

The young mothers in school are doing well and we have received positive reports of them settling into school well. The school term will be ending on 15th April 2022. We have 8 students in Primary school, 20 students in Secondary School and 10 students attending vocational studies.

We will be visiting the girls in March with their parents to ensure they are doing well, take school requirements and meet with their teachers to get progressive reports on their academics.



bathing classes at the center



an English class at the center

Admissions

We have 37 pregnant girls at the center. 4 girls delivered in the month of January 2022.

We had 10 admissions. The new girls were assessed and isolated from other girls. We discharged 2 young mothers.



Meet the Team



Counselling

Matilda is from a family of 6, her mother and step-father could not support her to attend school, so she has been living with her aunty (cousin to her father) who pays her fees. During holidays, the aunty encouraged Matilda to go and visit her family back home. She visited her parents for as long as schools were closed during lockdown .

Matilda suffered emotional trauma after her sister died in a motor accident. When her mother remarried, the step father sexually abused Matilda which made her trauma worse. The step father started abusing her at the age of 11 but her mother did not care because she wanted to get rich. She even threatened her with violence and death if she ever told anyone what was happening at home.

During the lock down, the neighbours got concerned about the closeness between Matilda and her step father but she never spoke to any of them even when they tried to reach out to her

The stepfather was suspected of being a robber around the villages so the neighbors became suspicious and informed the police . He was taken as a suspect but later he was returned.

When he got back home, he realised Matilda was pregnant and suggested to take her for an abortion so she could be able to go back to school. However, the auntie (cousin to the father) found out about Matilda's situation and picked her from her parents and brought her to Wakisa Ministries.

While at Wakisa Ministries, her parents have since tried to come for her and we are committed to protecting Matilda and supporting her aunty with further interventions after she has given birth.

Vocational Skills

Dresses, Snacks and Baby booties are some of items that were made in Cookery, Tailoring, Knitting, and Arts & Crafts respectively. Girls have been drawn to the Lord through the Bible study, The English class has given a lot of self confidence to the girls as they read the story books out loud .

Health and Baby care are on going. Other things like overalls, trousers and skirts were made in tailoring class.

In Health and Baby Care, Personal Hygiene has been empasied and all the 9 mothers have had the priviledge of practically bathing their babies insstead of using dolls .

The staff and a few volunteers also has had a real good training workshop in Theory of Change and Financial Systems. These were sponsored by WorldShare and have greatly improved our knowledge and skills in fulfilling our vision through the service we offer to the girls .

Wakisa Ministries was invited to give a talk on sexuality to 250 young girls in one of the Kampala primary schools called Namirembe Parent School Copies of the Youth Aim Booklet were given the pupils .



crafts class at the center



the girls with some outfits made in tailoring class



sexuality talk



girls in tailoring theory

Deliveries

With 5 babies at the center , one ceasrian section and 3 normal deliveries were in the month of February 2022, there are 9 babies in total .

The mothers and their babies are all healthy and receiving post natal care and support from the Midwife and medical team.

All pregnant girls had ultra-sound scan and attended antenatal care. The 30 girls had normal health reports and 1 girl with pre-eclampsia is on treatment.

We have 1 HIV positive girl and she is receiving medication and living positively.

Robina	15 years	Baby boy
kirabo	17 years	baby girl
Eunice	17 years	baby girl
Christine	14 years	baby boy



Health

Besides deliveries, Medical treatment for sick girls is one the costs that the Ministry has to meet .

A number of girls have been suffering from Urinary tract infections.

With 9 babies at the center they could not avoid getting the flu but we thank God they are getting better.

One male baby for Robina had phimosis but this was corrected .

Angel had brocho pneumonia but was also treated.

Barbara is still on treatment for bactrial vaginosis as well as candidiasis.

Angela is HIV positive and was initiated to retroviral drugs .

One of the new girls, Faith has been with suicidal thoughts and very hysterical but this has been managed mainly through praying with her every morning .



**THANK YOU
FOR HELPING
THE MINISTRY
TO HELP
THE GIRLS**

With your prayers and financial support we will be able to construct the Health Center .

May the good Lord bless you for enabling the girls to learn skills, deliver well, receive medical treatment and counselling, go back to school and feeding on a balanced diet .

May the good Lord bless you richly

In Christ

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