

# Newsletter

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**Let's Furnish the health center this month**

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**Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,**

We are profoundly grateful for your great love and support to the Wakisa Ministries girls and their babies. Such love is reflected in your prayers and financial support to make things happen in the lives of these pregnant girls. As Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love".

## Counselling and Admissions

Most of the girls who are hurt emotionally are relieved of pain through counselling sessions and prayers. Among the 30 girls in February five were emotionally traumatised due to what happened to them. Desire had given us a false name. She has been with false identity for the last 5 months. She was brought by the Probation officer from prison where she had been locked up for stealing a mobile phone. Down the road, she was touched by a message in John 8: 32. She confessed and told us her real name! She received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour! Desire says *“Now a heavy burden is off my chest. I want to become a transparent and sincere person and not disguise myself anymore”*.

### Life skills taught were

- Recap on the Youth Aim High booklet for the new girls to learn how to take care of themselves as teenagers.
- Life story of a traumatic experience and the importance of counselling and therapy from one of the visitors at Wakisa Ministries.
- Knowing oneself and a written exercise of the same.
- Introduction to the HIV/AIDS topic.

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Admissions 6

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Discharge 6

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## Infant care and Deliveries

This month, most of the new girls were taught the importance of attending Antenatal care, the normal and danger signs of pregnancy. The deaf and dumb girl who is almost due had to learn through the sign language teacher.

NO.	NAME	AGE	BABY	WEIGHT	DELIVERY
1	Christine	15	boy	2.7	Normal delivery
2	Desire	17	Girl	2.3	C/section
3	Fatuma	16	Girl	3.0	Normal Delivery
4	Swabra	15	Boy	2.8	C/Section
5	Joan	16	Boy	3.1	Normal Delivery

- 12 young pregnant mothers went to the hospital for an ultrasound scan.
- 14 pregnant girls went for antenatal this month.
- 5 young pregnant mothers had respiratory tract infections
- 6 had Urinary Tract Infections
- 5 had vaginal candidiasis
- 1 young pregnant mother with threatened abortion and it was managed.

## Vocational skills

### Cookery

In our cookery class, the girls learned to make queen cakes, local pancakes, pizza, Irish balls, French fries, and liver stew.

### Gardening

This month, the girls have transplanted vegetables, including tomatoes, spinach, and Sukuma wiki into the main garden and buckets as they were taught about urban gardening with limited land.

### Tailoring

*"I never imagined I could sew, let alone create beautiful garments," Peace reflects, "But here at Wakisa Ministries, I discovered a talent I never knew I had. I can now make maternity dresses, round skirts, and a round dress. I'm excited about the future and the endless possibilities this skill brings."*

### Art and craft

This month, the girls have learned to make dolls, each girl is making 2 bathing sponges, and they are also making a doormat.

### Computer class

The girls have embarked on learning PowerPoint presentations which has enhanced their digital literacy as they make visually engaging slides.

### Bible class

The girls learned about the fruits of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles' creed, and its meaning.

### English class

This month, the girls were taught about dialogue and conversations, how to create dialogue



## Sponsorship

We have 41 girls in the sponsorship program.

- 4 students at university.
- 6 students in A 'level.
- 17 students in O'level.
- 6 students in primary school.
- 6 girls are in vocational.

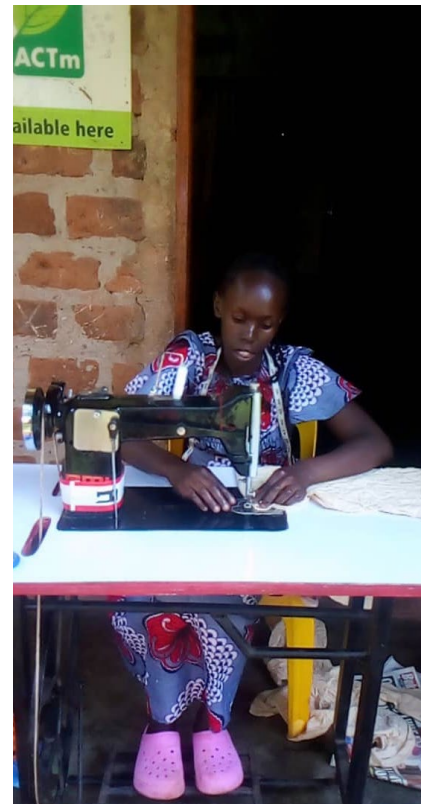
2 girls are in their senior six vacation waiting for results.

2 girls will be returning to school joining a new level (senior five) on 4th /03/2024.



## Follow Up

This month our follow-up programme met 25 girls were followed u .4 young mothers have joined formal education and 6 girls managed to join vocational education at Pope Paul Institute. These girls were able to join with the support of their parents to remain with their babies. The challenge most young mothers have is that they are very much willing to continue with education but they have no secure place to leave the babies. Some of the girls have small businesses while others are still taking care of their babies.



# IMPACT STORIES

## GLORIA

The highlight story for this month is about Gloria a 16-year-old young teenage mother. She came to Wakisa Ministries last year. She gave birth to a beautiful baby. Gloria's parents accepted her back home and was resettled safely. However, her father has refused to forgive her or to embrace her baby. He is still holding a lot of anger towards her daughter because he feels she disappointed him very much and feels all the school fees and support towards her were wasted.

Although he is willing to take back Gloria to school, the atmosphere in the home is filled with animosity !! The relationship between her and her dad is so poor that it has affected his relationship with his wife. Gloria's father has decided to leave the home and stay alone in a different house within the neighbourhood. If he happens to go back to the house, the only communication between him and his daughter is hullo. There is no longer any father-daughter relationship as it were. His

desire is for Gloria to take her baby to the man who made her pregnant because he's not ready to spend any penny on the baby since he has already played his part as a father.

On the other hand, Gloria's mother is very supportive that she managed to support her with some small capital so she can start up a small business that's in line with what she learned while at Wakisa Ministries. Despite Gloria's poor relationship with her father, she has not lost hope nor given up on her dream of going back to high school and joining S.3, and later on studying Law so she can become a Lawyer. While at Wakisa she learned several vocational skills and among them was cookery which she's involved in currently. She sells fried cassava, and roasted maize She hopes to grow the business with time. Gloria is grateful to Wakisa for equipping her with a skill she has some work and earns something and can support herself and her baby.



## Health Center Construction

*We are excited about the construction, it is the last phase of the Health centre !! We give the glory to the good Lord for the construction and we pray that He provides for the furnishing and medical equipment fund.*

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**WE REMAIN GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, CARE AND LOVE.**

**In Christ**

**Vivian Kityo**  
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