



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We are all looking to our God of hope who fills us with peace as we believe in Him even during this crucial time.

On 20th March, we closed our doors to new admissions as we do our best to keep the girls and baby at the centre safe. Out of the 25 girls, 7 were discharged. Among the 7 was one Christine 15 yrs had a miscarriage and Berna 16 had a blighted ovum The other 4 were resettled in their families just before lockdown. Jamila 14 yrs was the last one to go with her 2 week old baby. we have 19 girls and we have closed the center from the public. The waiting listing of those who need Wakisa services is 5.

Today's phone call by a lady informed us of a desperate need of Wakisa Shelter by a 17 year old pregnant girl whose family is becoming harsh and violent to her that she is threatening to kill herself!

Sponsorship

27 of the 35 girls on the sponsorship program are home from school following the guidelines by the President of Uganda to close schools. The 8 are a tertiary institution that has closed its doors like we have at the Ministry.

Prior to the closure of schools, we had visited some school girls and others were yet to be visited.

The schools are: St Micheal Secondary School, Buloba Primary and Secondary, Namirembe Infant Primary and Agromax.



Violet at school visit



visitation day at the school



violet at school during the visit



making pumpkin soup



half cakes made in catering class



christine receives her letter from Barbie & Jerry

Vocational Skills Results & Outreach

It is so encouraging to us to see our young mums capable of earning a living Before the lockdown, the outreach team was able to get intouch with 10 girls, here are a few updates;

Samalie in Mbale was given start-up capital by Wakisa Ministry. From this, she bought two piglets to add to her few chickens. Samalie is happy with her work and knows her small animal farm will yield some results as she continues following good practices for her animals.

Veronica learnt tailoring while she was at Wakisa and she is the only one in her area with a sewing machine mending clothes for the locals .She is happy with her achievement.

Winnie is working as a Credit Officer and management trainee at Solar Uganda.

Anita is working in a supermarket in Kitende and she is able to take care of herself and her baby.

Esther works at a call centre.

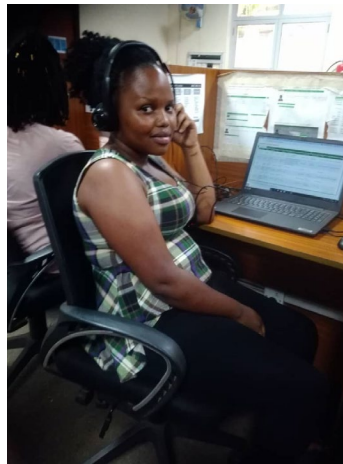
Jolly is in Mbarara University and does some jobs in people's homes in her free time to provide for herself and her baby.

Amina has opened up a store selling second hand clothes. After Wakisa Ministries she went to stay with the father of her child and they have since settled together and have 2 more children. Amina and this boyfriend are planning to get legally married

Teddy is a nursery school teacher in Nansana and she works hard for her son Tyron. She admits she is struggling as her family abandoned her and so did the father of the child.



Rose, Faith with their babies



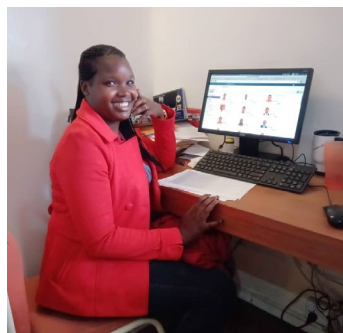
Esther at the call center



Anita who works in a supermarket



Samalie and her 2 piglets



Winnie at work



Amina near her store

Updates



Corona virus pandemic has redefined the way we are offering our services to the young mothers. As a Ministry we have been following our Government updates and directives.

The girls are all safe and healthy including us; we pray we will all remain that way .And that it will be so for each of you and your families.

The following measures have been implemented in light of those developments ;

- Social distancing, most of us have been working from home for the last 2 weeks.
- As of today, we are only 3 of us at the center. All staff are constantly updated of the changes.

The staff that commute using public means to work have been asked to stay home and work remotely while the Warden, Midwife and Attendant stay with the girls and ensure they

are following the Ministry of Health guidelines to control COVID – 19 by maintaining hygiene, distance and have the Ministry of Health's toll-free numbers.

We have trained the girls on the serious danger of the corona virus and illustrated to them the way to keep themselves protected .

We have closed the center from new admissions though we have those that are pleading to be sheltered.

We have taken precautionary hygiene measures for staff at the center to be as safe as possible while at office; hand sanitisers for hand washing for girls and staff.

We have stored some more essentials and food but we will need more food supplies and energy such charcoal.

Updates

We have halted the vocational training skills except for the cookery and handcraft classes which the 2 staff can handle.

The public transport has been stopped for 14 days so we have a taxi which can be hired to rush a girl in labor any time of the day and night .

Our frustration has been the exorbitant cost the vendors have placed on hand sanitisers, and the food supplies such as grains have doubled in price and we appeal for more funds to purchase more food.

Once again we covet your prayers ,financial support and encouragement.

We thank God for your love and financial support to give these young mothers hope and a future.We will be grateful for your continued support.

Another way to send funds is through The King Baudouin Foundation United States .They gave us an opportunity to raise funds through them. Wakisa Ministries by following the link;

<https://kbfus.networkforgood.com/projects/52639-w-kbfus-funds-wakisa-ministries-ug>

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