



March Babies

Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

Every other day we receive a phone call of a person who is seeking out for Wakisa service. Surprisingly the distance has not put any one off and so the people and girls find us. Giving directions to here, just like many places in Uganda proves not easy as the roads are not clearly marked or marked at all.

The month end comes with heavy showers of

rain, so it is green and lush at the new center which is quite a huge contrast to the old center.

We are grateful to God for the vegetables, maize and yams that have sprung up in the garden.

We are so thankful to God for you for being part of this safe haven service to the vulnerable.

Admissions

We have 26 girls at the center of these, 6 are young mothers. This month we have had 3 new born babies and the mothers and babies are all healthy and well. 4 young mothers were successfully resettled at home.

New Borns

■ Aisha Asimwe	17years	Baby boy	4.3kg
■ Aisha Nakato	13 years	Baby boy	3.0kg
■ Harriet	18 years	Baby boy	3.0 kg



Schools Reopened

We appreciate all our sponsorship partners and thank you for your financial support, we have 28 young mothers in formal education and 10 young mothers in tertiary education.

The sponsorship program has given hope to the young girls that they too can go back to school and thrive. This has given new outlook to the new girls who come to the centre when they have given up and are not interested in growing or learning; they have taken up keen interest and are active in the vocational and life skills training classes we have at the centre.



Leona

Leona is 17 years old, she was raped by her brother in law and her family members suggested she gets an abortion. When she objected and her mother supported her decision, the family members ganged up against Leona and her mother chasing them both from home.

Leona's mother knew of Wakisa Ministries and brought her daughter here where she would be safe and went back home to work on her relationship with her husband she can continue to protect Leona's other siblings especially the girls who might also become victims of sexual abuse.

Leona is at Wakisa Ministries and is relieved not to have an abortion.

Keep us in your prayers for wisdom as we navigate this situation and for Leona who is broken and hurt by the family turning against her.



Brenda

Brenda is 16 years old and was raped by her father. When she realised she was pregnant and told him, he beat her up and told her it was her boyfriend that got her pregnant. Brenda believes her father raped her as a ritual for luck and prosperity.

Brenda reported this to her siblings who reported their father to the police and he was arrested. Unfortunately, he managed to bribe the police and was set free. When he got back home, he chased Brenda away from home. Her siblings then went and reported the incident to a human rights office and they brought Brenda to Wakisa Ministries.

Brenda is hurt and does not want to go back home anytime soon.

Vocational Skills

The vocational classes at the centre are now held in the teaching facility where the girls learnt theory and practical classes in cookery. They were taught nutritional value of stable foods in Uganda, how to make German pancakes (taught by Karola a volunteer). They also learnt how to make egg-rolls and bagiya.

This will enable them to prepare food for their

families, and set up small businesses in their communities, gain employment in restaurants so they can earn a living to support their babies.

Aunt Harriet the cookery class teacher is passionate about the young girls and ensures they make nutritious food for the new mothers and weaned babies.



tailoring class



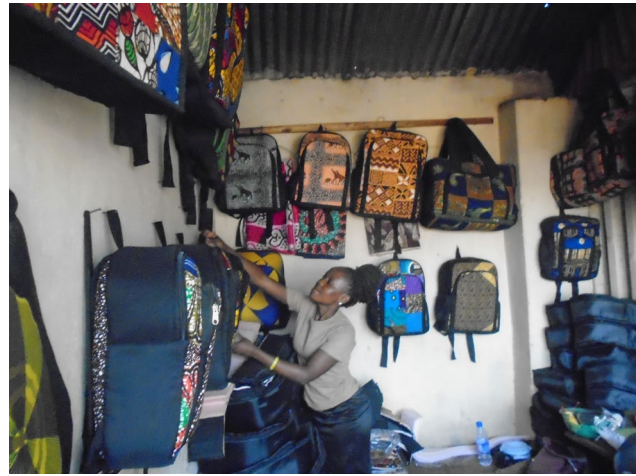
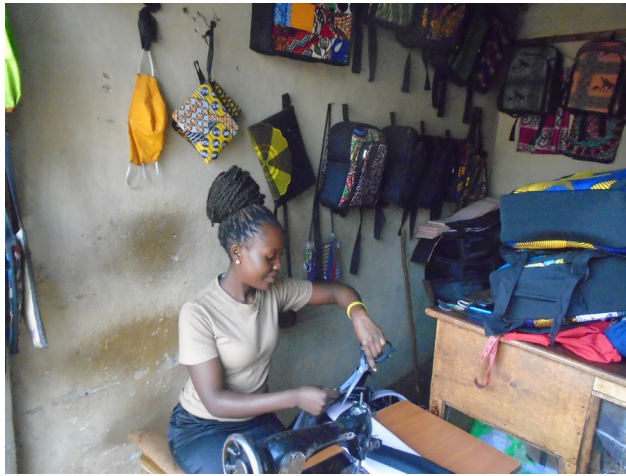
catering class for the girls with Auntie Harriet



how to use a fork and knife



some pieces from the tailoring class



Success Story

Viola now 20 came to Wakisa Ministries in 2018 when she was pregnant and had been abandoned by her boyfriend (he was responsible for the pregnancy), chased away from home and none of her friends could offer housing or any support. As she sought where to stay and how to survive, a friend to her mother recommended Wakisa Ministries and that is how Viola came to Wakisa Ministries.

At Wakisa Ministries, Viola took keen interest in tailoring and cookery. Viola shares;

“I learnt how to peddle the sewing machine, to wind the thread on the bobbin ring, sew straight lines on thick fabric, place cushion pads of various sizes to make bag cushion, and take measurements for toilet and hand bags of various shapes and sizes.”

After Wakisa Ministries, with capital from her mother, Viola began making bags and crafts and now she has a shop from which she earns a living selling bags and crafts. Viola encourages other young mothers to gain a skill and use the skills to become financially independent and not rely on men and boys for sustenance. She is able to provide for her baby and her mother.

Viola would like to go to a tailoring and design school to improve her skill and expand her skills





Prayer Requests

Please

Pray for the young traumatised girls that they will heal from the hurt and brokenness they have experienced.

Pray for the counselling and outreach team who work tirelessly to find safe homes for the girls who have been abused especially by their family members for they have no home to go back to.

Pray that we raise the funds for the health block and the Admin block.

Thank you for the generous spirit and for your love for the little babies and the young mums.

May the lord bless you

In Christ

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