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## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

Warm Easter greetings to you from Wakisa Ministries! Our most sincere gratitude for your love, concern and great support **FOR THESE YOUNG MUMS!!**

Your love and support for the girls and babies are a beacon of hope and compassion. Your prayers and contribution are the thread that weaves together the fabric of their lives, illuminating pathways to a brighter future. Join us as we celebrate the triumphs, navigate the challenges, and embark on a journey of possibility and promise.

The 31 young pregnant girls currently at the centre reflect the mercy and saving grace of the Lord through your support and prayers. The emotional healing of many is a clear indication of God's love and ability to revive a downtrodden heart. Though our weather has been extremely hot with high humidity, high temperatures and scorching sun activities are going on here. The country next door (South Sudan) has suffered the same heat wave such that their schools have been closed.



## HERE ARE A FEW STORIES TO SHARE WITH YOU

**Tryphosa** had twins 3 weeks ago. She is well though she is not breastfeeding because she has AIDS. She was born with HIV but got engaged in a sexual relationship. The two baby girls weighed 1.8kg and 1.6 kg at birth were retained in the hospital for a week in a special care unit. One of the twins had a distended abdomen but has now recovered. We thank God the mother and her twins are well.

**Joan** the deaf and dumb young loves her kid to bits!! She does not want the girls to hold her baby except her special friend Nina.! She seems to communicate with her baby by her warm loving smiles and kisses. The baby and mother are bonding very well.

**Betty** 15 years with one arm, is 2 months pregnant. The neighbour took advantage of Betty when she had gone down to the garden to keep the monkeys away which were eating their crops in the garden. This neighbour chased

Betty and she was running away she tripped and fell and he raped her. She went home crying and told her mum and dad what had happened. The matter was reported to the police and the man was apprehended but he was released because the police believed him rather than the girl! Now that she is pregnant, a DNA test will prove the father of the baby but the parents are too poor to afford the costs

**Melon** the newest admission, was brought yesterday from the Western part of Uganda and she is 2 months pregnant. She lost her mum when she was 10 years old and has been staying with a couple who are her guardians. Melon was raped in November by the husband of her auntie but she feared telling her auntie. Melon told the school matron when they found out she was pregnant. The man was reported to the police who took the guardian away. where he has been for less than a week.

*She says loves Wakisa centre because it is a safe haven for her now.*

Joan 16 needs your prayers. She is so concerned about her single mum's lifestyle. The mother brings every now and then different men in their one-roomed house! She drinks local brew every day! She has 4 children from three different men.

Joan with the conditions above had to sleep with friends whenever mum turned up with a man and so she met her fate at a friend's house when a man seemed to have sympathy but later on used her. The guardian, a kind neighbour who was paying her school fees vowed not to care for her anymore when she realized that Joan was pregnant. Joan has found Jesus Christ and true love and care and is praying for the behavioural change of her mum.





## SPIRITUALITY

God has touched the hearts of girls through bible reading by the staff and guest Ministers. Ten of the young confessed Christ as their Lord and Saviour this month.

Two Moslem girls Fatuma and Azizza accepted Jesus Christ to our amazement and joy.! Fatuma asked for a Bible to read at the dormitory .Let us keep praying for these two to grow spiritually.

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## SPONSORSHIP

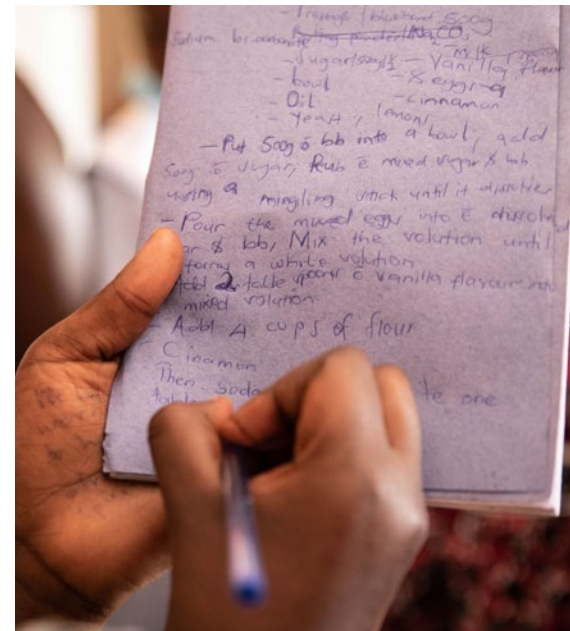
We have 41 girls in the sponsorship program.

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

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- Two girls reported to school this month, senior 5 and senior 3 at Buloba high school.
  - The two senior four candidates excelled in the UCE exams with great grades in second division. Achen Aisha scored 36 aggregates and Carol Nanozi scored 39 aggregates.
  - The senior six candidates also performed well, Achipa Sylvia with 18 points and Nalyaka Sylvia with 11 points.
  - This month all students both in primary and secondary were visited at their respective schools. The girls were provided with basic needs like soap, toilet papers, sanitary towels, books, Vaseline, toothpaste and pocket money.



## VOCATIONAL SKILLS



### Cookery

In our cookery class, the girls learned to fried Irish potatoes, spiced fried liver stew, half cakes, French fries, vegetable soup, spaghetti and cabbage spring rolls.

### Gardening

This month, the girls have been actively watering the vegetables, weeding the garden and made a few harvests of the vegetables they planted.

### Tailoring

with a new group of girls, they are learning the basics of tailoring like identification of measurements, types of fabric, how to measure parts of the body, how to handle scissors and a measuring tape.

### Art and craft

This month, the girls are learning to make table matts out of beads. A few girls have grasped the concept and are teaching the rest on how to make them.

### Computer class

This month, the new girls are on the introduction module of computer curriculum while the rest of the girls are still mastering PowerPoint presentations.

### Bible class

This month the main focus of the class has been the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the significance in the lives of the girls.

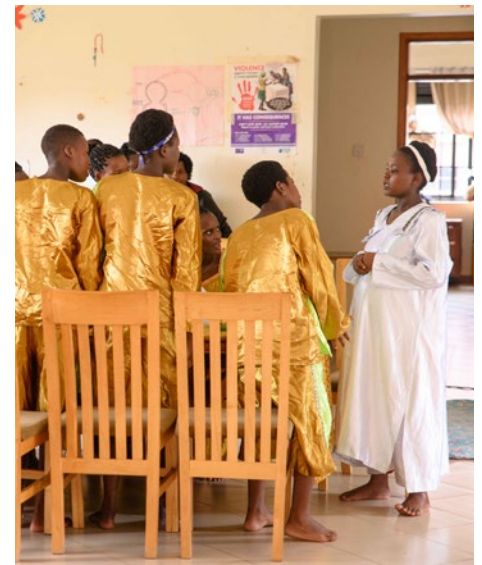
### English class

This month, the girls had debate session, to help the girls improve on their confidence, self-esteem and public speaking, Spelling and punctuation lastly how to read and write.



## DRAMA

As Easter approaches, the girls have diligently rehearsed an Easter play, traditional dances, and a Wakisa poem. This culminated in a special presentation scheduled on Thursday 28th March 2024, coinciding with the Last Supper, to our staff and select guests. This commemoration serves as a reflection on the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# IMPACT STORY

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## ELENA

Elena, a 15-year-old teenage mother from Lwengo District located in the Central region of Uganda. Hellen came to Wakisa Ministries in June 2023, she was 3 months pregnant. Elena has since given birth to a gorgeous baby girl who's now 3 months old and has since reunited with her family. Although the baby's paternal grandparents aren't supportive in any way, Elena's mother adores her granddaughter, cares for, loves and is very supportive of both Elena and her baby.

While at Wakisa, Elena was very focused on all the vocational skills and grasped most of them. Outside class, she was an outgoing girl, very cooperative and associated well with her peers and respected all the staff members. By the time she left Wakisa, she had gained a lot of confidence and self-respect which wasn't the case when she

first arrived at the Ministry. Her character was very outstanding, she was very active during devotions as most times she volunteered in reading of the Luganda Bible dialect and was also very good at drumming during praise and worship.

On returning home, Elena didn't just shovel what she had learnt at Wakisa. With her mother's support, she was able to implement what she learnt from the cookery class. She started a small business of frying cassava chips and pancakes which keep her busy, focused and able to support her baby. Although she's occupied with her small business, she's still determined to go back to school when her mother gets the school tuition so she can finish her O' Level studies next year. Her dream is to become a professional Midwife.





## FOLLOW UP

This month of March, 9 girls were followed on 5 young mothers are back in school, 2 young mothers started small businesses and 2 young mothers are still at home nursing their babies.



## PROGRESS ON HEALTH CENTER



Tremendous progress has been made towards the construction of the health Centre, window frames have been installed, plumbing is done and at the moment we are at the phase of working on the floor.

**HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!  
HE IS RISEN!**

HAPPY  
*Easter*

**In Christ**

**Vivian Kityo**  
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