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LWERUDES0 pays gratitude to our development partners namely; Lwengo Kids Foundation, C&U, DOOINGOOD, PEACECORPS, sponsors and other well-wishers for the support that enabled us implement the planned activities. Gratitude is also extended to the volunteers for their commitment, local government and political leaders in Lwengo district who provide continuous guidance and support to us.

We salute the community members and staff members at all levels who put in a lot of effort and commitment to ensure that LWERUDES0 realizes its targets and deliver good quality services to the community. LWERUDES0 will continue to serve through community approach for sustainability purpose.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overall, there is a noticeable trend towards improving service delivery in projects particularly in the sector of education and health in Lwengo community. Improved family health through activities like dishrack and stove construction, family sensitization on health programs, supporting education of their children, community participation in development process, animal rearing for family income improvement, improved vegetable growing skills training are all done. To some extent agricultural production improved though faced with a challenge of weather conditions which demoralizes some farmers.

We thank all stake holders who are partnering with LWERUDES0 to realize a change and improved livelihood in Lwengo community and call upon every stakeholder for the continuous unity, support and joint development.

The year began amidst financial challenges as all institutions were recovering from the long term lockdown period which led to poverty as a result of job losses, price instability of basic commodities which all these caused a complicated life for the general population.

The organization resumed operation in January with a number of activities as were planned in different departments as elaborated below.

VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP PROJECT.

Our organization gives opportunity to volunteers and interns in various fields like health, education, agri-business and social work to do hands-on training. We have had a number of successful interns from different parts of the world who after practice they go and graduate.

We received a number of volunteers of different specialties this year and with them a number of activities were done in the community, at school and at the healthcentre. sharing of knowledge and experiences, culture integration and learning various skills from both parties.

We also managed to successfully organize and make new files for the sponsored kids at Lwerudeso primary school.

Stove making



Dishrack construction



Waste management

The globe is affected much by plastic waste thus destroying human, animal, aquatic and plant life as a result of poor disposal.

In our community Lwengo in particular, we are victims of the same and no serious measures are put in place to curb the problem with all the negative outcomes. People have contracted diseases, spent much on treatment hence economic stagnation.



An environment conservation program was initiated which intended to preserve animal, human and plant life. In this, a plastic recycling project where plastics are collected and taken to a recycling factory to make new products rather than burning or poorly disposing them was thought of.

We managed to visit the plastic recycling company to get more information on how we can manage plastic in Lwengo community.

The campaign started at school where teaching staff and the children were sensitized on the advantages of recycling.

Later the school children joined their teachers and volunteers to collect plastics in Nakyenyi community which we found was largely covered with a lot of plastics poorly disposed exposing the community to health risks.

We also managed to setup a plastic collection point at school where children and staff can bring their plastic and collect it there.

The organization was blessed with a specialist in waste management who was from the Netherlands who made a research and we are awaiting a report which will be shared among the relevant authorities for action.

INTERNSHIP

Lwerudeso has always got and placed international interns in our health Centre and other neighboring viable healthcentres which is helping a lot in sharing knowledge and experience. This year we got four interns from Netherlands who did their practice from LWERUDES0 healthcenter, St. Francis health CentreMbirizi and Lwengo health center IV. Their program was successful and we hope they achieve their academic goals back home. These were placed by C&U of Netherlands.

The organization provides employment opportunities in various fields like health, social work, agriculture and education. This is open for both local and international interns.

AGRICULTURE PROJECT (FOOD SECURITY).

The project rears 1 dairy cows for providing milk to the school community. The milk is mixed with the porridge for all children to boost their immunity and diet balance. We expect the milk to increase in quantity as the young two cows mature.



The school practices crop growing to supplement the bought food for children and staff. This year, we harvested maize, beans and bananas. Children are also trained in agriculture activities as part of their learning.



This year, Over 50 households were mobilized and trained in organic farming that was conducted twice and later seedlings were given to them for planting. These included eggplants, dodo, plantains and Nakati and were given to families that had

attended the workshop who will be monitored to track the progress of the vegetable gardens.



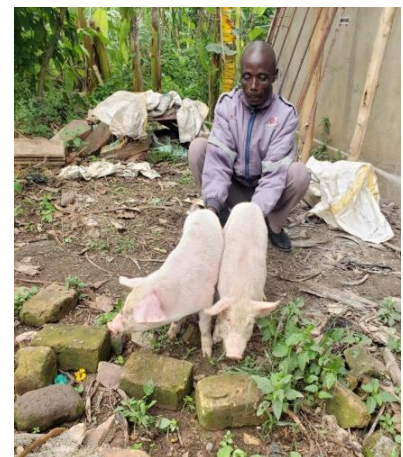
The project carried out maintenance in the tree project to prepare them for another harvest. Pruning and weeding were done.

The school has this year benefited from this project where firewood was supplied to the school, a reduction on wood expense.

Piggery and goat project

Following the pandemic that led to death of piglets the last year 2021, many beneficiaries lost them while a few still have them. This year, we have gone ahead to give out more piglets with new families benefiting from both males and females. The parents of our children are briefed on better rearing methods to ensure good quality output. More piglets are still being given to ready beneficiaries for project continuity. They will continue to be monitored for updates and follow-up.

However, the challenge we are facing is that the costs of feeding raised so much to more than double of what we used to spend the previous years which negatively affected the project budget.



Food security program.

In August this year, we held a training that was about food security, nutrition improvement and post-harvest management. Facilitators from our organization and others from RUCID-Mityana were key in this session.

A total of 50 farmers attended this program as parish representatives to go and extend the service in the community.



In this intended program, various food items are cleaned, chopped appropriately, placed in a drier for some time to dry, ground into powder form and can be stored longer. This product can also be consumed in mixtures for nutrition improvement.

Farmers were trained how to make a drier and dry their own food stuffs. A demonstration drier was made and placed at LWERUDES health Centre for easy access by community members.



Below are samples of the sliced bananas placed in the drier to dry and prepare them for the next phase.



Below is the grinder that is used to grind the dried food materials.



The committee decided to dry cabbages, bananas and yellow bananas to improve school going children's nutrition. We hope that in future with the success of this program it will be easy to reduce post-harvest losses, add value to different food categories and also benefit farmers with the market.

LIVELIHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Family support



A young boy by names of Jjuuko Ryan in Bulamazzi got an accident while he was looking for a living in Kampala which left his thigh bones broken. The executive director managed to get financial support for him and has been attached to an appropriate hospital and will be operated soon. We appreciate all well-wishers

who have mobilized funds for his treatment and still more help is appreciated to make this young man restore his normal shape.

Kayesu Layton.

She is in primary one going to primary two the next year 2023. She was registered



for sponsorship program after finding out that her mother was mentally disabled and had got pregnant by being raped. This left Kayesu with a single mother not knowing the father. In July 2022 Kayesu lost her mother after drowning in a local water well. The

executive director, Lwengo Kids Foundation representative visited the family to deliver comforting news from sponsors and friends in Holland and from the organization office.

IDDI family support

Lwerudeso in partnership with Lwengo Kids Foundation and sponsors has always committed to support vulnerable families with food items every year in Lwengo Community. This year in May, over 60 vulnerable households were given home items that included sugar, soap, salt, rice, meat and cooking oil for IDDI celebrations. These included Muslim and non-Muslim families.

This is out of the donation by Ozlem who is one of our sponsors.



Also the month of July, a donation was given by Ozlem&AytenKilic who are our sponsors to purchase IDDI package. We were able to buy a cow and two goats which served 90 families and over 183 children at LWERUDES0 Primary School



We are forever grateful for the support and wellbeing of Muslim community and the entire Lwengo communitiy as a whole.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We are grateful for our sponsors from Lwengo Kids Foundation who have always given our vulnerable children a Christmas package every year. This year every child received a hen and rice to enjoy their Christmas festive.



THE SCHOOL PROJECT

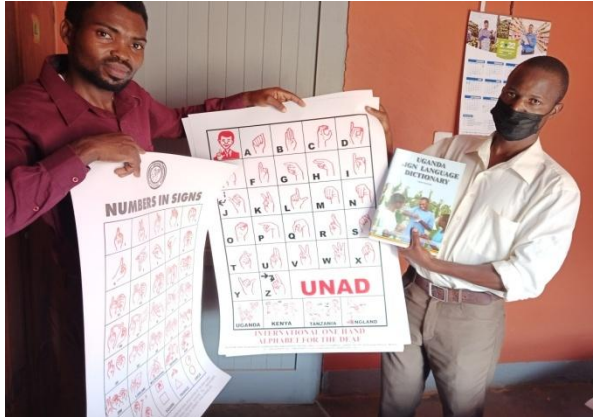
The government of Uganda opened the academic year for primary schools officially early January and ended in November 2022 and LWERUDES primary school followed the same.



This year we enrolled 259 boys, 296 girls. These children include children with special needs and the deaf

We have continued to facilitate the learning and teaching process of 555 children and registered 38 children to complete primary seven and await their results.

The school received play materials for young children and also basic learning equipment for the deaf children to supplement the available materials. These include swings, projector, dictionary, text books, and a new printer.



Over 60 vulnerable children received shoulder bags from Lwengo Kids Foundation to help them keep their books and other scholastic materials. This also motivates them to keep in school and have hope for higher levels.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Lwerudeso in partnership with Lwengo Kids Foundation continues to provide opportunities to enable vulnerable children access quality education through sponsorship program. We now have 239 sponsored children.

With great thanks we appreciate Lwengo kids Foundation and sponsors for all the support rendered to LWERUDES0 through finance and other forms.

we are happy that this year these children were supported for their education, health and their wellbeing in the community.



Medication

We support children living with HIV. They study with others, receive counselling services and are helped to receive medication, and food supplements.

Some children have complicated cases which are beyond parents' management due to high expenses and parents' poverty. The project has always intervened to support these children have proper medication.

For example, Nabirumbi Eva's eye has to be operated but the parents can't handle, so project with Lwengo Kids Foundation intervened and the child is receiving proper medication. She will be in primary four by 2023 and is supported by Lwengo Kids Foundation to study. She got an accident which caused an internal injury in



her eye and let it bleed pus. It is sometimes painful and required operation that was expensive for the parents thus the organisation intervened to support the child and her family.

Children with Special Needs

LWERUDESU practices education of children with special needs addressing their individual learning differences and needs. Common special needs cases include; learning disabilities, communication disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, and developmental disabilities. These children are given psychosocial therapy, physical support, learning to express themselves in society, have self-confidence and the feeling of community fit.

These children are characterized by so many problems like improper feeding, poor health and medication, discrimination at home.

Children like Ssendyona Justus who has a mental disability could not help himself



go to the toilet at the start but now he can do it by himself, eat and play with other children. This boy is improving as he can write figures from 1-5 by himself. Continuous nurturing of these children can turn them into very important people for the community.

Ssemanda Timothy is our new boy from Bukumbula village and has been enrolled



to school at seven years. He is deaf and lost his father when he was young so he stays with his poor vulnerable mother who had lost hope in his son. She is now excited that his boy is being supported to study under Lwerudesu primary school with the deaf children. In Lwengo district and the neighboring communities there are no schools which support deaf children and we are happy that we can fill this gap.

As per now we have children who are deaf at LWERUDESU primary school and deaf teachers who work hand in hand with other teachers to ensure that these children

are equally taught. We are intending to establish this into formal learning by putting up their separate classrooms and independent sign language instruction.

Ssempebwa Henry, who has a disability in his legs and arms, has been enrolled in a



good vocational skills school in Masaka to train in leather works. This is being done to enable these children get hands-on skills for their future living because they cant handle academics.

He has already learnt how to make sandles which is a good sign of success.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In the year 2022, LWERUDES health centre performed as follows in the different departments

Care and treatment

A total of 2980 clients including LWERUDES school children were treated with various conditions as listed below

Condition	Number of cases
malaria	1373
Hypertension	194
Septicaemia	72
Respiratory tract conditions	1012
Gastro intestinal conditions	198
Urinary tract infections	80
Sexually transmitted infections	31
Typhoid fever	10
Diabetes mellitus	99
Eye conditions	52
Injuries/trauma	80
Skin conditions	104
Joint and bone diseases	73
Family planning	25
ANC	102
deliveries	12
Abnormal pregnancy	14
Tooth extraction	01
Others	136
Total	3913

Prevention services

Immunisation

A total of 217 children were immunised against the various immunisable diseases.

HIV testing; 56 clients were tested for HIV and 2 were HIV positive. These were referred to Lwengo health centre IV for ART initiation.

Maternity section.

This year we received donations from Lwengo Kids Foundation and other sponsors that was used to purchase a number of items which included one delivery bed, oxygen concentrator, electric suction machine and others.



We also built Placenta pit, incinerator and Sharps pit for proper waste management.



This year, we installed an underground water pump system at the health Centre to ensure continuous clean and safe water supply in rainy and dry season within the health center and the neighborhood.



- Some Laboratory equipment and furniture were installed. This has increased the number and quality of tests performed at our health center.



However we still have a big challenge of expanding and equipping the facility for more complicated cases that we receive.

We sincerely appreciate everyone who is contributing to this genuine work and wish you a Happy new year and very much willing to continue our partnership with all well-wishers to improve the livelihood of the vulnerable poor in Lwengo district.

May God bless you

**JJUUKO ANTHONY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**