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Our Vision:

Sustainable transformation for a wealthy and healthy society.

Our Mission:

To build and strengthen sustainable family and community initiatives for healthy, income generation, food security and development through improved partnership at all levels.

Dear partner

We would like to congratulate and appreciate you for yet another year of excellent service being rendered to our community Lwengo towards improving the livelihood of our beloved vulnerable population.

LWERUDES0 SPONSORSHIP MANAGEMENT PROJECT

We are so grateful to all partners that are working hard to make sure that our vulnerable children can have a life and change the community for a healthy and wealthy generation to come. This has been through enabling children access education and supporting Lwerudes0 to provide good quality education to these children.

Currently the total number of sponsored children is 181. Among these children 16 are disabled mentally, physically and others deaf. We still look forward to strengthening our partnership so that we can support at least 1000-3000 orphans and vulnerable children access good quality education.

These children in sponsorship are fully accessing good quality education, good health conditions, social and economic support to ensure proper child participation, involvement, protection and wellbeing to enhance community transformation and development.

As a sustainability strategy in cooperation with Lwengo Kids Foundation we have come up with the following projects.

a) Piggery project

As an organization we have been encouraging parents to setup income generating activities to prepare for the future of their children so we came up with a piggery demonstration centre. This will provide training to parents better skills of rearing and multiplying pigs cost effectively. Each non-Muslim sponsored child will get one or more piglets to rear, reproduce and bring back at least two piglets to the main centre to sell for saving. Parents will be able to sell and save money for their children and also buy school requirements. So far one child Akanyijuka Henry has already taken one.

b) Goat project.



Likewise, Muslim sponsored children were given goats each family to rear, reproduce and bring back to the organisation for selling and saving.

These two projects are to ensure child sponsorship sustainability and promote self-dependency of parents.

LWERUDES0 PRIMARY SCHOOL (LWERUDES0-EDUCATION) PROJECT

Lwerudeso highly appreciates volunteers and sponsors for the support. This year it's running from baby class to primary 7, which is a candidate class with 37 students amongst which 6 are sponsored. The school has a boarding section with 150 students, 27 qualified teachers, 4 matrons, 2 security guards and 2 cooks and 2 cleaners. The entire enrolment of students is 497 We do appreciate the contribution of our partners for the provision of sweaters to our children at a free cost and this has morale boosted parents to bring children to school.



We continue to thank you partners for supporting children in secondary and other technical institutions that is creating hope for a future. Children like Axum are expected to finish school and start work since he is taking a hands-on course.

This brings out a direct positive impact of the sponsorship program.

Lwerudeso employs competent child development assistants that take care of all children with maximum parental care. They are well trained to provide good quality education to the children. Evidence is shown by the children's ability to read, write and follow instructions by their teachers. They can speak nice English. The deaf children have an instructor that teaches them sign language and writing so they progress with other children.

Concerning behaviour change, children are greatly improving due to emphasised supervision by their teachers and matrons. The school provides good feeding, improved hygiene and general sanitation with the help of well-trained matrons.

Children participate in various co-curricular activities that include sports, Music Dance and Drama (MDD), to help improve and promote their talents. All these activities are also supported by volunteers who give in their time to ensure success of the children.

This year volunteers supported the school with textbooks to help improve reading skills of children and also ease the work of teachers in teaching.

The school also hosted American volunteers who conducted free lessons about computer skills, culture, life skills and various brain boosting games. This program was attended by many children from Lwengo community.

We are glad to report that we have now electricity at school so we can do some printery at our school. We thank our partners who have enabled us to reach this cause.

LWERUDES0 WATER-SANITATION AND GENERAL HEALTH PROJECT

We are so thankful for our dear partners and volunteers for another successful year 2019. 2 water harvesting tanks of 10,000 litres have been constructed and are in use now, benefiting at least 10 households.

We expect improved livelihood of the above beneficiaries. However still under this project many bricks are available for construction of water tanks at family level.



15 Village Engagement Committees were re-elected to help support Lwerudes0 operations at a ground level. These help identify needy groups and update the organisation on what is on ground in the field.

Some vulnerable families were helped to get clean water by volunteers and the Community Engagement workers who fetch pumped water and take to their homes.

Some of these people are elderly; others are disabled and so can't fetch water themselves.

PROJECTS

1. TREE PROJECT

This year, Lwerudes0 managed to harvest the first batch of trees in the project. These were sold and at least 5 million Uganda shillings were earned. This money was re-invested in the tree

project for maintenance and also topped up on employees' salaries. The harvest wasn't much since it was the first time. We hope that the next harvest will be much more earning than this one.



From the remains after selling, the school has got enough firewood this year to cook for the children. This too has reduced the costs that would have been directed to purchase firewood.

2. HEALTH CENTRE PROJECT.

Lwerudeso in its long strategic plan in partnership with Lwengo Kids Foundation included a health centre that would help solve some of the health needs.



We have already a health facility under construction in our area of operation that will be well equipped to employ medics, provide a series of good quality and affordable social health schemes and services to the people for their assured wellbeing. This new health centre has been made possible by a major Dutch sponsor and Lwengo Kids Foundation. It will be operational in February 2020. This also provides an opportunity to children in boarding at Lwerudeso School to recover from their illnesses in peace.

Some of the proposed services are “antenatal care, child immunisation, HIV/AIDS counselling and testing, general medical check-up and treatment, sexual and reproductive health services, STI management, Family Planning, health camps and outreaches, laboratory services, drug administration and others as will be established.

LWERUDESOS VOLUNTEERSHIP PROGRAM

We have continued to receive volunteers from doing good, C&U, Peace Corps, Discovery groups and World Mapping groups for mentorship, improving management skills, strengthened

partnership and support of the vulnerable people. Lwerudeso is so thankful for the good partnership and support from all our donors and partners. We believe with joined hands we shall fulfil the dream of sustainable transformational development for a wealthy and healthy society of Lwengo community.



Home visits have been made, dish racks built, wood saving stoves, 2 kitchens were built, fetched water for the needy, constructed 2 water tanks, bought clothes for needy children, supported disabled children with physiotherapy.

We have also hosted health working volunteers who worked with various health centres to learn and share knowledge with our standards.

Volunteers have participated in sports and other social engagement activities

Thanks for the developmental cooperation.

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