

# **LWENGO RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION – UGANDA**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

LWERUDES0 pays gratitude to our development partners Lwengo Kids Foundation who largely donated funds that were directed towards the maternity block, ICT block, washing machines, fire extinguishers, school fence, kitchen stoves, photocopier, water pump system, classroom renovation, making terrazzo floors in classrooms, sweaters for sponsored children, cow for Lwere, Bicycle for Brian, tables and chairs for nursery, electric water pump system, tuku tuku repair, solar installation and others which are still ongoing. We thank Pieter and Marga for making this happen through Lwengo Kids Foundation.

A lot of money spent was realized from sponsorship and donations and this was used for a number of activities in health, education and child wellbeing and we are now realizing community transformation and improved livelihood in the community we serve.

Gratitude is also extended to C&U, DOOINGOOD, PEACECORPS, EWB, NEU-USA, volunteers, staff and community for their commitment and Lwengo district local Government who provide continuous guidance and support to us.

This year the organization has performed well in different departments.

#### **THE SCHOOL PROJECT.**



This academic year closed with 560 pupils ranging from special needs class, Nursery to primary seven. 48 candidates completed primary seven and top class pupils were successfully promoted to primary level. We congratulate them and we are sure that we equip them with the required knowledge that will help them progress well in their future education career.



This year 2023 the organization has been committed to ensure that children realize good feeding,

improved hygiene and sanitation that are key to the wellbeing of children and we are happy to realize a good teaching and learning process for all children including the deaf and children with other disabilities. This is exhibited within our good performance at primary leaving examinations results as are progressively indicated in the table below.

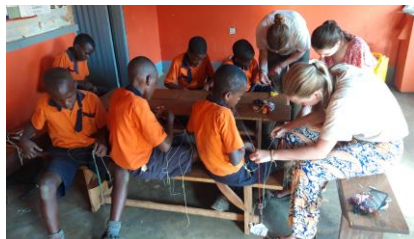
	2023	2022	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Div I</b>	16	22	10	19	27	14	27	23	11
<b>Div II</b>	31	14	29	15	10	14	5	1	15
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Through our holistic approach we encourage spiritual development through different religions and implement some projects that are intended to provide proper nutrition for children, learning demonstrations and environmental management that are key for their conducive learning environment thus stimulating their learning capacity.

### **Special needs children**

Lwengo still has a gap concerning children with special needs at all ages as there is no much attention given to them in the community. Lwerudeso has continued to support these children to improve their wellbeing. This year we have increased our deaf staff to 5 to teach children from nursery to primary as we hope to increase the number of these children to ensure that education is for all. We also cater for children with learning difficulties. They have a special teacher and a simplified curriculum.

### **Vocational/co-curricular skill development**



The school develops vocational skill amongst children to enable them develop their natural talents in addition to current education system that provides for more class work than practical duties. This year, children practiced craft work like making local mats and bracelets, pottery using clay and we hope to widen on sports, Music Dance and Drama(MDD) to improve on the available skills.

This year we conducted interhouse MDD competitions and all children participated in this exercise. Houses involved were Rotterdam, Utrecht, Ghent and Amsterdam and Rotterdam emerged as the winner. Next year we are to continue with the same activity in different sports activities.

## Agriculture

The school has 2 dairy cows and calf under zero grazing, banana plantation and a perma-garden in the school compound. These are enabling children to learn how to use little space to practice modern farming for great results. These projects at school are successful for instance the dairy project is currently providing 10litres of milk (one cow) which is served to children in porridge for better nutrition.



**Piggery.** This year we gave 47 piglets to 24 identified households for multiplication and 19 families have successfully taken care of the piglets while 5 families were affected by untreatable diseases. We have served a total of 73 families with 134 pigs in the community since the first batch. Due to diseases and unpredictable health conditions, some families have lost the pigs but some families have gone ahead to multiply which we hope they will succeed and increase on the returns to the project. A total of 39 families have 65pigs with some pregnant and others having produced young ones being taken care of. We hope for better results as the health conditions are currently not much a threat.

**Goats** -10 families received goats for multiplication but faced challenges with untreatable diseases at an early stage). Currently 5 families managed to get through the pandemic and have gone ahead to multiply. So far 10 goats are in the families and we are preparing them for extension.

This year we have grown beans and maize and in the first season we harvested 290kg of beans and 1469kgs of maize.





## **Tree project.**

The project started in 2017 and since then we have earned some income for the organization and we have reserved the trees to sell them by 2026 for more profit.



## **Knowledge for children**

We thank Knowledge For Children for the beneficial partnership that has resulted in a lot for our school. This year we received over 500 text books and other reading materials.

## **DIRECTOR'S TRIP TO HOLLAND**

This year the executive Director went on a trip to Holland as an ambassador of LWERUDES and Lwengo community at large and we thank Lwengo Kids Foundation for organizing, mobilizing and making this trip a success.

This trip resulted in a lot of achievements as we got donations for various projects and some of the accomplished ones are as follows.

1. We have constructed an ICT block that will enable training children, staff and community in ICT skills. 10 laptops were donated to train our children and staff in ICT skills.



2. We renovated the floors of all buildings at school from usual cement to terrazzo floor to ensure long lasting floor and convenient learning and teaching environment for children and teachers respectively.



3. The school was fenced to ensure security of children and school property.



4. Purchased a second hand car for the executive director to ease field and different organization activities.



5. The water table supply was increased to the required amount and so far the electric pump was installed and under use.



6. We have been able to purchase new furniture (33 tables with 198 chairs) for nursery to cater for increasing numbers and book cases for the whole school to keep learning materials of the children safe.



7. We have constructed modern wood saving stoves in the school kitchen. As we promote environment conservation, these stoves are efficient and use less wood. 4 Saucepans were purchased to fit in these stoves.



8. We purchased solar system as a backup light in case of electricity blackout. All classes and dormitories were fully connected. (6 solar panels with a control system each were installed).



9. We purchased two efficient washing machines that have reduced the workload the for matrons. They are time saving and so matrons can concentrate on other activities in the dormitories.



10. We purchased a multipurpose photocopier that is helping us do school and other organization work. It is already at school and already operational.



11. We received a very nice wheel chair for the disabled girl (Namayanja Rihanna). It is user friendly and has helped her so much while at school and at home.





## 12. School sweaters

13. 200 sweaters have been procured and given out to the 200 vulnerable children.



14. We purchased 4 fire extinguishers in both dormitories to ensure that we are safe in case of fire outbreak. We also installed 12 smoke detectors within as support alarms for fire threats.



15. We acquired text books to improve the learning of the children. They are also enabling teachers to teach with a wide range of information source.

## **We also received other donations that enabled us realize the following.**

1. We purchased a television that is serving many purposes that is for entertainment on weekends and also acts as display monitor for presentations.
2. The school sign posts were repainted for clear identification and direction for users.
3. We purchased two new motorcycles to carry on organization work efficiently.



We continue appreciating donors and all partners that have made all these projects a success as we work together to improve the livelihood of Lwengo community.



## **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

The number of vulnerable children being sponsored for education has raised to 250.

All primary seven candidates under sponsorship last year (2022) were enrolled to secondary one. We had 14 of them 6(first grade), 6(second grade), 2(third grade) and all went for secondary level.

### **Child monitoring**

This year sponsors Pieter and Marga monitored sponsored children twice a year and had a successful program. Alongside with a board representative (Tom and Harry) and other individual sponsors they visited children at school and others in their homes.



**Under this program, this year we have a number of beneficiaries who have reached some level in their education while others graduated at different levels.**

This year the family of Mucunguzi Muzamiru was attacked by an enemy with petrol and lit the house which made the residents to lose all their school property. LWERUDES0 in partnership with Lwengo Kids Foundation intervened for rescue and gave a relief fund which we used to provide school and home requirements. The victims were left homeless and psychologically tortured and are still regaining gradually.



### **Academic and welfare**

This year all sponsored children have attended school at all levels and we have gone ahead to provide required medication to all sponsored children.

However we have had special cases under medication as explained below.

#### **Nabirumbi Eva (eye medication).**

This year Eva's eye was operated in Mbarara eye center and there is an improvement as compared to the previous conditions. She will go back for another operation for full recovery.

***In academics we also had special cases as explained below.***

**Namuyanda Gorrete** is a special needs child who has been attending school at LWERUDES primary school for years. she has acquired a number of skills that are social and practical ones. She has grown old and is beyond primary level and we recommend an income generating activity for her while at home.



**Ssempebwa Henry** is also under special needs section and has completed a course in leatherworks at a vocational in Masaka. He is ready to make shoes and is sure that with the skills acquired from there he will independently do the work to earn a living.

**Lwere Hussein** is a special needs beneficiary of LWERUDES who has learnt a number of life skills while at school and is now ready to live independently away from school. We have purchases for him with a dairy cow which he will look after by himself and family. The milk will always be sold to earn a living at home.

**Naluggo Sylvia Babirye** completed Senior four and enrolled for nursery teaching and is now in her first year at college.

### **Sponsored children under employment**

**Namusoke Jesca** completed a teaching Course this year and will be a qualified nursery teacher when she receives her results and all academic documents. She is currently employed at LWERUDES primary school as nursery student teacher and is supporting her family.

**Bosco Ssegawa** completed his training in motor vehicle mechanics under sponsorship program and will receive a tool box to enable him start doing his work. With this type of work, he will be able to earn a living and support himself and family.

**Mulema Fred** completed a certificate course in nursing and is currently employed at LWERUDES health centre. He already earns a living so we hope his future is getting brighter.



**Nakirijja Rachael** has just completed a diploma in upstream petroleum engineering at Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba. We hope after this course she will be able to get herself employed.



**Ssemakula Brian** is currently training in carpentry as a fit course for him which is doing well. He was also provided with a new bicycle to ease his transport to and from the workshop.



### **Primary seven /S.4 candidates**

This year 20 candidates under sponsorship program completed primary seven and wait for their results to get ready for secondary education and 6 students completed s.4 and await for their results. S.4 results will determine where these candidates will go for further education.

### **Christmas package.**

This year every sponsored child and over 30 working staff received a hen and rice celebrate Christmas.



### **Volunteer and internship program.**

This year we have been blessed with interns and volunteers and participated in various community, school and health promotion activities.

We had four medical interns practicing in various identified health centers LWERUDESU inclusive. They trained our medical staff in various clinical aspects especially the laboratory department for improved results.

We also had four other volunteers who specifically concentrated on school and community work. At school, children were taught craft work, pottery, reproductive health education and nutrition education. The Art lesson with the special needs class, they made mats from the local materials like Banana fibers. In the community we built a pig sty in one family, promoted sanitation by building 2 dishracks and a kitchen, environmental conservation by building over 10 wood saving stoves and also made bricks with the youth.



Volunteers participated in cooking lessons, Luganda/Dutch lesson, MDD with children and staff.





## HEALTH

The health centre started in 2020 and is still in developing stage. We started with one main building a few staff however we now have added a complex maternity block for more maternity services and more staff have been added for effective service delivery.



### Outreach activity

This year we carried out an outreach in Minyegenyo village and conducted a health camp. A number of people turned up for our services and were served well. We shall keep organizing outreaches so that the community gets aware of better medical services.

In the 2023 year, LWERUDES health Centre performed as follows in the different departments

ITEM	FIGURE
Total number of clients	2793
School children	817
Most common condition; respiratory tract conditions	917
2nd commonest condition; malaria	799
HIV total tested	76
HIV positive cases identified	6
Total ANC attendance	48

Deliveries	6
Total children immunized	245
Total dental conditions	45

## Other Achievements

- ⑨ We conducted an onsite work shop in laboratory procedures with the help of volunteers, VHT coordination meeting to aid in mobilization of clients, acquired 2 fire extinguishers and smoke detectors were purchased.

## OTHER PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### ⑨ Nakyenye Water Project

LWERUDES0 has gone ahead to work with Nakyenye Water Board to ensure that the Nakyenye water project by EWB and NEU -USA which intends to supply piped water to Nakyenye community succeeds. This year we accomplished phase one which involved building a tank stand and erecting a 10,000 liter tank, installing 8 solar panels and a solar pump, installing a tap stand with two outlets at the source for the community.



We hope that by April 2024, phase two which will involve piping and reservoir tank installation will be done and community tap stand will be installed in Bulamazzi and Lwensinga trading center for easy community access. A fee shall be charged per jerrycan for maintenance purposes.

We are working with community leaders to ensure that community members own the project and fully contribute towards its success and sustainability.

Great thanks again to partners, donors, sponsors, well-wishers, staff, community members for all efforts rendered towards the success of our work and we hope to keep together in the coming years.

Yours sincerely

**JJUUKO ANTHONY**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**