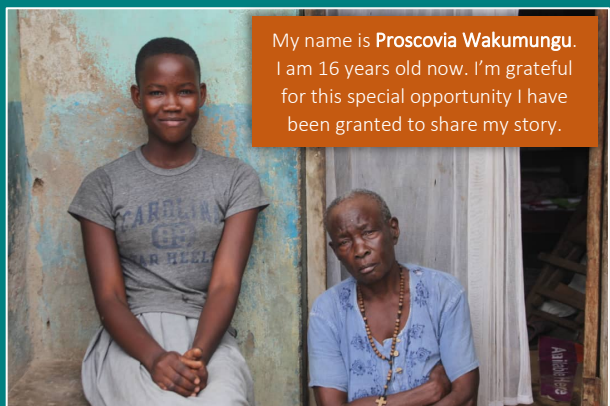


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My name is **Proscovia Wakumungu**. I am 16 years old now. I'm grateful for this special opportunity I have been granted to share my story.

I have come to know that God is alive, and still in the business of transforming lives. He never forgets the tears of the poor. I am a living testimony of "God's miracles." Those who know my story and have watched my life unfold, still look at me in disbelief. Today I step out to share this story to inspire other children, especially the young girls, not to give up on their dreams.

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MY JOURNEY IN THE PURSUIT OF PURPOSE

A few years back, I was so fascinated by the idea of living **NORMAL Life**. I had a full-time job, was involved in ministry work at our local church and also had other side speaking gigs I was doing to earn some extra cash. I found myself quite busy every week. I reached a point when I felt like I was over stretched and felt the urge to just quit or fit in and be like everybody else - having a job and doing life with family and that is it. Well, I actually realized this seemed to be a regular topic of conversation for many who wanted to keep living in comfort and the idea was - you get done with your studies, find a job, possibly get married, build a house, drive a car, and enjoy life. Seems so cool, right? I am not saying these are not cool at all. For many, it is the ideal dream life.

I am one person who has struggled with the journey of self-discovery. Deep inside, I feel this sense of a deeper call and the need for a great commitment to a higher purpose than just living comfortably for myself. The thought about normal living as it is usually described; leave so many unanswered questions especially for someone like me and I am sure many others too, who feel the urge to be and do more than what regular life looks like.

Let's look back a little to my journey of self-discovery. Five years ago, I had a good job that was paying me really well. I worked so hard and gave this job my best. In this job, I worked Monday to Saturday and it usually involved a lot of long trips around the country. I remember on one occasion flying from Kampala to North Eastern Ugandan District of Moroto (Karamoja). A journey that would literally take over 12 hours on road took us about 1 hours and a half. I know many would say, "Wow!" Well, I also saw it that way. I loved the job. However, there was this one thing, that overtime, was becoming a serious reality - I was becoming further disconnected from my family and especially my wife.

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Building Healthy Communities

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR FIRST MEDICAL CAMP IN NEBBI



In a bid to realize holistic transformation of the communities we serve in Nebbi District (Goli, Pawong, Ayomo and Jupangira Parishes), this year we set ourselves up to implement robust community development programs and strengthen existing ones; one among which is the “*Building Healthy Communities Program*,” that is aimed at promoting sustainable community health practices that contribute to healthy living, reduction of preventable, communicable diseases, and restore coping mechanism of the affected members of the communities we serve. Through Building Healthy Communities Program, Edu Child Foundation Uganda is scaling up efforts in the fight against communicable diseases by supporting expanded access to comprehensive prevention, care, treatment and support services for children, women, and families affected, with special focus on the vulnerable rural communities with a high burden of disease and/or low coverage.

Nebbi district where we serve, has got only 24 health facilities (both public and private) and these serve, according to Uganda Bureau of Statistics population projection 2020, a population of 282,600 documented people. The very communities we serve are even more vulnerable as they struggle to access medical care especially, based on the fact that many, have to walk long distance to find a health center to seek medical help. This year, we set for ourselves a challenge of organizing at least 4 medical camps to help reach out to the unserved and underserved communities we work in.

Through a special partnership with Essential Medical Outreach and Treatment Rescue (EMOTER), a medical outreach initiative based in Uganda, towards the end of this quarter (March), we were able to facilitate a one-week FREE medical camp in the parishes of Goli, Ayomo, Jupangira and Pawong – in Nebbi. In this medical camp, we were able to serve 2,693 people, providing vaccination/immunization services for children, women and girls, essential medical consultations and treatment, general blood tests, Malaria treatment, among others. Throughout the activity implementation, we liaised with the Nebbi District local leadership, our community volunteers, village health teams (VHTs), local councilors and council chairpersons; to ensure effective community mobilization and stakeholders’ buy-in and participation.

With everything that is happening in the world right now, we are very grateful and happy to have facilitated this medical camp just before the COVID-19 pandemic brought our country to a shut-down.

We give huge thanks to our host community centers in each of the parishes we served; the village health teams, local radio stations, religious leaders, and our field awesome community volunteers who put in extraordinary energy in mobilizing the communities. And most of all, the **EMOTER** team that got working so hard in serving each and everyone who showed up, seeking for medical help during the camp. We are so glad that; as this 1st quarter of the year came to an end, we were able to implement this activity, and we are looking forward to the remaining three to hit our target for the year.

Florence Babirye – (Edu Child Foundation Uganda Staff)



WE HAVE HIT FIRST #100 MARK

The Educate A Child Program has seen a lot of growth over the years since we formally started operation in 2014 with only 5 children. This year commenced on a thrilling note yet again as we added 24 new vulnerable children to our care. Of the 24 new children added, 19 were girls while 5 were boys as a way of upholding our commitments of 80% focus on girl child empowerment.

In this program year, we also shifted our recruitment approach to benefit the vulnerable groups that tend to end their journey in the pursuit of formal learning at primary level. Our experience over the years in Nebbi district has showed that, most affected group in this category are the teenage girls. After completing primary education, majority of these young girls opt for marriage due to pressure from their peers and family members. Most of these families are extremely poor and unable to afford the cost of post-primary education for their children.

Following this strategic shift, out of the 24 new students added, we recruited 13 girls and 4 boys and helped them join high school. Only 7 children were those at primary level. With this new addition, we hit our first 100 mark of vulnerable children being supported with basic school requirements, empowering them with education to become strong pillars of hope in their societies.

All the children added have almost similar stories. These children come from extremely difficult backgrounds. Some are total orphans and others come from extremely poor families that are unable to pay for their education at all. We appreciate all the special people who have continued to generously support this program and see it grow. Thank you.

My Story! (Proscovia Wakumungu)

My late father (who passed on when I was still young), and my grandmother are the only two relatives I have known all my life. I don't know what killed my father as I was still too young to understand. I remember, he used to take very good care of us. Our grandmother took charge of us (my young brother and I) after our father passed on. Unfortunately, our father passed on before revealing to us who our mother was and we have not known whether we have a mother or she died, up to this day. Our grandmother, being too weak to work, left us at the mercy of good neighbors who would generously share their little food with us to ensure we survive. On bad days when food runs out, and our neighbors have nothing to share, we go hungry. I can't count the number of times we have stayed on empty stomach in my lifetime. I remember one time I even improvised a plan of going to restaurants around Nebbi town to look for food leftovers for us to feed on as a family. Things have not been straight for us.



Now, concerning my education, this here too is another story that I could tell you for days, but allow me share a summary of it. As a little child growing up, I burned with the desire to study. An opportunity came for me to join primary school when I was eight years. I went to Nebbi primary school from where I completed my primary education last year (2019). For me to study in itself has been such a miracle. I knew my hope for education was just a dream, because of the need for school fees and other school requirements, considering where I was coming from. After a few weeks of attending classes, some class teachers picked interest in me because I seemed smarter than my classmates. Since my grandmother could not afford the cost of my education, these teachers took it upon themselves to pay all my school requirements and secured for me scholarship to study from Primary one (2013) till Primary seven (2019). However, on a sad note, my younger brother, Rwothomio Jude dropped out of school because of the inability of our grandmother to meet the cost of his school requirements too. The school administration could not sympathize with both of us from the same family when there were other vulnerable kids.

Knowing how life was very unbearable at home, I decided to focus my energy on education. As many of my friends went to play and run around, and other girls of my age rushed to find men to marry; I made the decision to work hard to make my grandmother and the school that was freely supporting me proud by producing good results. Finally, the chance came last year (2019) in November when I was able to sit for my Primary Leaving Examination. When our results came back in January this year (2020), my former teachers ran to our home to inform me that I had excelled in my Primary Exams. I scored Second Grade with Aggregate 17, and I was among the best students in my class. We all celebrated the good news, but deep within me I was mourning, wailing in tears because I knew that this was the end of my education journey. Joining high school meant that my grandmother needed to look for school fees worth almost 10 times more than what was required at primary school – and this was totally impossible. I remember that evening after receiving the news, I could not sleep. Yes, I couldn't sleep that night knowing that, despite my hard work, my hopes for proceeding with my education was shuttered. I battled with the thoughts of joining my friends by taking the easy way out and that was to also find some boy out there, get married and drop off this dream.

A few weeks later, as students reported to high school, a group of former students and my former teachers from the primary school I attended, came home to follow up on me - to find out if I was also joining high school. Well, I just told them that there was no way out and any thought of continuing with education wasn't something crossing my mind. I remember them saying; they'll be believing God with me to make a way and then we prayed. A week later, one of the former students rushed home and told me that there was an opportunity with some organization that was seeking young girls who wanted to continue with their education and had scored good grades in primary. He said that they had submitted an application on my behalf to the organization and that in case I am deemed fit for the scholarship, they will come see me. Three days later, we receive two strange visitors at our home. That day, we had spent about 2 days on empty stomach. We were hungry. It turns out that this was a team from *Edu Child Foundation Uganda*. They had come to assess our home because they picked interest in my story. That day, before they left, these strange people went and shopped for us food, soap, and other key home items we badly needed.

The following day, one of them returned to deliver my scholarship award, including admission letter to high school. I must say I almost ran mad because of too much joy. All of us at home cried so loud in gratitude to God for His miraculous ways of doing things. Imagine, the same



people who had miraculously shopped for us home supplies came back to our door to handover to me a scholarship. What a miracle! Well, as of February 2020, I started my first year of High School at Uringi Senior Secondary School (Goli), and thanks to *Edu Child Foundation Uganda*. I am grateful to the alumni of my former primary school and teachers who struggled for me, stood in the gap of my parents, providing me with all personal effects including mattress, blankets, suitcase and others that my grandmother could not afford. Today, I see my future is secure. I have hope that I will complete my education and become someone of value and will be in position to support my brother and grandmother. I only pray that my grandmother remains alive to see me become a great woman one day. I have come to know that God is alive, and still in the business of transforming lives. He never forgets the tears of the poor. I am a living testimony of "God's miracles." Those who know my story, and have watched my life unfold, still look at me in disbelief. Today I step out to share this story to inspire other children, especially the young girls, not to give up on their dreams. Where there is a will, there is a way.



On Sunday March 8th this year, we joined the rest of the stakeholders in Nebbi District to celebrate the International Women's Day at Nyaravur main playground; a day set aside all over the world each year, to reflect on our actions and responsibilities in creating a favorable space that empowers everyone including women and girls to thrive in this life.

As Emma Watson puts it;

"We're never, ever going to be able to fly high unless we're both in support of each other;"

This year, the day was celebrated under the theme; **"EACH FOR EQUAL."** This is a norm we have maintained over the years, to actively honor the women and girls amidst us, who are the pillars of our societies.



Scholastic Items For Every Child

The process of sending all our sponsored children back to school every time that a new academic year or term starts, is usually very tedious. This involves - going to book stores to procure needed scholastic materials for all the children; transporting them and then finally distributing them or ensuring each child receives a full package of scholastic materials for the new term; and in some cases, physically taking some children (those in boarding schools) back to their respective schools - especially for new students.

From February 3rd; we engaged in this rigorous process till end of the month when we concluded with our new high school children reporting back to their new schools. We are glad that all 100 of our children began their studies as schools officially opened. Great thanks to all our partners and friends who make this dream a reality. We are so grateful for all your overwhelming love and support. We are able to impact the lives of 100 children today because you make it possible through your continued commitment to stand with us.



In a very special way, in commemorating the 2020 International Women's Day in the communities we serve, Edu Child Foundation Uganda organized a Women Soccer League in Jupangira Sub-county (Nebbi District) that attracted participants (women and girls) from 4 parishes of Pawong, Ayomo, Jupangira, and Goli. The league acted as space for us to sensitize the rural communities about current bottlenecks to the realization of gender equality at local/rural settings and our roles in being the voices of hope and stepping up to support the women/girls in our immediate surroundings to thrive. Boma East Village won the final match against Jupathombu Village and emerged champions for this first women soccer league 2020.

As a stakeholder in improving the quality of life of those we serve, Edu Child Foundation prioritizes 80% of all its programs towards the empowerment of women and girls. We strongly believe that there's no more excuse for excluding women in the developmental affairs of any society because we are stronger and better when we work together. There's no more excuse for anyone to step onto the rights of the girl child - leaving her behind, DENYING them the opportunity to acquire formal education and/or forcing them into early marriages when they are still babies in need of care.

Therefore, standing up to the cause of supporting each other for the greater good of humanity should be a top mandate for all humanity. It starts with how we treat or relate to the immediate people near us. Each of us can make a contribution toward achieving gender equality.





Due to many work travels, I would regularly be away from home for quite a while and in most cases, I would be in places with no telephone network and having no way of communicating with my wife. After a while, I began to realize that we were becoming strangers to each other in the house. One day, after returning from one of those trips, a strange scenario occurred. My daughter could not recognize me. She wailed in tears every time I came close to her. For three days, I had to try all I could to win her heart so that I could even carry her. Friends, for God's sake, my family and my social life is one of those important part of my life.

So, on Valentine's Day of 2015, which was a Saturday, I decided to take out my wife and spend some time with her instead of going to office. I guess you are saying, "what a sweet gesture!" Well, I was trying to redeem my family. One mistake I made, I never communicated to my supervisor. Returning to office the following on Monday, I was served with a warning letter for not showing up to work on Saturday, which to me, was a "Family Redemption Day," you know.

This was a turning point in my life. At once, my eyes were opened. Look; I had been faithfully working in this job doing everything I was required to do to my best - giving it all I could. I was a NORMAL employee, overseeing field operations and faithfully doing my normal Job. That Monday morning, something strange happened to me for the first time, my eyes were opened to ask some crazy questions which I had heard many times but had never made any sense as such. My mind started racing with the questions - "Why am I on this earth? What is really my purpose on this earth? Why am I in this job? Is this what I would love to spend the rest of my life doing?" Friends, these questions tormented me.

To cut the long story short, I resigned from this job and moved to take on some bigger challenges for which I could only trust God to lead me till this day. I realized being normal and leading a normal life had made me almost lose one of the most precious gifts I treasure most, my family. Being normal had made me become so locked up in the silent room of comfort zone where I became too deaf to listen to the voices that were calling me for other higher purposes. I remember my supervisor asking me whether I think I could still be able to provide for my family without the job because resigning meant I would no more earn any salary. Well, for normal living, I could have decided to stick around to "earn a living" forgetting that, life in its preciousness has so much to offer us limitlessly when we open our hearts to experience all the possibilities that God keeps throwing to our doors. *Survival should never be the reason for one to make permanent decisions on temporary situations.*

Over the years, I have come to learn that, if your primary goal is to lead a normal life, it will become so difficult for anyone to have anything significant to say about you because, you will just disappear in the wind or get lost in the sand of other normal people. NORMAL is for people who have not known their worth or purpose in life.

I am a strong believer in this truth that, we all have been created to do something unusual, something outstanding, something that makes people ask questions. If your life doesn't inspire any question at all, you are not worth taking any more breath from mother earth. YOU were created to leave behind special footprints and not just step into those left by others. Your own footprint is unique to you and is the only way you can stand out and stepping out in a way that leave out such footprints is not for NORMAL people. When you look through the windows or step out on any street, you will be quite overwhelmed by the number of normal people out there. The bigger picture I can put this in is that, we were all designed to leave a positive mark on other people's lives, marks that will outlast our memories and that space is not for NORMAL people. It's for those they call odd, ridiculous ones - the "out-of-line" people. It's one of the reasons I do the things I do today. For God's sake, I resigned from a well-paying job and co-founded a nonprofit from scratch that surely would not earn me any income. I was called all sorts of names by some people who got to know my story and today, those same people come and tell me that I inspire them.

Oprah Winfrey is one of those special people who inspire me a lot and in one of her journals she writes: *"When you make loving others the story of your life, there's never a final chapter, because the legacy continues. You lend your light to one person, and he or she shines it on another and another and another. And I know for sure that in the final analysis of our lives- when the to-do lists are no more, when the frenzy is finished, when our e-mail inboxes are empty- the only thing that will have any lasting value is whether we've loved others and whether they've loved us."*

We cannot continue leading normal lives, especially at a time when our neighborhoods are being consumed by corruption, self-centered leadership, poverty, poor education system, food insecurity, wars, racism, early child marriages, injustices in courts of law, gender-based violence, illiteracy and many other social vices. We need to stop leading normal lives and step out to be solutions to the challenges destroying our communities. We should be the catalysts for creating a better world and that is not for normal people. Nothing you do towards making this world a better place is worthless. We need to step out and add to the ocean, because our water drops count. They may seem insignificant - sometimes even to ourselves, but they add up to the bigger picture. This kind of mindset pushes us to leave our spaces of comfort (normal living). It pushes us to buy that air ticket and go to strange lands. It's a desire to find significance, to leave a legacy, to co-create something magical. We should all live out our lives from a point of "Authenticity of bigger purpose in life." We all are meant to BE ALIVE and that means we need to move out and find what makes us COME ALIVE (our bigger purpose) - and work towards creating a better World.

KEY UPDATES!



The Girls Arise Program (GAP)

Knowing that as a single entity, we cannot bring lasting solutions to Nebbi district as a whole, we have always cherished the opportunities we have through partnerships and collaboration to make this happen. In 2019, for example, we entered into a special partnership with a locally founded and women-focused nonprofit called Action for Rural Women's Empowerment (ARUWE) in which, the entity funded our advocacy efforts towards empowerment of girl child to a tune of 1,000 Euros.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights training and awareness raising has been one of the major gaps we have had in our efforts of empowering vulnerable teenage girls in the communities we serve within Jupangira sub-county and specifically for the rural primary school girls. This year, through the Girls Arise Program (GAP), we received a major boost in February as a result of our continued partnership with ARUWE as the entity offered to support our move through funding and human resource capacity strengthening to implement:

- Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Program.
- Menstrual Health aimed at encouraging sustainable menstrual hygiene practices for rural teenage girls.
- Promotion of Safeguarding at the schools to protect young girls from abuses and/or rights violations.

Our hope for the vulnerable girl child in our communities of operation is to ensure that they are adequately supported to enjoy their full rights, have access to tools for healthy living, find redress in cases of rights abuses or violations. We are working hard to also eliminate the high cases of early child marriage or early pregnancy among the rural teenage girls and most importantly help them attain primary, secondary and vocational education uninterrupted.

Community Champions' Orientation



In the first week of resuming operation for the 2020 program year, we had a very fruitful orientation for our new set of community Champions (community volunteers) to think -

through the plans and strategies, we had for the new year. Growth comes with responsibilities and one of those for us, has been the idea of ensuring we have enough capacity to handle the growing needs of those we serve in our areas of operation. The addition of various scopes or program areas has drastically increased the need for more team members to provide support, especially within the community/village settings and this need could best be met by the community champions who play a big role in community mobilization whenever we have any community engagement activities.

We Moved – New Office.



2019 was such a defining year for us. As an organization, we stretched ourselves beyond our familiar territories, so as to create as much impact in the spaces we serve as possible. Besides our programming scopes becoming wider, it also meant our number grew larger. As we closed the year, it was evident that our number had become larger than the workspace could accommodate.

Consequently, as the new year started, we were glad to resume our normal operations in a new, and bigger space located within the heart of Nebbi Municipality. It felt really special. We never stop counting our blessings, and over the years, we have learned that growth and drastic changes are normal and we have had to ensure we face them with gladness as they unfold. We won't be in shock if this space too becomes too small for us soon as we grow.



Students' and Parents' Orientation

Just before our high school students got back to school in February, we organized a one-day orientation for them, together with their parents. This orientation is not only a space in which as an organization we communicate our expectations to the students and their parents; but also, an opportunity to build meaningful relationships as we interact. In this space, students and parents/guardians also have a chance to ask any question regarding our programs.

Children are great imitators, so it is our duty to make sure we give them something great to imitate. We believe that our greatest contribution to this world may not be something we did but someone we raised. Effective clarification of expectations helps guide appropriate behaviors/actions. More specific to the students, we encourage them through this orientation to be great examples to their young siblings.

Staff Highlights



FLORENCE

My name is Florence Babirye. I serve at Edu Child as an officer in charge of Partnership Development. Working with Edu child has really opened my eyes to what the reality is out there, that not every child has the chance to live out their God-given purpose and that we have been put in place to make sure that these children have an opportunity to achieve all

that they can in life. If that means that we are putting up programs and policies to ensure that they are protected and cared for then so be it. Every child needs to be given an opportunity to thrive, dream and tell their own life stories regardless of who birthed them or the circumstances in their lives. Having been given an opportunity at a good life, this is literally one of the things that really pushed me to do this job and the fact that we are not fighting for ourselves but we're fighting for a new generation of young people that don't necessarily have the opportunity to shine. Working with Edu child Foundation Uganda has really impacted me in such a way that my eyes have been opened to the reality of life, which in turn, has helped me chose a life where I can live for others, giving me a purpose.



LIBERTY

I am Liberty Anirwoth Adubango, and I work at Edu Child Foundation Uganda as the Programs Manager. Throughout my life, I have had a strong passion specifically for children, to see them evolve into people of influence. It is the reason I pursued my Bachelors in Social Works with focus on Child Development. When I joined Edu Child in 2018, I was so moved by -

the organization's mandate and keen interest in empowering the most vulnerable in my community. I have found so much fulfillment in executing my duties in my capacity as a Programs Manager, supporting the organization's efforts in taking the vulnerable kids back to school, supporting the girls who had or are on the verge of dropping out of school, giving life and hope to the vulnerable parents/guardians of these children, fighting for the rights of the marginalized children, girls and women, and above all encouraging positive developments in the places we work. My prayer each day is that the Lord of Host enlarges our capacity as an organization and enables us create exponential positive impact in the entire district of Nebbi and West Nile Region as a whole.



JOAN

My name is Joan Onyai. At Edu Child Foundation Uganda, I am in charge of Finance and Administration. My professional background is in Accounting and Finance. Before I commenced working with Edu Child Foundation Uganda, I was such a nervous and laidback person. I had so much fear of speaking in public places. Working in this organization has however, pushed me to speak to

Many groups on regular basis and this, has highly impacted my life in that I have gained a lot of confidence while talking to people, something that was once a luxury. I enjoy what I do and humbled by the positive feedback we keep getting about the impact of our service here in Nebbi district.



HOPE

Hope Cherry Pikwo is my name. Growing up in church ministry exposed me to serving people which for some reason brought so much joy that I couldn't explain in words. When I joined Edu Child Foundation Uganda, I was put in the field office department, in charge of women support. Serving in -

the Field Office Department has enabled me to regularly interact with people, especially the women and children we impact. Being able to support them through the different challenges they face every time I have a chance to interface with them, has helped improve my esteem and my interpersonal skills, most important of all – live out my purpose. Every time I walk in the villages, I am humbled by the level of respect and favor that the community members accord us. Additionally, I have always wanted to lighten the financial burden on my parents. Today, I am able to financially support my siblings with their basic needs, including paying fees because of the earnings I receive from my work. I feel so blessed to be a part of Edu Child Foundation Uganda.



KENNEDY

My name is Kennedy Mungujakisa. I started working with Edu Child Foundation Uganda in 2017 in the Field Department. Today, I serve as a Field Officer in charge - Child Support. I fully credit Edu Child for transforming me into the person I have become today. Before joining, I was full of hate, felt like everyone did not care about me and had given up. All my efforts to grow into a responsible man were futile as -

everything I tried to do failed. On starting work here, I found leaders who appreciated me for who I was, gave me their best and most of all, offered to mentor me in my responsibilities. Serving as a Child Support Officer has given me the space to interface with children going through various difficult living conditions and this has ended up turning me into their parent, mentor and teacher. I usually receive numerous phone calls from the communities we work in, people calling to send their votes of thanks for the service we render to them and letting us know how our mentoring programs have helped transform the characters and lives of the children we serve. In this job, I have learned that, I am indeed in a better place and I have no reason to be grumbling about life. When I took this job, I thought I would be the one on the giving end to the children. On the contrary, it feels like they are the ones I am learning from. I have as well developed into a responsible man now, with a stable source of income. And through the capacity building trainings that our leaders at Edu Child frequently organize for us, I have learned to be a good financial steward through developing a savings culture. My friends also call me an "agriprenuer," because I am investing in crop and animal farming. All these, I credit to Edu Child Foundation Uganda.

Community Service

It is important to us that the communities we serve in Nebbi know about our work and supports our efforts. One special way in which we encourage community engagement and buy-in into our programs is through organizing monthly community cleaning activities (community service), an avenue through which we engage and show by example to the communities; the importance of maintaining good hygiene and sanitation as a way of healthy living and preventing communicable diseases from affecting the communities.

Within this first quarter, we were able to successfully carry out two community services (cleaning up a local church and also a Health Centre within Goli Parish). Throughout these community services, we are usually honored to be joined by our sponsored children, women from our women empowerment program, as well as a number of community leaders/mobilizers and the indigenous members of the surrounding villages. The combined efforts of everyone involved make the work so easy. At the climax of these cleaning exercises, we usually share some porridge together.

These activities not only teach our children and those we serve, responsibility towards their community, but also show the community that we are indeed raising an empowered generation.



MORE KEY UPDATES!



Home/Family Visits



Home visits present special windows through which we connect, build great relationships and dive deep into the lives of the children and families we support through our various programs where we operate. Weekends and school breaks give us the perfect opportunities for carrying out these home visits, which are exceptionally necessary during the period of recruiting new program beneficiaries.

In this quarter, we were able to visit all 100 families that benefit from the "Educate a Child Program." This enabled us to assess the living conditions of the children we care for and give us an insight into their family life. And for the new students, it gave us a great chance to verify the information we received during scholarship application process. Home visits help us to further connect to parents as our eyes are opened to where the most need is.

Two of our staff - Hope Cherry Pikwo (in charge of women support) and Kennedy Mungujakisa (in charge of child support); are champions of these family/home visits and have always stood on their toes to ensure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information on every child/family we support. We truly appreciate all the effort they pour in to execute this.



illnesses were assisted in this camp by the special doctors you brought. To this day, the community has not stopped to give thanks for the free medical services they received through your intervention. I strongly believe in the idea that; a healthy community is a wealthy one. I would like to appreciate you more for all the other activities that you are implementing in the sub-county to empower the children, youth and girl child. You are improving many lives in our district. As local district leaders, we pledge to continue with our cooperation at every level that you involve us in. Thank you once again.

Fred Byensi Kibaro (L.C III Chairperson – Jupangira Sub-county).

Testimonial

On behalf of the people of Jupangira Sub-county, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Edu Child Foundation Uganda for the good work they are doing to uplift the people I lead at the district level, out of poverty, illiteracy and diseases.

On a very special note, I want to thank you for the recently concluded medical health camp you brought to our community, something that had never happened before. Many of our people who had been afflicted by different -



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As we close this quarter, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all the special people who have stood with us over the years, empowering us to implement our various programs aimed at improving the quality of lives of those we serve.

Important to note; Edu Child Foundation Uganda has had consistent fast-paced growth of programs and teams in the last two years. This has resulted into increasing pressure on the little resources in the organizations disposal due to the current limited partnership base. For this reason, we kindly extend our invitation to more compassionate people who have been inspired by our work and appreciates our vision, to join us and be a part of this journey. Any donation will support Edu Child Foundation Uganda's vital work of ensuring children, women and vulnerable youth in Uganda have access to at least the most basic human rights: education, clean water, food, health care, and economic opportunities.

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