



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2022**







## Who we are:

Our Lady of Kibeho Orphanage Foundation, is located in Uganda, Wakiso District, Busukuma Subcounty, Kiwenda Village, and currently is a home to 100 Orphaned Girls. It is a fully Registered Non-Government Organization, by the NGO board and the registrar of companies. Funding for OLOK comes from Canada.

## Our Lady of Kibeho Orphanage in Uganda

There are well over 2.5 million Orphans in Uganda, primarily as a result of HIV/AIDS. A few lucky Orphans live with an elderly grandparent or other care givers, but most of them have no one able to care for them. OLOK was established specifically to provide loving care to those Orphaned and abandoned children (girls) and currently is home to 100 children. Ages 8-15

Before coming to OLOK, many of these orphans had no one to care for them, while others were living in desperate conditions with aging and overburdened grandparents. Now the children are thriving in a healthy, nurturing loving environment.

The Children receive regular medical care provided by a resident Nurse, nutritious meals, and lots of Outdoor play time- all in a warm family environment that promotes bonding between the children, their matrons (house mothers), and the rest of the support staff. Facilities at the children's home include dormitories, bathrooms, a dining hall, reading rooms and art and craft space, large playground, and kitchen.

## Greetings from Regina Laboke, President of OLOK Foundation Uganda

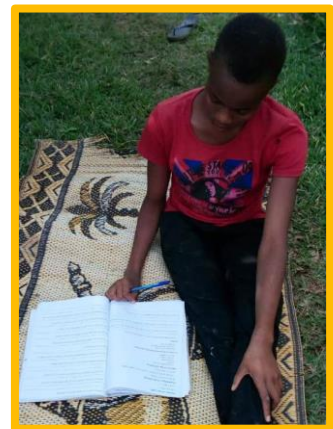
- ❖ I bring warm greetings from the family of OLOK Orphanage Foundation in Uganda. We have committed ourselves to provide a safe, loving home environment for the children God has entrusted to us.
- ❖ As we continue to provide Christ-like-love to the girls in our care, I wish to thank you most sincerely for all the forms of support that you extended to us in the year 2022 and letting our kids know that they are special and chosen by God. Such an opportunity can't be taken for granted without noticing the invisible hand of God.
- ❖ We are committed to stewardship of finances and transparent accountability to our donors and supporters. Our vision is to instill these values in the children in our care as they grow. Once again I am glad to take you through the activities of the year 2022.

## Education for THEIR FUTURE

All our girls have received good quality education, and since the outbreak of COVID 19, a special arrangement was done in consultation and support by our friends in Canada to have the girls access education at the Orphanage, some of the facilities were temporarily converted into classrooms and teachers were hired at a fulltime basis.

In 2022, our girls have improved tremendously as there has been focus on them alone and all the weak students have had enough one on one time with the teachers to work on the hard subjects like mathematics and Science.

We are very confident that in 2023 when the girls return to Springfield Junior School that they will compete favorably with other students. At SJS, the OLOK girls are joined by students from the surrounding communities, who attend SJS. These children benefit from a high quality, private school in their rural community. Instruction is in English, the official language of Uganda.





## Medical/ Health

In 2022, Health care was provided through on-site nurse, with first aid and medications that treat the common illnesses such as flu, Malaria, small wounds and routine deworming.



- In the last September, October, November and December, we had a higher number of patients compared to previous months. The highest cases of illness registered were Malaria, cough and flu among the children.
- We had to refer 15 kids to St. Joseph's Hospital for laboratory tests and further management
- Two of the 15 are the girls living with HIV/AIDS and were hospitalized for 1 and half weeks. They had constant headache, cough, chest pain and body weakness and was treated of respiratory tract infections.
- 8 girls were taken for dental check-up and management. 3 were taken to the eye clinic in Lubaga Hospital.
- During the year, water borne diseases mostly typhoid were rampant due to a contaminated water well/source that we have been using for a couple of years.
- One girl fell off the swings and had a neck pain and was taken for x-ray and thank God the finding were normal. Increased supervision by the matrons has been recommended .
- We were able to fumigate the home and purchased new mosquito nets to reduce Malaria cases. We intend to continue fumigating after every three months in the course of the Year.
- Flu and cough which is another challenge among kids was handled and managed well by the Nurse. Big thank you to our supporters who have enabled us to stock our sickbay with first line medicines to handle the simple illnesses.
- We have encouraged our Children to take plenty of water, with the new source of safe clean water, this is going to be very well implemented, eat fruits in addition to vitamin C tablets to help boost their immunity.
- Deworming was done for all the home children and staff.

## Farming ;

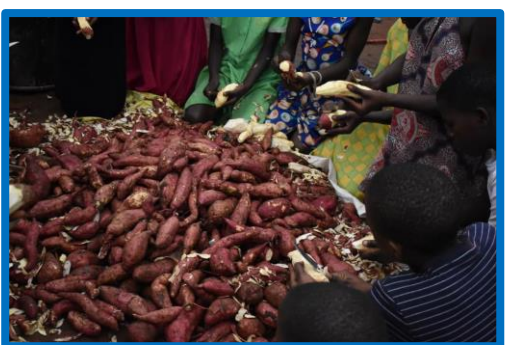
One of the most important aspect of life in Uganda is Agriculture. Through generous donations, the Kibeho agricultural farm has continued to grow, and the strategy is to establish a robust farm animal program. All to accomplish two goals

(a) teach the children of OLOK skills to sustain themselves through agriculture as they transition from the Orphanage

(b) develop self-sustaining cash generation to allow OLOK to self-fund its operations and provide most of the food the girls eat at the Orphanage in the next years ahead.



## Harvesting



The farm manager with his team started harvesting beans planted in March 2022. Agriculture is one of the skills the girls are being trained to learn over the weekend. The girls have been grouped in small teams and allocated small gardens where they have continued to do nursery beds and plant vegetables like carrots, spinach etc.

The harvest wasn't as good as was expected due to unreliable weather conditions. The small harvest from the gardens helped us to reduce the money spent on the purchase of food items from the market every week.

We were able to harvest maize corn in the month of August and we purchased extra maize and beans in the month of August when prices were low and put it in the store to be on a safe side as the food prices have continued to rise in the year 2022. This was all possible with the support from our friends in Canada. Thank you for being part of this noble cause and let God Bless you all.

Your Support is appreciated!

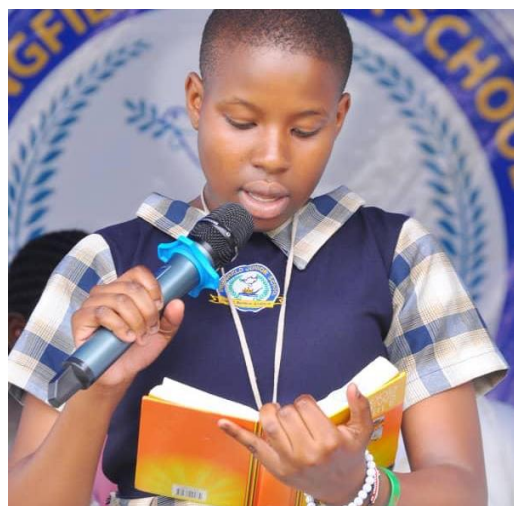


## Faith and Celebrations

Faith, is an integral part of the girl's formation and it's lived on a daily basis. Although OLOK was started on a Catholic Foundation, we respect every child's faith that she belongs. In the year 2022, we have continued to support our girls to explore more the different faith teachings

The 3 main religions; Catholics, Moslems, Anglican have had religious leaders allowed to come in the Orphanage to deepen the girls understanding

- **The Catholics**, have been blessed to have a catholic priest attached to the home who celebrates mass every Sunday at 3:00pm, he also does the Christian faith teachings on Friday evening. Fr. J J also cater for our spiritual needs on an ongoing basis. He blessed our new well and I can say, his blessings have enabled everything fall in place amazingly.



- The Imam from the neighboring mosque comes in the Orphanage every Friday afternoon to conduct prayers. One of our matrons is **Muslim** and she helps the girls to do the Islamic prayers every night before they go to bed.
- **The Anglican** Reverend from the community comes in the Orphanage every Saturday evening to teach the Anglican girls.

### Easter and Christmas Celebration:

We celebrated the festive Easter Season with gladness as it was full of teachings and fun. Easter season reminded us of the great love and sacrifice that Jesus Christ poured out for mankind. It was a time of deep prayer for our donors and supporters and for the urgent needs of the Orphanage, Safe, clean water was central in our Easter prayers. We believe in the power of prayer.

The girl's understanding of advent was well explained and lived with guidance from the Christian faith leaders. It also came with a lot of excitement via decorations, making local ornaments to be used in the manger and Christmas tree. There was a lot of dancing and eating on Christmas day.



## Water Project



For a long period of time, the Orphanage has been faced with the challenge of accessing safe clean water. We have had a well that was dug with rudimentary methods for over 7 years. During the dry season it has been drying up and eventually the water was contaminated with waste from a septic tank that was placed in the same line with the well

- Because the well was on the ground level, the water was exposed to water borne diseases and bacteria which was fermenting in the well.
- We have been boiling the drinking water for the last 7 years which would burn wood/fuel. The water needed to be treated and during the dry season we have been buying unsafe water for cooking and other uses.



- In September 2022, we received good news from Canada that a request to dig a well and install a pumping and storage system together with the ancillary electrical and plumbing improvements to supply the daily water requirement of the Orphanage was submitted by a kind friend, supporter of OLOK and also a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary Stampede Park by the name Ted.

He tirelessly Continued to highlight the need for Safe, clean water for our 100 girls and the rest of the community surrounding the Orphanage, through his hard work and the impeccable fundraising skills, Ted, was able to secure the initial funding from the Stampede Calgary Rotatory Club. But because the project needed more funds, Ted continued to look for more from his personal friends, family and local foundations in Calgary Canada. Through his commitment, he was able to raise all the required financial resources, which saw the project, start in November 2022.

The Project once completed, will have a dual water system with a stainless steel tank, an 8 meters tower and high tech durable equipment.



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Special thanks goes to the following;  
for without their dedication, the water  
project wouldn't have become a  
reality

- **The Rotary Club of Calgary downtown and all its current members of the world community service committee.**
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- **Canadian Western Bank- Calgary.**
- **Calgary Community Foundation**
- **All the kind individuals who have asked to remain anonymous,**

### Thank you

The new below ground well at the Orphanage, will provide safe, clean water that would be available for the girls at all times.

The new water source will for sure improve the health outcomes and the overall wellbeing of the girls and all the staff.

All of us here at the Orphanage, we are eagerly waiting to be trained in the operation of the new well by the Contractor.

***A detailed project report with more pictures and stories will be shared.***

Despite all the highlighted achievements and blessings, as we start 2023, we have a couple of challenges ahead of us in 2023.

Skyrocketing prices of food and other basic needs of life

Global warming challenges, which have caused long dry spells, hence affecting the Kibeho farm outputs

Unreliable electricity supply with constant power shortages

Increased bacterial infections among the girls which increases our medical costs.

### Conclusion:

I take this opportunity to say thank you so much for the support which is transforming the lives of the Children at OLOK. As the world continues to experience economic hardships, continue praying for us for the smooth running of the home. The cost of living is becoming expensive as the prices for commodities have doubled due to the high costs of gas.

***OLOK Uganda thanks all of those who entrust us with their hard earned income as we work to impact the lives of children who have been dealt a rough hand to no fault of their own.***