



## PROGRESS REPORT FROM OUR GRASS ROOT SOCCER PROGRAM



November 2008

Since the last progress report in July 2008, our Grass Root Soccer (GRS) team has been busy with the following activities:

- Completing GRS curriculum at the Church Army Academy for youths in grades 4, 5 and 6. Topics covered in these sessions included:
  - Life choices
  - Supporting people with HIV / AIDS etc



Upon completing the GRS curriculum, 102 students at Church Army Academy graduated on Nov 18, and were awarded the participation certificate. For most of these children this is their first ever extra-curricular certificate, which they are very proud to show their families!

In mid-November CASL was visited by Elin Anita Hansen from Norway who volunteered with us for two weeks. Elin attended two GRS sessions, interviewed some of the participants, and helped update CASL's website at [www.soccerfordevelopment.wordpress.com](http://www.soccerfordevelopment.wordpress.com).

CASL is in the process of delivering the GRS curriculum in other schools and community centres and all these will be graduated as well. CASL is optimistic that further donations will help us reach out to many more children just like the ones of Church Army Academy.

## SOME OF OUR GRADUATES



### **GLORIA NABWIRE**

Grade 5, Church Army Academy

Today we learned about supporting each other if we're in trouble, and that it's important to be there for someone who is HIV-positive.

I like it when the peer educators come and have sessions with us, and I would like to be a peer educator when I grow up!



### **ALEX RYAN**

Grade 4, Church Army Academy

In our latest session we learned that we are all winners, it was a lot of fun.

My favorite activity is Shark & Fish. In this game, the person who plays shark is the HIV-virus and tries to get the ball from the rest. If the shark gets / touches the ball that means I'm infected and then I'm out of the game.



### **CINDY ATIENO**

Grade 4, Church Army Academy

In the session we just had, I learned that you can't get HIV from shaking hands, from swimming or hugging someone.

We always have fun in our sessions, I like doing the activities.



### **STANLEY MULWA**

Grade 4, Church Army Academy

My favorite game in the whole world is football. Alan is the best player, and my next favorite is Philip.

We learned science in school today, and when I grow up I want to be a doctor. It's important for a doctor to know about HIV and AIDS.

## COMMENTS FROM A PEER EDUCATOR



**DAVID ODUOR (21)**  
CASL Peer Educator

I've been a peer educator for around 6 months. I love it when the kids ask questions and are active during our sessions. It's very rewarding to see that we have an impact on their decision making.

For me personally, CASL and the chance to be a peer educator mean I live a better life. I know I'm a role model in the community, which affects my behavior positively.

## SUPPORT OUR WORK

By donating at [www.globalgiving.com](http://www.globalgiving.com) **YOU** can help CASL expand and scale up our capacity building and reach out to thousands and thousands of youth through the GRS HIV/AIDS intervention program!

