



LEADING CHANGE UGANDA

SMILE OF A CHILD

PROJECT BRIEF

31 May 2017

FAMILY

Smile of a Child is a community-run project. Through house visits, parents' meetings, counselling and supporting parents and guardians, we gain their trust. We do not take enrolled children out of their families or local environment. We believe that we can have a bigger impact on our children's life by developing their potential within their own culture and family. Involving parents means we do house visits on a monthly basis. We discuss the children, possible issues with their education, their family situation and any health issues. It's important to us to have a close relationship with the parents. As Ugandans ourselves, we are familiar with their background so we can provide them with the support they need. We host regular parent meetings at which we inform them about the project and their children's achievements.

This project will provide at least 30 mothers with training in business skills, after which they will be in a much better position to take advantage of economic opportunities. By training mothers, we are creating a sustainable system of self-improvement so that these women can pull themselves, and their children, out of poverty. A successful outcome will help us to provide these skills and needs to other communities.

EDUCATION

Education is key to self-empowerment, which we believe is necessary to sustainably lift children out of poverty. This project searches for opportunities which can lead to greater educational attainment for the Buwaali children. We develop partnerships with individuals and organisations that are willing to provide an education to an orphan or underprivileged child. One such partnership is with the Hope Nursery and Primary School in Buwaali (see below). We assist the children with homework and do extracurricular activities of an educational nature so the children learn in a playful way.

FOOD

A hungry child cannot learn. Therefore, one of the priorities of this project is to ensure that the children in Buwaali village do not suffer from hunger. The project contributes to a daily warm meal to guarantee that the children are fed every school day.

CARE

Through the Community Reading club, the children are involved in a number of activities. They are taught how to read and write, and further develop their mind through arts and crafts, to let them develop their abilities, creativity and self-esteem. This is also an opportunity for the children who cannot afford to go school to learn how to read, write and speak English as well as their local languages. We are aware that education and food itself are not enough to help a child find a way out of poverty. We believe he or she must be empowered and develop self-confidence. We offer the children activities such as arts and crafts, music drama, dance and sports. We prepare workshops on topics such as HIV/AIDS, sexual education, violence, finance and consumerism, environment and health, along with discussions of their hopes and dreams. These activities provide an atmosphere in which the children discover their talents and themselves.

REQUIREMENTS

- School fees
- School uniforms and other clothes
- Textbooks
- School shoes
- Food



- School stationery
- Medical items
- School bags

PARTNERSHIPS

1. Hope Nursery and Primary School, Buwaali

This is the only private school in the community and has the best education compared to the nearby government school. The nearest government school is 10km from the community, which is a very long distance for any child to walk every morning and evening. Hope Nursery and Primary School is owned by Mr. Lubega, the community pastor in this village of Namulonge – Buwaali.

DURATION

The project aims to cover all three terms, where the children stay in school for four months each term;

1. First Term
2. Second Term
3. Third Term

ESTIMATED COST PER TERM

Each child pays 30 pounds per term (see further our budget).

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

Through our current work in Buwaali Village, we recognise the following challenges:

- HIV/Aids and other diseases
- Death of family, friends or parents
- Poverty and lack of hygiene
- Hunger
- Teenage pregnancy
- Lack of education
- Sexual abuse
- Problems with friends and family
- Problems with parent or foster parent involvement
- Lack of basic needs such as food, school uniforms, school fees, school books, winter clothes etc.

Notwithstanding the above, we were successful in assisting 35 children through our Smile of a Child Project in 2016. We discovered that through good teamwork, and through developing partnerships with families and the local community, we can overcome many of these challenges.

Our team have the following traits, which we strongly believe will lead us to success in this endeavour:

- Staff can communicate in the various local languages with the families
- High levels commitment and passion for the project
- Knowledge of the local environment and familiarisation with the various challenges facing these children
- Good care of the entrusted children
- Cultural empathy for Ugandan traditions
- Cooperation with other volunteers
- Acceptance for the foreign life and culture
- Thoughtfulness for the family where you live
- Understanding of family traditions and rules.



BUDGET

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SMILE OF A CHILD IN BUWAALI VILLAGE PROJECT				
	Notes and calculations	Unit	Unit Cost	Budget
Income				
GlobalGiving Fundraising Platform	Funds received through fundraising on Global Giving Fundraising Platform	1	7,668	7,668
Total income				7,668
Expenditure				
School fees	School fees for 70 children for a whole year	50	90	4,500
Training for 30 women on financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills	Venue hire for 3 training sessions, training materials, food and refreshments, mobilisation (Airtime and transport) and stationery and printing services	3	150	450
Children's clothes	Providing a child with clothes (distributed 3 times a year)	50	4	200
Lunch for children at school	Providing lunch for every child at school for a year. Each term a child will spend 10 dollars on lunch at school.	50	30	1,500
School shoes	Providing a pair of school shoes to 70 children	50	7	350
Story books	Story books for the Community Reading Club	50	5	250
House visits	Quarterly visits to visit every child supported at their homes with their parents	4	25	100
Parent meetings	Parent meetings once per term	3	10	30
Community Reading Club	Materials for crafts, music, drama, sport and dance (including stationery and refreshments). The children will meet twice a month. Celebrate special days with the children e.g. Christmas, Easter, Iddi etc	24	12	288
Total expenditure				7,668
Surplus / (deficit)				(0)