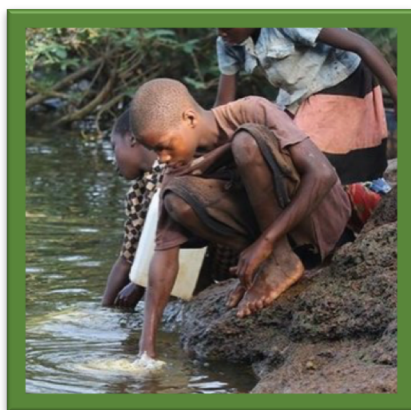


The **Peace Island Children's Center (PICC)** was established in 2017 to improve living conditions for residents, especially young children and adolescents, living in the fishing communities near Lake Victoria in Uganda.

Fishing communities around Lake Victoria are among the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in Africa. Residents live in conditions of extreme poverty with limited access to clean water, sanitation, healthcare and education. PICC helps the local *Community Health and Education Association* to implement projects to address the community's most pressing needs, including:

#### EXPANDING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER



Many of the villages along Lake Victoria collect water from the nearby lake. Not only is the untreated water unsafe to drink, but women and children spend much of their day carrying plastic cans of water up and down steep slopes.

This priority initiative supports installation of community wells, rainwater harvesting projects and innovative sanitation projects that also contribute to agriculture outcomes.

#### IMPROVING THE WELLBEING OF DISAFFECTED YOUTH



Children born into poverty around Lake Victoria have little opportunity for education and training. With limited means of improving their lives, their situations often become desperate. PICC has already helped regulate the operations of the primary school, provide school supplies, and develop a school feeding program.

PICC will work to establish a youth center at the local school and provide technical training to support livelihoods.

#### INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES



Health outcomes around Lake Victoria in Uganda are some of the poorest in Africa. To address immediate, basic health needs, PICC will help train and equip a 10-person village health team to supply first-aid services, provide general healthcare and offer health education. The team will effectively manage patient needs and refer more serious cases to a higher degree of care.

#### 2018/2019 Priority Projects

Initiate construction of a **community well** with 3 distribution points

Launch both **adolescent and teacher training initiatives**

Develop a **village health team** and commence training by district health officials.