

Our Programs and Approaches

1. **Focused Storytelling Sessions** facilitated by grandparents and community-based facilitators using a specially designed storybook, to provide essential psychosocial support (PSS) for children.
2. **Simple Structured Games** offered through a variety of engaging recreational games designed to support children's emotional health while fostering positive outcomes.
3. **Art For Peace** incorporates drawing activities to help children process their current challenges and envision their future aspirations, effectively demystifying the obstacles they face and mapping their personal journeys through art.
4. **Positive Discipline** as a disciplinary strategy that offers a violence-free alternative to corporal punishment, promoting an atmosphere where children are motivated by self-worth rather than fear or shame.
5. **Caregiver engagement** as a psycho-education initiative employs a door-to-door approach and community gatherings, where Community Based Facilitators (CBFs) engage directly with caregivers.

Partner With Us.

At ICSF, we recognize that collaboration is essential for effective service delivery and sustainable impact. Our work involves a diverse network of stakeholders and partners at international, national and community levels. Our partnership with Focusing Initiative International has been instrumental in providing financial and technical support, enabling us to implement impactful programs that reach vulnerable children and their families.

Call to Action: Join us in creating a comprehensive support system that addresses the multifaceted challenges faced by refugee children and promotes their overall well-being. Whether through financial support, in-kind contributions, or sharing your expertise, your involvement can make a significant impact. Contact us today



Thank you for helping us build a better world for children. Together, we can make a difference.

Safeguarding Statement: ICSF is a safeguarding organization dedicated to the protection and well-being of children, grandparents and the people we serve.

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INTEGRATED CHILD SUPPORT FOUNDATION

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Creating a better World for Kids through increasing access to Safe and Inclusive; Child Protection, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Education, as well as Youth and Adolescent Services for refugees and host community children in Uganda



"EMPOWERING CHILDREN, BRIDGING

GENERATIONS, TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES"

ABOUT THE INTEGRATED CHILD SUPPORT FOUNDATION (ICSF)

Who We Are:

The Integrated Child Support Foundation (ICSF) is a locally-led, registered as a community-based organization Uganda (Reg. no. 80020002744608), dedicated to enhancing the health, protection, care, and support of disadvantaged children both in Uganda and beyond. Our vision is to create a society where all children are secure and can achieve their full potential. We focus on strengthening family and community capacities, improving access to child and maternal health services, and raising awareness about the challenges faced by children to advocate for an accountable child protection system.

Our work began in 2021 with a project aimed at refugee children in Nakivale, implemented through the community grandparents' model using a storytelling approach to bridge intergenerational gaps and address the psychological issues arising from the challenges of being a refugee and the impacts of COVID-19. Our main office is in Lira, and we currently operate in Nakivale Refugee Settlement, where we collaborate with Focusing Initiative International on the community-led project, Better World for Kids. Our governance is supported by a diverse Board of Directors, including founder members and nominated board members, ensuring a merit-based appointment process for all technical team positions. At ICSF, we are committed to making a meaningful impact in the lives of children, empowering them to thrive in a nurturing environment.

Vision: A society where all children are secure and can achieve their full potential.

Mission: Strengthening family and community capacities to protect and nurture children.

FLAGSHIP PROJECT: A BETTER WORLD FOR KIDS

A Better World for Kids Project is a community-driven initiative aimed at fostering resilience and psychosocial well-being among vulnerable children (Aged 6-12) and the elderly in Nakivale Settlement Uganda, through intergenerational collaboration and culturally significant activities.

Inspired by Daniel Osaka's personal life experience as a lost child, A Better World for Kids fills the gap in services towards increasing the resilience and psychosocial wellbeing of both elderly refugees and vulnerable children by building cross-generational ties that can enhance both elderly and children's mental stability and create a sense of normality and social contact that allows children to grow into well-rounded, healthy adults and supported.

This flagship project is supported with funding from Focusing Initiative International.



Project Objectives

This project seeks to:

- Develop a new psychosocial community wellness model in the Nakivale settlement that grounds the children in their history and culture and gives meaning to the lives of the elderly.
- Improve access to age-appropriate, and inclusive psychosocial services for elderly refugees and vulnerable children in the Nakivale settlement.
- Build the capacity of caregivers to deal with children's daily stressors, and to identify and refer children in need of psychosocial support services.
- Narrow the existing gap between the elderly and children through play and storytelling and passing on the knowledge reserve and cultural history of their communities.
- Build this program through engagement with the refugee community in an ongoing collaborative process.



Key Activities: Assessment and Selection, Community Awareness Training, Intergenerational Sessions, Referrals and Support for children facing psychological distress; and routine monitoring to ensure effective project implementation.

Project Links: <https://bw4kids.org/> and https://ics-f.org/?page_id=7203

Our Reach Since 2021

Beneficiaries: 6,098 individuals

- 1,383 adult participants in community caregiver sessions
- 4,379 children who attended psychosocial support (PSS) and positive discipline sessions
- 182 Children at Risk (CAR) who benefited from case management/referral services
- 154 attendees at our cultural music event held at the community level

Conducted training, mentorship, and coaching for 24 staff and teachers,
Selected and orientated/trained 41 grandparents to deliver storytelling sessions with children.