

Project Title: Rehab & Education for 5,000 Kids in Uganda

1. Executive Summary

Rehab & Education for 5,000 Kids in Uganda is a transformative initiative that empowers vulnerable children in rural Uganda, especially those with disabilities and those born into extreme poverty. These children face abandonment, school dropout, and even fatal mob violence after turning to the streets. The project delivers early childhood education, rehabilitation, and day care services through a solar-powered, inclusive community hub. Sustainable social enterprises and outreach programs ensure continued care for 5,000 children and 2,000 caregivers over three years. Donor support ensures lasting impact by breaking cycles of neglect, exclusion, and poverty.

2. Problem Statement

Vulnerable children, especially those with disabilities or deformities, are often abandoned by poor families who consider them a curse. Many end up on the streets of Arua City, where some have been burned alive or killed by mob justice after petty theft. Parents often can't pursue justice, and police fail to act. These children drop out of school, face early marriages, and suffer neglect. The lack of early childhood care, rehabilitation, and recreation deepens poverty, trauma, and exclusion.

3. How the Project Will Solve the Problem

The project will establish a safe, solar-powered center offering early childhood education, day care, and rehabilitation services for vulnerable children. It will provide therapy, psychosocial support, inclusive play, and vocational training for caregivers and youth. Mobile outreach will extend services to remote communities. Income from eco-tourism and social enterprise will sustain free or subsidized care, breaking cycles of abandonment and exclusion.

4. What the Project Will Do

The project will:

- Construct a community hub with inclusive classrooms, therapy rooms, and a children's play center

- Provide early learning, day care, rehabilitation, and psychosocial support to vulnerable children
- Train youth and caregivers in vocational and enterprise skills
- Offer mobile outreach services in surrounding rural areas
- Develop eco-tourism and social enterprise components to fund services long-term

5. Potential Long-Term Impact

The project will reduce child neglect, school dropout, early marriage, and disability stigma. It will empower over 5,000 children and 2,000 caregivers with education, care, and skills. Long-term, it will lower street crime, improve family stability, and foster inclusion in Arua and nearby rural areas. The center will serve as a model for child-focused, community-led development that can be scaled across Uganda.

6. Target Groups

- Vulnerable children aged 0–6, especially those with disabilities or deformities
- Out-of-school youth (15–30 years) and women caregivers
- Children at risk of abandonment or street involvement
- Local artisans, educators, and volunteers

7. Key Components & Activities

Component	Key Activities
Early Childhood Education & Day Care	Inclusive, play-based learning, nutrition, caregiver support
Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR)	Physiotherapy, assistive devices, home-based care, psychosocial support
Vocational Training & Social Enterprise	Skills in tailoring, ICT, carpentry, solar tech; incubation and startup kits
Recreation & Play Center	Inclusive sports and creative arts, safe playgrounds for all children
Mobile Outreach	Community visits, disability screening, caregiver education, referrals
Eco-Tourism & Market Hub	Cultural experiences, artisan products, food courts to fund care services

8. Implementation Plan Year 1:

Build infrastructure, train staff, launch ECD, day care, and rehab services, begin outreach.

Year 2: Expand vocational training, tourism activities, deepen outreach and service quality.

Year 3+: Evaluate, replicate, and scale the model to new districts.

9. Sustainability Strategy

- Social enterprise revenue from eco-tourism, food services, and artisan sales
- Renewable energy to reduce costs
- Local staffing and skills development
- Integration with government and NGO programs
- Joint venture investment with partners and volunteer creation for resource mobilisation

10. Monitoring & Evaluation

- Baseline, midline, and endline evaluations
- Monthly activity reports and annual reviews
- Digital beneficiary tracking system
- Feedback loops with caregivers and community leaders

11. Budget Summary (Total Budget: USD 350,000)

Budget Item	Amount (USD)	Description
Infrastructure (ECD, rehab, play areas)	120,000	Inclusive classrooms, therapy rooms, playgrounds
Solar Power & Water	25,000	Green energy and sanitation systems

Equipment & Supplies	40,000	Education and therapy materials, play kits
Staffing	60,000	Teachers, therapists, outreach, admin
Training & Outreach	35,000	Vocational skills, caregiver support, mobile rehab
Eco-Tourism & Market Development	25,000	Artisan area, food court, cultural spaces
Events & Conferences	15,000	Community engagement and advocacy events
Monitoring & Evaluation	20,000	Surveys, analysis, reporting systems
Contingency (3%)	10,000	Flexibility for inflation, emergency needs

11. Donation Options and Impact

- \$10: One week of nutritious snacks for a child
- \$25: Therapy supplies for one child
- \$50: Inclusive play activities for five children
- \$100: Vocational training for one caregiver or youth
- \$250: One month of solar power for the center
- \$500: Mobile outreach to 50 children and families