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THE ODWAR FUND QUARTERLY REPORT MARCH-JUNE 2012



Children at Bung ECDC Enjoying a Reading session-The books & uniforms provided by The Odwar Fund

The Odwar Fund is an NGO registered in 2009 with National NGO Board and aims to Support Children, Families and communities overcome all hindrances to social economic development through tailor made programs like providing fees (scholarships) to vulnerable students to enable them go to primary, secondary, tertiary and universities. This is done in collaboration with various education initiatives that promote Access, Quality protection and Transit to Post-Primary cycle. Our Education program also includes engagement in Early childhood development (pre-school age going children 0-5years for rural communities) as a way of promoting early cognitive development and nutrition including child therapy. We also support ECDCs and DVC households build basis for social economic development and nutrition including at household levels.

Engaging in activities that promote health awareness in areas of gender, child rights & HIV/AIDS.

Providing livelihoods and apprenticeship programs targeted at rehabilitating communities in post-conflict areas of Northern Uganda through teaching communities in income generation activities, Agriculture, vocational skills trainings, Village Savings & Loans Association (VSLA) among others.

Involvement in guidance and counseling activities for the children and communities as a way of building resilience through psycho-social and mental health supports.

The Odwar Fund applies a Rights based approach in programming and we look at poverty as an injustice to society that is why we believe there should be value for money through strategically placing finances where they will yield results and 100% of donor funds go to the right cause. Our efforts aim at strengthening the Capacity of Families to protect and care for orphans and other vulnerable children by providing economic, nutritional, psychosocial and other support



A Community trainer from The Odwar Fund in a Session with women and OVC household heads on VSLA,IGA and how to take care of OVCs-Thanks to Global Giving and our Individual donors!

With support from individual donors, Global Giving Foundation and other partners we have so far achieved the following:

1). While we have had over five graduates from the program, Right now we have 10 students at Universities like Makerere University, Kampala International University, Arapai Agricultural College and they are doing courses like Human Medicine & Surgery, Agriculture, Development studies, and Community Psychology. We have 5 students waiting to join University this academic year and they will be going to Kyambogo, Makerere and Nkozi Universities to pursue different disciplines.



Patrick Opito, Oyam District just completed his Diploma in Animal Production from Busitema University; he is helping communities by treating animals (He is grateful to The Odwar Fund for supporting his academic career)

At A 'Level, we have 10 students in schools like Maryland High school Entebbe, Sky land High School Lira, Doctor Obote College among others while at O'Level we have 8 students in schools like Lubiri SS Kampala, Kennedy SS Entebbe, Stella Maris College Nsube, Leo Atubu College, and Lira Integrated SS



James Ekur, Alito Kole District is a Physically challenged student at Skyland High School, besides him is the Executive Director, The Odwar Fund

Primary level we are supporting 6 pupils at Fountain Boarding Nursery and primary school which brings the total number of our directly sponsored students to 39 at the moment and the students are picked from Kole, Oyam, Lira and Pader Districts.



Fountain Boarding Primary School where The Odwar Fund currently Sponsors 6 pupils

Under the Early Childhood Development and OVC Household social economic strengthening, we are supporting 3 ECD Centers with a total of 290 children in Kole where we provide scholastic materials, fee subsidies, play kits, learning aids and therapy to children. All the OVC Households are put into VSLA groups where their savings help underpin their economic capacities to undertake micro enterprises that can help meet basic needs of the households.

Bung Early Childhood Development Centre, Scholastic materials provided by The Odwar Fund



The Odwar Fund ED Delivers scholastic materials to Bung ECDC

The OVC Households under each ECDC are supported with kits to undertake nutrition programs for children so that they are able to Have enough nutritious foods for children and this range from Poultry where eggs are a source of nutrition for children and the chicken are a source of social economic security, kitchen garden programs, production of nutritious crops like soya beans, orange flesh sweet potatoes and high iron beans among others for proper balanced feeding of children.



Bung DVC Households trained and Supported on Village Savings and Loans Association by The Odwar Fund, so far 120 households have been supported.

In June, with support from Global Giving Foundation, The Odwar Fund has delivered 50 Chicken to Bung ECDC and we hope that the eggs will support children in nutrition and as they multiply they will be a source of income for the center through sale of the broilers. We have also been able to add VSLA tool kits for additional 30 DVC households that we hope will continue to underpin a savings culture among families so that they are better able to take care of their children through the savings and loans from the scheme that can be ploughed into small micro-enterprises.



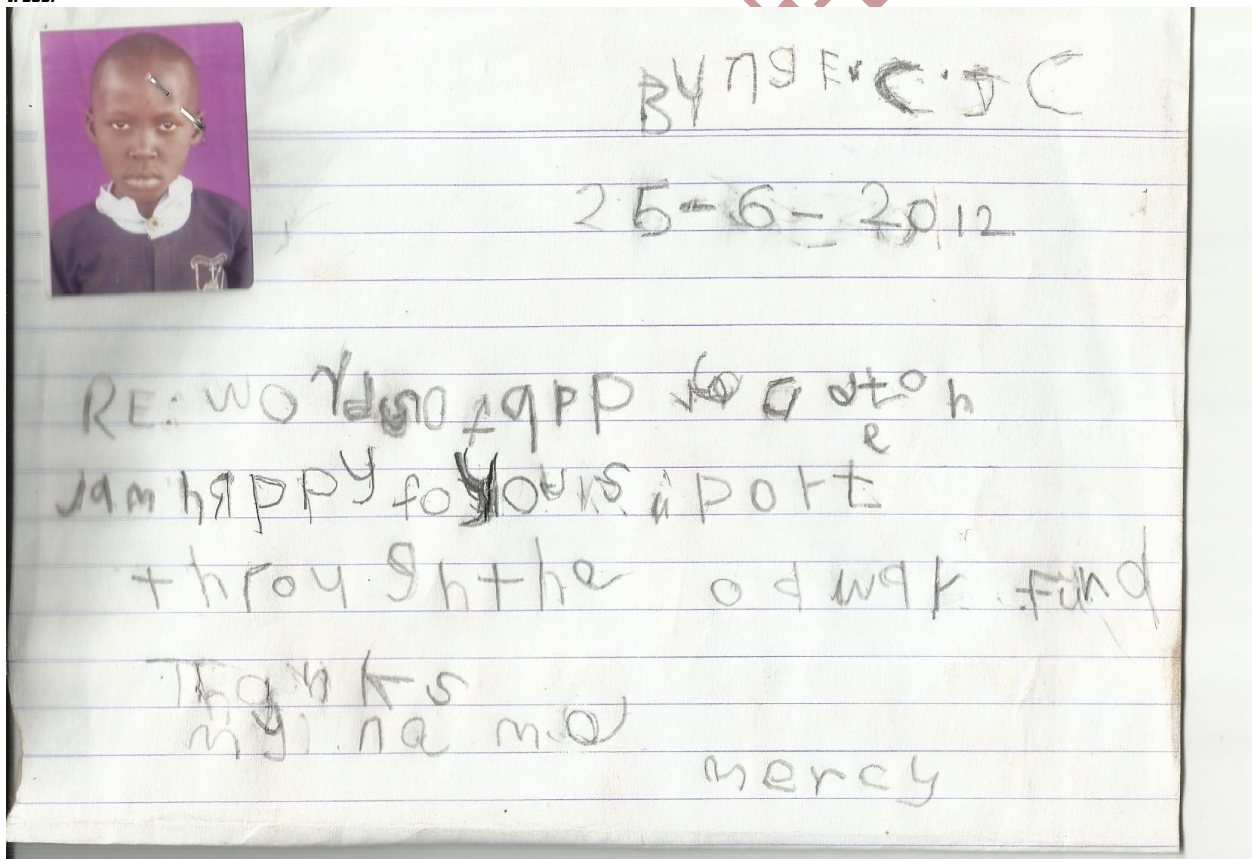
Executive Ditector_ The Odwar Fund hands Poultry (Chicken) to DVCs in Bung as care takers look on, the Eggs will provide nutrition to children while excess chicken will be sold and become an income source for building economic security of DVC Households-Thanks to Global Giving Foundation for the support

Early Childhood Development has remained a grossly underfunded, under supported component in Northern Uganda and as an Organization we will continue to advocate for support from individuals, well-wishers and will lobby donors and government to increase their involvement in this sector if we are to see meaningful improvement in Education in Northern

Uganda in order to achieve universal access, retention and transit to post primary cycle that remains very desirable at the moment.



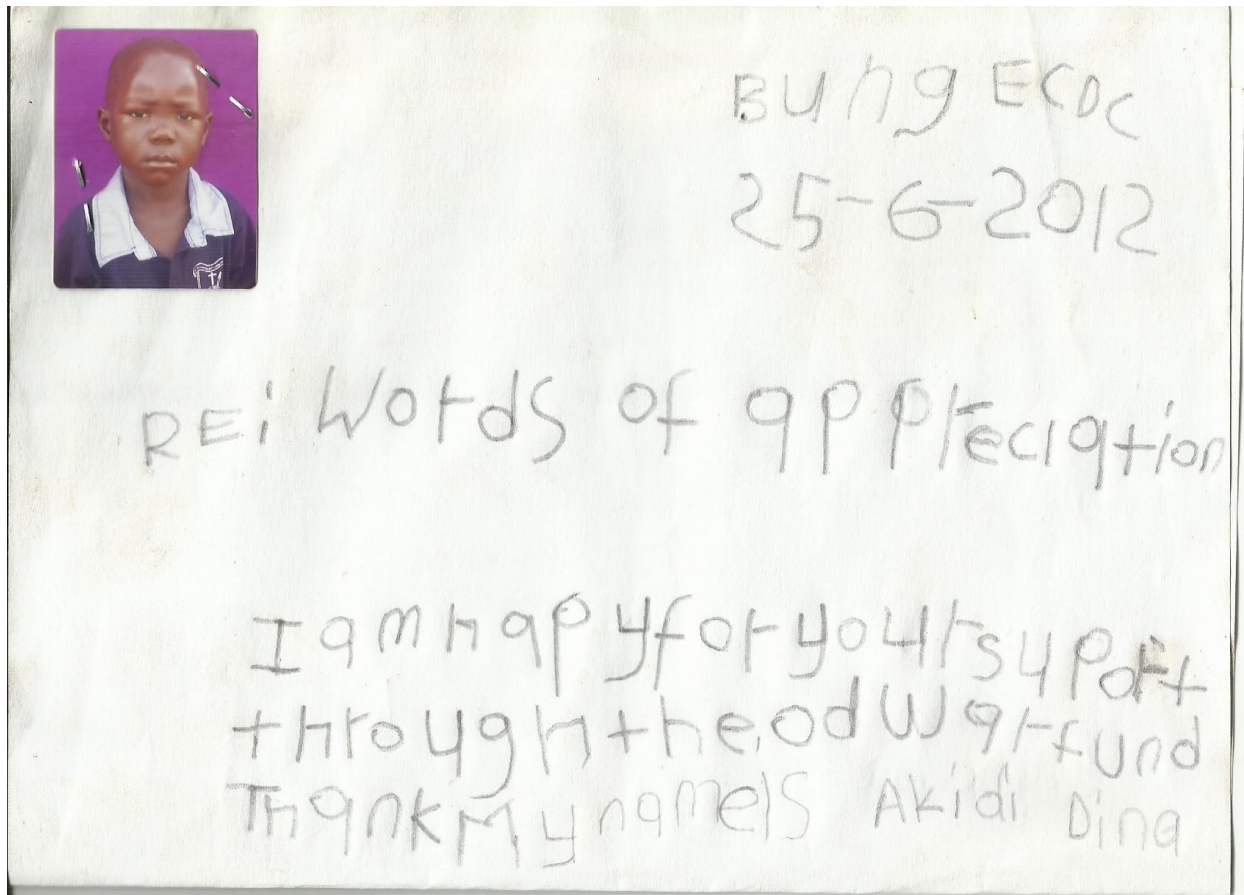
The needs of the DVCs remain immense, as seen above many still have no uniforms, they study in church buildings and sometimes under trees.



Mercy is a very brilliant girl, she has always been the best in her class. A fourth born in a family of five children, there is a lot of hope in her.

The Odwar Fund therefore hopes that they can build sustainable partnerships with different donors, stakeholders, civil society vanguards and local government in order to help the local community better and this we hope can facilitate us to begin programs for shelter for the children in the ECDCs who apparently study in church buildings and are therefore so

crowded and unfriendly for effective learning to take place, we regret the current state of affairs but will try our best in making these problems known to well-wishers and all stakeholder.



Dina is the best child in Baby class and a very dedicated girl when it comes to learning, she loves reading. She is grateful for all the support.



BUNGE CDC

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RE: WORDS OF APPRECIATION

I AM HAPPY FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THROUGH THE ODWAR FUND
THANKS

MERCY

MY NAME IS ONGORA ALAN

Some of these children travel very long Distance to access school, Bung ECDC is the only learning place, there is no primary school and the nearest primary school is about 7 kilometers, so the ECD has answered just a few questions

On behalf of The Odwar Fund and on my own behalf, allow me to sincerely Thank You so much for being part of what The Odwar Fund is doing, we are in this together. All the children still greatly need more of your support.

God bless you all

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