

## KYOSIGA COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT



### September 2015 to June 2016 Newsletter

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KACCAD is again pleased to share its experiences in program implementation during the period September 2015 to June 2016. It was a great year in which the organization was blessed with donations and grants from our development partners, upon which we extend our sincere gratitude.

#### **Solar Lights**

KACCAD's partnership with Let There Be Light International has continued to combat energy poverty across Uganda in the district of Gomba by providing safe, eco-friendly, and cost effective lights to vulnerable members of the communities and solar electrifying public health clinics. The target recipients are individuals belonging to vulnerability categories of AIDS OVCs, Home bound elderly, new mothers, AIDS widows, Disabled persons and school children from energy poor households.

#### **Distributions to vulnerable persons continues in Wakiso and Gomba**

702 solar lights were distributed to eligible recipients [\[link\]](#).



On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 172 solar lights were distributed to school children at Good Hope Primary School a rural school in Gomba to empower their education ahead of the end of term three examinations and Primary Leaving Examinations which the pupils will be seating in the next months, 28 solar lights were distributed to elderly and persons with disabilities in Namabeya-Mpenja in Gomba and 2 solar lights were rewarded to field officers in Gomba for their assistance in the solar distribution.

Also, in the month of November 2015, pupils at Falkenbergs School in Sweden donated 27 solar lights to school children of All saints primary school [\[link\]](#) Furthermore, KACCAD distributed another bunch of 200 solar lights to susceptible households in Ngeribalya Gomba district. The grant was furnished by its partner Let There Be Light International (LTBLI) in mid November 2015 and the distribution took place on 29<sup>th</sup> December. Among the beneficiary families were those of new mothers, home bound elderly and persons with disabilities. By the end of the year 2015, KACCAD had donated a total of 1,217 portable solar lights to households of vulnerable persons in Gomba and Wakiso district.

Furthermore in May 2016, using grant funding from Let There Be Light International, KACCAD procured 300 pico solar lights and initially distributed 150 of them on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 to vetted recipients in Gomba district. The remaining 150 lights were distributed during the period 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

### **Solar Electrification of Gomba district health centers**

Solar electrification was carried out at Namabeya, Ngeribalya, Kyayi, Mawuuki and Kasambya Health Centers. These health facilities were targeted because they were off-grid, they were using kerosene fuelled lanterns, they have large catchment areas, serve large populations but they could not provide services throughout the night.

Also, the health staff could not easily communicate with their superiors and with their own families. Since the installation of the solar systems at these health centers a number of benefits have been realized.



### **Follow up impact assessment**

During February to April 2016 and using grant money provided by our development partner Let There Be Light International, KACCAD conducted a comprehensive follow-up

assessment of the impact made by the solar light distribution program in Wakiso and Gomba districts of Uganda. The survey was meant to establish how the use of solar lighting had improved the lives of vulnerable living in off-grid areas.

A total of 802 recipients in the two districts participated in the follow-up assessment. [\[read more\]](#)

### **Support to children with hydrocephalus**

In this regard IHI International provided funds for the treatment of Raymond Yiga, a 1 year son of Winfred Nabikolo a resident of Gogonya village. The boy was suffering from a Hydrocephalus condition against which he was treated. The costs met included those for Mbale Cure hospital floor braces corset costing a specialized CP chair, the physical and occupational therapy at Katalemwa rehabilitation center inclusive of transport facilitation to the center, and the scan costs.

Also, the financial assistance enabled Calvin Karunda (a 3-year son of Jane Zalwango a resident of Bulenga A. village) to undergo surgical operation against bilateral inguinal hernia at Platinum medical center in Kampala. Also, the financial support helped Rahim Bagala (a 2-year son of Ibrahim Musoke a resident of Bulenga village) to get standing frames and shoes at Katalemwa to support his mobility. Furthermore, the support enabled Ibrahim Jjuuko (a 9-year son of Ibrahim Nvuyekula a resident of Itomi village) to get three bags of diapers.

### **IHI international's visit to KACCAD makes astounding progress in 1 week**

A Volunteer team from In His Image International, and residents of Philadelphia,USA (Melanie Tabakin, Chris Tabakin, Stephen Swymer and Ellen Donhoe), made a brief, but incredibly impactful visit to Bulenga, Uganda from the first of January to January 9th.

During their stay here, they made significant interventions [\[link\]](#). Their kind hearts and hard work will always be appreciated and has made an enormous impact. Together, we can.

### **Family Planning Project**

This project continued to provide free family planning services to underprivileged women and adolescents of child bearing age in Wakiso and Gomba districts of Uganda.

In September 2015, the KACCAD family planning project 2015-2017 was furnished with seed capital from Professor Bridget Baird which was directed towards procurement of pharmaceutical products for KACCAD Pharmacy located in Lusaaze slum area. The project provides free family planning services to adolescents and adults of child bearing age who are underprivileged as their financial status impedes them from obtaining family planning services as they are costly in the private for-profit clinics and hospitals close to their residences. With the returns from the pharmacy, the other project activities are financed. They include VHT recruitment and training, family planning counseling, and the dispersion of free contraceptives to the targeted groups.

### **Support to Orphanages**

KACCAD supports two orphanages namely Faith Children's Orphanage and Good Hope Children's Orphanage. The OVCs in these orphanages get education sponsorship identified by KACCAD.

KACCAD extends sincere gratitude to the following donating entities, for the various donations they made. Miles Hanan, Amy Schafer, Jessica Shockley Amy Divincenzo, Hanna Straw, Terry McDerment, Cameron McNeill, Rachel Peaslee and Emily Dunham volunteered at Faith Children's Foundation and Good Hope Children Foundation. These volunteers brought with them scholastic items. Also upon return home, Terry and his workmate arranged another donation which was routed through AbroadView.org and this particular donation was used to meet the dietary and medical needs of OVCs at the two affiliate orphanages. Hollie Lorentz fundraised money which was used to erect walls on the ground floor of the planned storeyed building at Good Hope orphanage and also monies which financed a Christmas party for the Good Hope orphanage. She also donated sports equipment to the orphanage. And then, Hollie Lorentz sourced money which was used to purchase max pans for use at constructing ground floor of storeyed building at Good Hope orphanage. Towards the end of the year 2015, Zachary McIntyre a former ABV volunteer provided a donation through With God's Little One which was allocated to Faith Children Foundation to feed the orphans

In the second week of June 2016, Keith Russell and Adinger Alice (both volunteers from A Broader View) provided financial support which was used in repairing the roof (shredding the roof) and painting of an uncompleted storeyed classroom block at Faith Children Foundation School. Special thanks go to Keith Russell for offering to work with the technical team of painters. The repair and painting of the classroom block created a better environment for the students during classes. The undertaking was therefore an extra mile in creating conducive school environment for the pupils at the school.

#### **Another child gets education sponsorship**

It was all jubilations for Nazifah Nalubega when she got to learn that she had secured a sponsor to enable her continue with her studies. The new sponsor is Keith Russell, a volunteer from Abroad View, a partner organization which sources volunteers for KACCAD. Nazifah is now studying in Senior One at St. Theresa Secondary School Buloba in Wakiso district of Uganda. KACCAD extends sincere thanks to Keith for the sponsorship.

#### **KACCAD's Home visit program gets support**

In December 2015 Meg Kuhn, a mother to Chris Kuhn, provided a donation to KACCAD through A Broader View. The donation was meant to provide support to the home visit program. With this donation three (3) households of AIDs widows received Christmas food packages. KACCAD wishes to extend special thanks to Meg Kuhn for that generosity and look forward to further support in that respect.

#### **Bbira Health Center gets medicaments from ABV volunteer**

In June 2016, Meagan Carter, a volunteer from ABV donated an assortment of medicaments to Bbira health center. The medicaments were to be used for the treatment of patients who seek medical care from the health center. Also, Meagan volunteered at this health facility. KACCAD is very thankful to Meagan for her kind heart of donating to the needy, and her efforts to provide service through volunteering.

## **Other KACCAD Updates**

### **With God's Little Ones rescues the KACCAD chicken project farm land [\[link\]](#)**

The chicken farm is a sustainability project for KACCAD. The proceeds from the egg sales are used to finance a number of KACCAD expenditures including staff salaries, administrative costs and others. The farm now has 2175 birds.

### **Mosquito Nets donations**

KACCAD staff and A Broader View volunteers were able to distribute 240 free long-lasting, insecticide-treated mosquito nets to new mothers, pregnant mothers and home bound elderly persons in Wakiso district of Uganda in June thanks to a grant from Johnny Thronsson from Sweden [\[link\]](#)

### **KACCAD undergoes Institutional Capacity building**

KACCAD was graced in November 2015 with grant funding which was received from one of our development partners, the Atlantic Philanthropies. Part of the grant money was used at the discretion of the Executive Director on strengthening of internal operations of the organization. Accordingly, the allocation was used in laying stony slates in the courtyard of the volunteer center, purchase of 1 office chair, purchase of an office shelf and an office table. However, the organization still needs to complete the construction of the Resource Center.

### **KACCAD gets a new strategic plan**

KACCAD developed its Strategic Plan for the period July 2016 to June 2019. The document highlights KACCAD's goals, objectives, activities, SWOT analysis among other things. [Read here](#)

### **Looking into the future**

KACCAD intends to expand the solar lighting program to other districts of Uganda. If resources become available. Family planning services will be intensified in Gomba district as the coverage there is still low.

### **KACCAD extends gratitude**

KACCAD would like to extend sincere gratitude to Abroad view for recruiting volunteers for KACCAD's projects. Special thanks go to Sarah Ehlers and Oliver Ehlers in this regard. Also, KACCAD extends special thanks to Allan Bradley for paying for the annual website and hosting subscription.