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VERY SAD NEWS FOR FAITH CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

The KACCAD team was extremely saddened by the passing away of the principal and founder of Faith Children's Foundation on December 4th, 2014. Ssebunya Drake succumbed to lung cancer. It was a huge loss to the KACCAD family and the community of Wakiso and Uganda at large. Drake left a legacy of commitment to education and bettering the lives of vulnerable children. KACCAD will always cherish its time working with him. Drake was ambitious, courageous, proactive, and friendly. These traits enabled Faith Children's Foundation to accomplish many great achievements. Until KACCAD appoints a head teacher to take over administration of the orphanage in early 2015, KACCAD will oversee the orphanage. KACCAD assures all our partners in development that Faith Children's Foundation will remain in operation. KACCAD thanks Sarah Baird and her family for contributing to the treatment costs of Drake. We also thank Melanie and Chris Tabakin and friends for contributing to Drake's burial costs for their support for the operation of Faith Children's Foundation.



ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT

In 2014, KACCAD designed a new website. The site features all the ongoing projects that KACCAD is undertaking, the phased out projects, and the planned projects as well as other important information about the organization. We invite our sponsors, friends, partners in development, potential partners and volunteers to visit our new website to find out how KACCAD has expanded its scope of interest and geographical coverage as well as the numbers of vulnerable groups served. Visit us at: www.volunteerkaccad.org.

HEALTH INSTITUTION SUPPORT

KACCAD wishes to announce much needed support to both Bbira Health Centre and KACCAD Medical Centre received in May 2014, from the Cameron and Jane Baird Foundation through Sarah and Bridget Baird. The Cameron and Jane Baird Foundation provided a grant to KACCAD, which was shared evenly by the two health institutions. This grant was used to provide free family planning and reproductive health services to women as well as to increase access to free or low-cost contraception for women



and adolescent girls of child-bearing age. This support bridged the family planning knowledge gap for a sizable population of women and teenage girls.

According to KACCAD staff, George Mike, 1,541 expectant mothers, 950 young mothers and 1,951 adolescents attended the four training sessions at Bbira Health Centre. As reported by the health center manager, Mirembe Doreen, a total of 2,100 women of child bearing age attended the four family planning and reproductive health training sessions at KACCAD Medical Centre. After receiving these free family planning and reproductive health services, the women reported back to the health centers and received free contraceptive services.

Among other accomplishments in the field of health was the successful completion of a baseline survey report on the level of reproductive health knowledge and access to family planning services among women of child-bearing-age in Mumyuka, Wakiso Sub-County, Wakiso District. This survey was conducted by a team of KACCAD's researchers and health personnel at Bbira Health Centre. KACCAD extends its special thanks to Bridget Baird, Sarah Baird and their family



through the Cameron and Jane Baird Foundation for the financial assistance extended to us to conduct the survey.



In June 2014, KACCAD received a grant from the Atlantic Philanthropies through Ben Kerman. This grant was used to complete the solar electrification of Bbira Health Center as well as to purchase medical equipment, including: a solar refrigerator with batteries, a solar panel, one microscope, and one ultrasound scan. With the acquisition of this equipment, the center has been able to improve service delivery to expectant mothers, nursing mothers, and other vulnerable populations that

seek health services at the center.

More support in the form of medications came from Megan Bissell, a KACCAD volunteer who worked with Bbira Health Centre. Megan and Chris Kuhn donated some medical utilities. Nursing mothers receiving post-natal care from Bbira Health Centre were given clothes for their babies, which were brought in by ABV volunteer Elizabeth Labrie.

LET THERE BE LIGHT EXPANDS IT'S COVERAGE

In 2014, funds from the non-profit Atlantic Philanthropies, through Ben Kerman, were used in part to purchase 50 small solar lanterns and 50 large solar lanterns with cell

phone charging capacities. The lanterns were distributed to objectively-identified needy persons to cater for their lighting and income generation needs.

Funds from Atlantic Philanthropies also were directed towards a baseline lighting needs survey, through which KACCAD, in partnership with Let There Be Light International, (www.LetThereBeLightInternational.org) sought to assess the lighting needs of vulnerable persons in the remote district of Gomba. The grant also facilitated the purchase of 16 portable solar lanterns for demonstration as field officers and researchers were gathering data in the two sub-counties of Gomba District. After use for demonstration, these lanterns were donated to health centers in the region.

The same grant from Atlantic Philanthropies enabled kids and teachers at Faith Children's Foundation and Good Hope Children's Foundation to acquire 200 solar lanterns to meet their lighting needs. These lights were distributed evenly to students and families at the two orphanages.

SCALING UP THE CHICKEN PROJECT

KACCAD received another grant from Atlantic Philanthropies in June 2014, for scaling up the Poultry Project, an income generating and jobs promotion project in Bulenga. With such assistance KACCAD has been in the position to support vulnerable households and train people in chicken rearing. Grant funding was allocated for the procurement of 400 mature layers used to stock the poultry farm. As of now, the population of birds at the farm is 900. We are also thankful to Molly Rhoads, ABV volunteer, who procured food for the chickens while volunteering with us.

The purpose for scaling up the poultry farm is two-fold. The chicken project is an income generating activity which serves to sustain the various ongoing projects that KACCAD runs and assist with paying the organization's administrative costs. Secondly, once this project reaches full scale, KACCAD will have the capacity to provide adequate start up resources to meet the income generation needs of widows, youth, people living with HIV/AIDS, families caring for OVC's, and other at-risk groups. We have realized that we need to grow quite a bit more in order to increase our bird population so as to not only realize better economies of scale but also to attain the capacity to provide startup capital to a greater number of beneficiaries. KACCAD's goal is to eventually expand the chicken population at the farm to at least 4,000. We are certain that, when that population is attained, we will be better able to support our projects.



KACCAD also received donations from WGLO and Amanda Milholland and Gabe Van Lelyveld in December 2014, which were used for chicken feeds as well as paying the farm attendant. We greatly appreciate this critical support for our projects.



SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING

In August 2014, ABV volunteer, Camil Ben Omar, from Morocco, a graduate at a business school in London, was accompanied by KACCAD staff, George Mike, and field mobilizer, Najjuka Peruth, to the villages of Bbira and Bulenga. Here Camil conducted business skills training to groups of women. Another ABV Volunteer from Eugene Oregon, USA, Christopher Kuhn, joined KACCAD staff, George

Mike, and co-coordinators, Nabwami Barbra, Najjuka Peruth, Nakalega Sylvia, and conducted business skills training in Bbira, Bulenga, and Ssumbwe villages. These trainings were also held in Kirimamboga village, five kilometers from Bulenga.



Some of the women, many of whom are widows, are sole proprietors of small businesses. In addition to retail, the majority of participants are involved in manufacturing or farming, including: mushrooms, beads and other crafts, liquid soaps, briquettes, cattle, and local brew. These individuals displayed the products they make and how they make them.

KACCAD concluded the training sessions with training for youth in Bbira village. Few of these youth were business owners. However, those who were running small businesses had the opportunity to share ideas with their colleagues. The purpose of this training was to attract youth to start businesses that require a small capital input. These trainings provided a platform to the participants to share their business achievements as well as challenges.

Youths cited inaccessibility of startup capital as a significant challenge. Widows engaged in bead and craft making cited the unreliable market for their products as a primary concern. Despite the concerns and challenges mentioned, participants were grateful to the KACCAD team for offering free business planning and management lectures and invited KACCAD to continue organizing business skills trainings in their communities. KACCAD recorded 130 participants who attended training sessions in the

four villages reached. We extend our many thanks to Christopher Kuhn and Camil Benomar for their valuable contributions to this project.

CELEBRATING THE HOMECOMING OF OUR DEAR FRIEND

Amanda Milholland, who worked with KACCAD from September 2006-November 2008 as a Peace Corps Volunteer, visited KACCAD with her husband, Gabe Van Lelyveld, for the month of December, 2014. While with KACCAD, Amanda and Gabe sponsored a holiday party for KACCAD's partners and friends. Approximately 40 people attended the party hosted at the KACCAD volunteer center. The party was a great success with plentiful food and dancing. We enjoyed our reunion with Amanda and meeting Gabe.



In addition to the party, Amanda and Gabe brought clothing donations for women, men and babies, which were distributed at Bbira Health Center and through the home visit program. They also worked together on recording a video about student sponsorship. This video will be available on the KACCAD website next year. Thank you Amanda and Gabe for your visit and your continued efforts to support student sponsorship.

FINAL THANK YOU

We extend a big thank you to all of the individuals, foundations and non-profit partners who have made donations to KACCAD programs and the Wakiso community in the years of 2013 and 2014. The KACCAD team is also extremely grateful for our visitors as well as our national and international volunteer team. With your support, we have been able to provide life-saving education, care to OVCs, elderly people, female-headed households as well as people living with HIV/AIDS. We deeply thank A Broader View

| (ABroaderView.org) for their tireless work recruiting volunteers to support KACCAD programs. We greatly appreciate the continued support from With God's Little Ones, the Cameron and Jane Baird Foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, the Maine Community Foundation, Let There Be Light International and all individual donors! All these accomplishments have been possible through partnership with you and our local community.

God bless you all,

Luwaga Derrick
Director KACCAD