



## June 2016 to December 2016 Newsletter

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### **IHI International president visits KACCAD in May to inspect the progress of the Sew Much Hope projects**

KACCAD was happy to host the IHI president who made a visit in May. During his visit he brought with him two electric sewing machines, donated funds for six months rent at the VIP sewing project for persons with physical differences, donated funds for fabrics, and also donated funds for the evaluation and treatment of a child with spina bifida, Calvin Karunda, at Cure Hospital, Mbale.

### **Solar distribution and health clinic electrification in August, 2016**

The distribution of Pico solar lights to eligible recipients was carried out in Kisoga village, Gomba district. 150 were distributed. The recipients by gender were 108 female and 42 male. By category, the recipients were 82 Homebound elderly persons of whom 5 were also handicapped, 32 New mothers of which 2 were persons with disability, 21 Expectant mothers, and 22 Persons with disabilities (inclusive of the mentioned 2 new mothers and the 5 elderly). This distribution was done by KACCAD field officers, Makerere University Intern Kaduyu Joshua, and ABV corps' Steven Shin and Brittany Abeldt.



The exercise of solar electrification of health centers was carried out during the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2016. The health centers included Kanzira Health Center II and Kawerimidde Health Center II. Below is pre-solar electrification information obtained from the two facilities:

**Kanzira Health Center II**, this health center is located in Kanzira village, Mpenja Sub County, Gomba district. It is about 8 miles off the grid and has a catchment of 9,634 people. Before the solar electrification intervention the health center was operating 6 days a week and only 12 hours per day. It was using kerosene lamps and a battery torch for lighting.

**Kawerimidde Health Center II**, this health Center is located in Kitaka village, Kyegonza Sub County, Gomba district. It is about 4 kilometers off the grid and has a catchment of 11,751 people. Before being solar electrified, the health center was operating only 5 days a week and only 10 hours per day. Kerosene lamps and a battery torch were being used for lighting.

### **Two children got education sponsorship during the second term holiday**

It was such a huge opportunity for Kalugye Fred and Nalubega Shadia to get education sponsorships. Thanks goes to Alice Edinger for finding a sponsor for Kalugye Fred. His sponsor is the mother to Alice. We are grateful to Janet Edinger for sponsoring Kalugye Fred to stay in school for a brighter future. Fred is now enrolled at Light Primary School, Bulenga a private boarding school.

Also Nalubega Shadia is being sponsored by ABV corps' Hannah Kraus and Hannah's mother. Shadia goes to St. Theresa Secondary School Buloba in Wakiso district, a boarding private school, and is now in senior one.

We are grateful to each one of you sponsors in Sweden, Germany, Hong Kong, and USA for giving your sponsored children an opportunity to stay in school and continued support.

### **Solar lights distribution with LTBLI president and board member**

In the month of September, KACCAD was blessed to host the president of LTBLI, Sarah Baird, and a board member, Ben Kerman. On their visit they brought with them a portable projector donated by them for KACCAD's usage during trainings or conferences, three tablet computers, and a solar charger donated by a board member of LTBLI.

During a week stay with KACCAD they were engaged in training of field officers on the usage of tablet computers to do field work. They also travelled to Gomba district with KACCAD Executive Director Luwaga Derrick and a media team of reporters from Bukedde TV and UBC star TV to inspect the health facilities that had been electrified with solar light in the past years. They were later joined by a team of field officers and ABV corps' Hannah Kraus and Monica Taggart to distribute pico solar lights to 300 vetted eligible solar recipients the following day at Nsambwe primary school.



On return from Gomba district, they engaged in selection of best artist in a competition for LTBLI posters. The following day they had a meeting with administrators of Sunny Money Uganda, a social enterprise of Solar Aid, accompanied by George Mike Luberenga, an Evaluation consultant and outreach educationist. They also brought a wifi router for office and field usage. A day before their departure they travelled with KACCAD director Luwaga Derrick and service staff Siriman Kiryowa to Ngamba Island on a sponsored trip by Sarah and Ben. It was such an enjoyable and unforgettable visit.



**In October, 2016** Victoria Foss made a donation to Nantume Zainah, a 24 year old mother of five, including a set of triplets. Nantume is a resident of Kiriri Trading centre in Gomba district. She experienced misfortune when her family was abandoned by the husband in the hospital after hearing the news about the birth of the triplets. Victoria Foss' contribution was received by KACCAD and provided the triplet mother a means to meet the nutrition and dietary needs of the household as well as paying rental arrears.

**On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**, ABV Corps' Hannah Kraus and Monica Taggart, KACCAD team of field officers, and KACCAD Executive director donated pico solar lights to 150 vetted recipients whom comprised of new mothers, the elderly, school children, and the handicapped belonging to off grid households. These lights were distributed in the villages of Gogonya, Bulaga and Bulenga.

**From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2016**, KACCAD with support from Let There Be Light International conducted a baseline survey in Bukomansimbi district in order to obtain factual information which would enable the organizations to determine the solar lighting needs status of the communities and 25 pico lights were distribute during the survey.

**On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016**, KACCAD distributed Pico solar lights to eligible recipients at Buyanja Health Center II in Maddu Sub County, Gomba district. In Wakiso district the solar light distribution took place on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Local Council Office premises in Ssumbwe village, Wakiso Sub County. 100 solar lights were distributed at Buyanja while the other 100 solar lights were distributed at Ssumbwe. The solar light distribution data was captured using the Tablet computers and synchronized to be sent to the Let There Be Light International in the United States of America. During the same period another grant from LTBLI facilitated the exercise of solar electrification of health centers carried out during the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. The health centers that were provided with the complete solar systems were Buyanja Health Center II and Kyayi Health Center III.

**On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**, KACCAD was blessed to have received a gift from Atlantic Philanthropies. This grant was used by KACCAD to procure a pair of batteries to replace impaired batteries at the volunteer center, a solar water pump for KACCAD's chicken farm, and also the continuation of health insurance for its staff.

**On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, KACCAD was pleased to have been awarded a grant by Professor Bridget Baird to benefit KACCAD's free family planning project.

**December 2016**, KACCAD received a grant from Monitor Company in Sweden to establish a maternity in Gomba, thank you Johnny Thronsson for lobbying for KACCAD from Monitor.

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, KACCAD received a grant from Let There Be Light International used to procure 200 pico solar lights distributed to secondary students.

KACCAD wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciations to all the people whom have supported our projects with donations and those whom have volunteered their time at KACCAD projects. You have made 2016 a very productive and fruitful year for KACCAD.

**Merry Christmas and Happy NEW 2017**

Yours in development,

Derrick Luwaga

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