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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Supporters of Kyosiga Community Christian Association for Development (KACCAD), we are grateful for your continued support of our community development efforts. KACCAD is pleased to have expanded our programming from Wakiso and Gomba Districts to Bukomansimbi. We are providing interventions, support and guidance to more than ½ million people and couldn't have done it without our valuable partners. Read more below about the individual efforts of our primary partners: IHI, LTBLI, Rotary, ABV, and others. Together as One

IHI International Volunteers Visit and make an Outstanding Impact!

- IHI President Christopher Michael Tabakin and 3 volunteers visited in January to provide services and support to our community VIPs (Very Important Persons).
- Therapy and Physical Therapy Training was offered to over 113 people.
- 210 participants attended Leadership and Management Workshops and received certificates of completion.
- More than 25 mobility tools including strollers, walkers, orthotics, prosthetics, and wheelchairs were distributed to handicapped children and adults.
- Funds were provided for rent and medical transportation costs for handicapped children and their families, as well as treatment expenses for children born with hydrocephalus, a curable condition in the developed world but often fatal in Uganda.
- Much needed funds were provided for our VIP Sew Much project, a program that employs handicapped women to sew and sell handicrafts. Funds included the payment of twelve months rent, the donation of supplies, and monies to hire a trainer.
- School fees were paid for a handicapped child, Angel, who can walk thanks to IHI.

Thank you IHI International for your profound acts of generosity towards VIPs in Uganda.



Dr. Heather Blevins offering physio therapy at Wakiso John Senkima after a leg prosthesis at CORSU hospital

KACCAD and Let There Be Light International (LTBLI) Enlighten ¼ Million Lives!

- 1,070 pico solar lights were donated to vulnerable families in the Wakiso, Gomba and Bukomansimbi Districts. All solar recipients live on less than \$1.90/day in off-grid households and are in one or more of our recipients M.O.D.E.S. (Mother, Orphan, Disabled, Elder, Students).
- Approximately 5,778 people are directly benefitting from the lights, reducing the risk of house fires, burns, negative respiratory health and safety impacts.
- The releases of 1,177 tons of CO2 are being averted, benefitting our shared environment, and families are saving \$160,500 over the 3-year lifetime of the lights.
- 5 rural, off-grid health centers were solar-electrified, impacting the health of more than 85,000 people. Together, KACCAD and LTBLI have solar-electrified 16 health clinics, impacting the healthcare of more than 278,000 people.
- The average pre-electrification rate of patient care is 2,290 people seen per week at the 5 clinics, a figure that is expected to increase by 30% or 687 people, as the clinics begin operating for 24hrs daily. Other impacts include increased rates of staff retention and on-time reporting, a 140% increase in attended births, and increased measures of patient and staff safety and wellbeing.
- Rotary International through the Moorestown, NJ Chapter in the USA joined with our local Rotary Chapter in Buloba to bring lights to 120 vulnerable students in the Gomba

District. KACCAD is thrilled to begin this impactful partnership with Rotary!



School Children at Buyanja Preparatory school, Kyayi, Gomba

- In May, KACCAD and LTBLI conducted a follow-up impact assessment of our solar-electrified health clinics in the Gomba and Wakiso districts. Findings will be presented at the International Conference of Sustainable Development in September 2017. Impacts include significant improvements in healthcare access, delivery and outcomes.

KACCAD is grateful to Abroaderview Volunteers Derrick Seiler and Courtney Seiler who donated clothes to new mothers at distribution venues, participated in the distribution of solar health outreach posters to community venues, took short notes of the recipients and captured pictures of solar recipients.

KACCAD is also grateful to ABV corps Tammie Ruzic and Ethan Ruzic for participating in a solar distribution to handicapped children the elderly and new mothers.

KACCAD is thankful to our many wonderful Volunteers!

- We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Abroaderview Volunteers!
- We are blessed to once again host our longtime friend and partner, Pastor Joel Kurz from the US. Pastor Joel and his congregation help with our programming, sponsor children, raise money for single mothers and the VIP sewing project, and more.
- Abroaderview volunteer, Mengie Muluh, was placed at Bbira Health Center where she worked in a laboratory and assisted in the maternity section. Mengie brought much needed medical supplies which were donated to Bbira health center.

- Abroaders View volunteers Courtney and Derrick Seiler participated in a solar distribution at Bukomansimbi, taught at Good Hope Children Foundation and Pearl Junior School, and donated scholastic materials at both. On her return to the USA, Courtney was able to find a sponsor for a child whose father abandoned her and was staying with a single mother.



Derrick Seiler and Courtney Seiler, ABV corps donating scholastic materials at Good Hope Children Foundation

- Abroaders View volunteers Ethan and Tammie Ruzic worked at Faith Children Foundation for two weeks, participated in a one day solar distribution at Mutundwe, and Tammie held a family planning counseling workshop at Bbira health center.

The KACCAD team as well as beneficiaries in Wakiso, Bukomansimbi and Gomba Districts are deeply grateful for your support. Thank you!

God bless you all,

Luwaga Derrick

Executive Director