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# KITEGA COMMUNITY CENTRE

*Freedom, self determination and justice for the poor,  
marginalised and underserved communities*



# Annual Report



# 2014

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## About Us

Kitega Community Centre was founded in March 2000. The Centre was first under the umbrella body of the Uganda Association for the mentally handicapped. In 2004 Kitega Community Centre was registered as an independent non-government organization. The Centre is a Christian organization but serves all people without prejudice.

### OUR MISSION:

To empower disabled and disadvantaged children, to advocate for disability rights, and to foster community-owned development so that everyone can lead dignified, productive lives.

### OUR VISION:

The achievement of a healthy, inclusive community in which every member is living a dignified life and is respected as valuable and contributing to the development of the community.

### FAITH STATEMENT:

Kitega Centre's work is guided by our faith in Jesus Christ's love for all, especially those who are poor, sick and suffering. We believe in Jesus's teaching that "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)

### Objectives:

- To provide education, job training and life skills to disabled children
- To improve the parents' economic situation so that they can better take care of their children
- To improve personal and community health
- To mobilize the communities to join hands to transform their situation
- To facilitate community-owned, community-driven development
- To empower other marginalized groups in the community, including those with HIV/AIDS and orphans
- To support the families of the disabled children by creating a welcoming environment and eliminating stigma against disabled children and their families.

### Values:

- (a) Faith
- (b) Love
- (c) Commitment
- (b) People centred
- (c) Participation
- (d) Sustainability
- (e) Accountability
- (f) Listening
- (g) Common good
- (h) Integrity
- (i) Transparency



## Administration

### Management

The centre is governed by a Board of Trustees,

#### Board Members

Mr.& Mrs. Nicky King,	Patron
Rev. Canon Silas Musoke,	Chairperson
Mr. James Kalule,	General Secretary
Rev.Samuel Lwere,	Treasurer
Rhoda Kavulu,	Member
David Clemy Kawooya,	Member
Willy & Sharon Ong	Members
Mrs. Musoke,	Member
Kennedy Bamusubire,	Member

Below the Board is the Executive Committee which is in charge of the day to day activities of the centre. Most of the Committee members are elected from different groups served by Kitega Centre and serve a two year term.

#### Executive Committee (2014-2016)

James Kalule	Chairperson
Kennedy Bamusubire	Secretary
David Clemy Kawooya	Administration & PR
Daniel Kaaya	Program Manager
Victoria Kalule	Health
A.J.Musoke	Member
Margaret Baiga	Parent Representative
Edith Kigongo	Local council Representative
Mr. Banda Nehemiah	Community Programs
Rukia Nantale	VICOBA President
Philip Kasimbi	Think Tank Chairperson

#### Staff

Full- time staff  
Edith K .Nalumansi, Assistant Project worker  
Milly Lutwama

#### Part- time Staff

Brian Butoto, Project Worker  
Kennedy Bamusubire, Occupational therapist

#### Virtual Volunteer Staff:

Lyndall King - Partnerships and Fundraising Coordinator  
Daisy Watford - Publicity - Social Media.  
George Kanellopoulos - Website Administration  
Frank Otieno (Kenya) - Graphic Designer







## *Message from Nicholas W King, Patron of Kitega Community centre*

As I write these words it is the middle of winter in Scotland. The nights are long and dark and it is freezing and snowing outside the house. This is the time of the year when we huddle around our fires to keep warm.

Our lives can have their winter seasons as well, those times that seem a never-ending night. It might be a personal hardship, a calamity in the community or, in the case of Kitega, the suffering of disabled and disadvantaged children. These are the times when we might weep.



We may wonder where God is in such situations. The answer is that He is there beside us. The shortest verse in the Bible tells us that “Jesus wept” (John 11:35). He wept in compassion for those He loved at that time and he weeps in compassion for us today. We may not understand why we suffer, but only in Jesus do we have God sharing in our suffering. Bob Pierce the founder of World Vision, used to pray “Lord, may my heart be broken by what breaks your heart”. It’s only then, when our hearts are broken, that we have real compassion for those who suffer and we become the lips, the hands, the feet, and the most of all, the love of Jesus flowing out to those who suffer. It is then that light shines in the darkness.

And this is what Kitega is all about, letting Jesus work through us to help those less fortunate than ourselves. And in doing so we find that as we work to bless the less fortunate, we ourselves are blessed and share in being the people of the Beatitudes.

So what keeps me warm in the depths of my heart as I sit through the dark and cold Scottish winter is the memory of the smiles and laughter or the Kitega children given to us during our visit in 2014. What puts a smile on my face is the love shown by the Kitega team as they minister to the children and the community. What gives me encouragement are the volunteers who give of themselves. And what gives me hope is the transformation the Kitega community and its witness it is making not only in Uganda but in many other parts of the world.

May we continue to put a smile on the faces of the children, and on the face of God as we move into the future.

*Blessings and Shalom*

*Nicky King*

*Chairman of the Kingserve Trust and Patron of the Kitega Community Centre  
Scotland, January 2015.*







## *Message from Kitega Chairperson, Rev. Canon Silas Musoke.*

**T**his year we are reminded of the greatest challenge ever given to man by the greatest person who has ever lived. No matter how wealthy, famous, brilliant, or powerful you may be, you will never give yourself to any cause that can compare with this life-changing, even world-changing, call of God. Regardless of the various achievements placed in our hands, nothing can even begin to compare with this command of our Lord Jesus Christ to help take His message of love and forgiveness to every person, in every community, in every city, in every country of the world, and make disciples of all nations. We have all been commanded at our different posts to extend this kind of love. We are eternally grateful to many of our partners, who have travelled many miles away from home and chosen to extend this ministry of love through Kitega community Centre. We celebrate many achievements as this year begins, humbled and forever beholden for the massive input of stakeholders right from the members of the board, the executive committees, the think tank, the wonderful teachers and the children, the VICOBA family and the entire community. As this report shall show, most of the achievements have been attributed to the tireless work of the various groups attached to the centre. Our dear volunteers from the globe, the work you have done is no mean feat. Thank you all. What a year we have before us! It is a year we mark half a decade of VICOBA, many years of the Kitega Community centre and yet our load becomes even wider. However, we are comforted by the fact that what we have done before we can do again and even better. We have various goals of spreading the love of Christ through the Centre this year. It is my prayer that we can add to our goals plans and to our plans action and to our action steadfastness and to our steadfastness punctuality. This has been proven as the easiest way of turning dreams into reality

GOAL – (PLAN + ACTION + STEADFASTNESS + PUNCTUALITY) = DREAM  
GOAL + PLAN + ACTION + STEADFASTNESS + PUNCTUALITY = REALITY



Let us be a team committed to changing our dreams to reality but most of all let us be reminded of our duty to engage in the ministry of sharing the love of God across the various scopes of the centre as it is our mandate from the good Lord. Happy and prosperous 2015.





## ***The Year in Review—Children Programs***

The Centre's five year plan 2013 – 2017 is to serve 100 disabled children including the deaf and 100 non- disabled orphans and vulnerable children.

In 2014 the Centre welcomed five disabled children, with different types of disabilities. The total number of children served in 2014 was 52.

At the Centre, the children engaged in academic activity and acquired literacy and numeracy skills, vocational training and extracurricular learning programs such music, dance, drama and sports.







Kitega Community Centre also provided medical support to the children, we provided services like medical checkups and immunization among others. Children with epilepsy were also supported with their daily medication.



Kennedy Bamusubire, Kitega's Occupational Therapist examined the children on a continuous basis, this helped the Centre staff to provide appropriate support to the children.

The children have greatly improved in all aspects, and were all awarded certificates at the Kitega Christmas Party.

The star profile assessment for each child shows some level of improvement in academics, social skills, independent living, and general health

The attitude of the community towards the children is also improving, in 2014 children received food items from community members, and VICOBA members arranged activities for the children.

Members from Katungulu and Bazadde VICOBA visited the children, cooked for them, participated in classroom and outdoor activities with the children.



The children also visited students at the International School Uganda, the students run a Christmas Shoebox campaign for the children at Kitega Centre. They were happy to see the disabled children when we collected the shoeboxes.





The Children also visited the Wildlife education Centre in Entebbe. The trip was organised by Maria, Pablo and Patricia from Spain.

Through the support of Kitega Friends, we were able to provide mattresses to all the disabled children as a special Christmas gift. During the home visits, we noticed that almost all the children lacked mattresses and most of them slept on mats or on the floor. The mattresses will help improve living conditions for the children.



**35 underserved** children were supported by the Centre to attend school. School fees, shoes and uniform were provided and fair grades were reported all through the year by each of the sponsored children. We have helped with establishment of projects that have the potential to match the support they receive from the Centre. Special thanks to the sponsors for making this happen.

**Katungulu School** which hosts some of Kitega Centre's Sponsored children was also supported with doors and windows for its classroom block, this will help ensure security at the school



**Through Project porridge**, the children were provided with a cup of porridge for breakfast and a meal for Lunch.

This supported healthy learning at the Centre and the children were well- fed in 2014.

We were unable extend project porridge to the rural schools like Katungulu in 2014.





**Centre Van:** The Centre Van fundraising is ongoing, we are also working on establishing projects and policies that will ensure the Van is not a liability to the Centre.

### ***The Year in Review—Economic & Community Development***

Kitega Community Centre aims to reduce widespread poverty and unemployment by equipping community members with vocational skills; encouraging a culture of savings; developing an entrepreneurial spirit and creativity; and helping community members to develop and grow income-generating micro-enterprises. We also work to develop future generations of community leaders so that they mobilize and replicate successful development initiatives in their own communities. In carrying out these programs, Kitega Centre focuses on building community support and ownership so that community development emanates from the grounds-up and reflects the needs and wishes of the people.

In 2014, Kitega Centre was actively involved in community development initiatives, and continued to lay ground to facilitate community owned and driven development.

### **VICOBA –**

New VICOBA leaders were elected in 2014, they will serve a two year term. The new VICOBA President Rukia Nantale and her executive are working so hard to make the initiative a success. Two leadership capacity building workshops were organised for the VICOBA leaders in 2014.



*L-R, Secretary, President and Treasurer VICOBA 2014-2016*



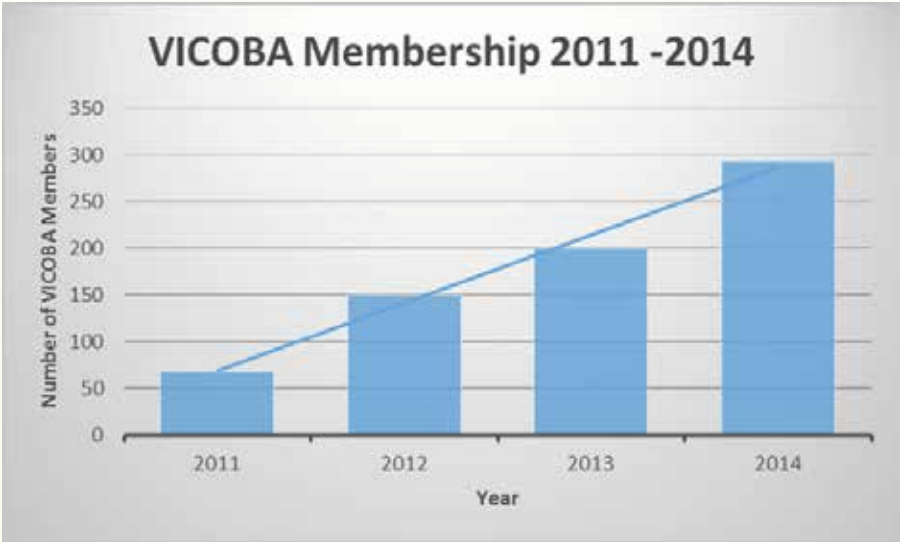
Seventy six new members were welcomed into the Village community banking family, they were trained and equipped with entrepreneur and personal development skills. Many have started up small scale businesses, improved their household incomes, and many have refreshed hope and are now dreaming again.

**VICOBA IMPACT 2014**

Kitega Community Centre’s five-year plan (2013-2017) is to provide education and vocational skills to 100 disabled children and 100 orphans and to expand credit and entrepreneurial training to 600 families.

In 2014, we conducted a survey to assess the Impact of the program in the past four years. Results show:

The number of VICOBA beneficiaries has increased by four times since 2011, the total number of beneficiaries is 294, and over 50 members are currently undergoing training to join the program.



The number of men joining the program has also increased, from 4% in 2011, to 12% in 2014. Women are influencing community development.



10% are parents/guardians of children with disabilities, Kitega Community Centre’s primary objective is to support the disabled children, through VICOBA families with disabled children are being empowered to fight poverty.





51% have borrowed from the VICOPA initiative and used the funds they have borrowed to start up their own businesses and self –employment opportunities.

Businesses started included: Piggery farming, Poultry, Cattle, food crops, Retail shops, vegetable stalls, Tailoring businesses, Restaurants, construction of rental houses among others.

*90% are involved in farming*



L- Piggery Farming and R- Stool Manufacturing, Below; L – Cassava plantation, R- Cattle farming



Over 250 businesses have been established in the past four years, a number of beneficiaries have established at least two business and some have up to five businesses.

The knowledge and skills from the VICOPA training has helped VICOPA members excel and expand their businesses.

80% of businesses started are still in operation after three years, a sign that community members are setting up sustainable businesses.



Sustainable Businesses 80% of the businesses started are still in operation after three years

Household Incomes have also greatly improved, and this has helped a number of families meet their basic needs like food, shelter, education for the children among others.

## 80% increase in monthly Household Incomes

72% are actively supporting community development initiatives in their communities, churches etc., and a sign that the VICوبا model grooms community leaders capable of changing their communities.

Beneficiaries also report that their attitude towards the disabled children has greatly changed and they now look at them as special people who can actively contribute to community development.

## The VICوبا Camp

In 2014, a VICوبا camp was organised at the Kitega Centre, the three day camp was graced by a number of special people that included: Kitega Patrons Nicky and Jane King, Volunteers: Ally Kirkwood, Amy Kirkwood, Clare O'Sullivan and Laia Cordina, Buganda Kingdom Minister for Gender among others.

Several workshops were organised to equip VICوبا members with skills and knowledge. VICوبا members enjoyed the camp and it was a special time of fellowship strategising for the future.

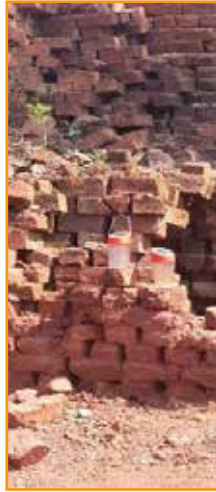






**“Sanyu lya VICOBA” (Joy of VICOBA) Solar project.** Many rural families have been blessed with light through this project.

To encourage savings, and healthy living the Kitega 10 mobilized seed funding to start up the “Sanyu lya VICOBA” solar project. Community members acquire the lamps at a subsidised fee. Over 70 solar lamps distributed in 2014 by the VICOBA executive which oversees the distribution of the lamps.



*Solar lamps charging in Kikambwe*

### **UMOJA**

Two churches were mobilized in 2014 year through the UMOJA initiative. The churches are now actively involved in community Development initiatives.

In 2014, one church established the VICOBA system as a strategy to support economic development in the church and community at large.

### **Ideas for a Better Community Competition - Ideas worth spreading**

The Centre was Unable to organise the Competition in 2014, however we were happy to see the 2013 ideas in action, and in one village, Latrine construction has increased by 20% as a result of the Loan Labour Latrine Construction.





### **Community Health:**

In November, Kitega Community Centre in Partnership with Mulago Paramedical Schools organised a community Health day and provided health services to over 300 people including the disabled children at the Centre. Services included, Malaria treatment, Dental services, General checkups, HIV/AIDS testing among others.



At the VICOBA Camp 2014, health seminars were organised and community members were educated on a number of health issues.

### **Christmas 2014**

Christmas 2014 was a great success. Kitega Community Centre Celebrated Christmas in five communities. Celebrating with over 1000 people in total.

The Christmas Celebrations started on 14<sup>th</sup> December in Katungulu and ended on 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Kitega Centre. We travelled with the disabled children to all the different locations and each community had an average of 300 people in attendance.

The children entertained community members and also displayed some of the skills they learn at the Kitega Centre and proved to the community that disability is not inability. In appreciation Community members gave the children a number of gifts.



The annual Christmas celebration was a great opportunity to share Christmas with many people that never get the opportunity to enjoy the real meaning of the season.

## Prison Ministry

Philip and Nehemiah have done amazing work in the Lugazi Prison. Through them, Functional Adult Literacy has been extended to the inmates.

In 2014, inmates were equipped with business skills, vocational skills and literacy skills. 35 inmates were awarded certificates of completion



## Functional Adult Literacy

Kitega Community Centre plans to train over 500 people by 2017 under the functional adult literacy programme. The course is done over a period of two years and on successful completion certificates are awarded to the participants that have been equipped with functional skills e.g. reading, writing, numeracy, etc. and the participants can also choose to continue with formal education. The Program started at the Kitega Centre and currently has 64 students.

With more resources, we hope to expand the program to other communities to achieve our target of 500 people by 2017.

## Vocational training to the community:

The Centre offered computer and tailoring classes to the wider community. The donated computers have facilitated computer training at the Kitega Centre, in 2014, 35 people were equipped with computer skills.

Tailoring classes were also offered at the Kitega Centre, 12 people were equipped with tailoring skills.



### Inspired Individuals Livelihoods Cohort;

Kitega Centre also hosted the Tearfund Inspired Individuals Livelihood Cohort in July, Inspired individuals in East Africa working on Livelihoods met at the Centre for five days in July.

During this Cohort, Inspired Individuals also explored Kitega Community Centre models in approaching Livelihoods. They also visited a number of VICOBA members and their businesses.

### Taking VICOBA to Rwanda – Reproducing the Model!

A team from Kitega Community Centre travelled to Kigali Rwanda to share the VICOBA model with communities in Kigali.

This was made possible by African Road Inc a charity in the US

The training was organised in three segments and included a site visit to Uganda to enable students witness the impact of the VICOBA model.

A team from Rwanda visited the Centre in December 2014 and learnt about the VICOBA model and also looked at different possibilities of customizing the model to fit their context in Rwanda.



Over 130 women and youth in Kigali were equipped with Business and entrepreneur skills, and after their last training in February 2015, the groups will start the VICOBA model in Rwanda. Special Thanks to African Road for giving the Centre the opportunity to replicate the model outside Uganda.

### Staff News

Brian Butoto joined Kyambogo University to acquire more skills in handling children with disabilities. Pitlochry Baptist Church is currently support this training.

Esther also joined the Kitega Team as a volunteer between October – December 2014. We are grateful for her support.

Lyndall King, and Daisy Watford joined the Kitega team as volunteer Staff.

Lyndall is now Kitega's Partnerships and Fundraising Coordinator

Daisy Watford works on PR and Social media.

We want to welcome the new team members and wish them the best

### Shalom House:

The Shalom House hosted all Kitega Volunteers and Visitors in 2014. The House has also been providing employment to some of the VICOPA members.

The House also hosted a Tearfund Inspired Individuals Cohort in July, and the Rwanda VICOPA in December.

### *The Year in Review—International Volunteers*



In 2014, Kitega community was blessed to host international volunteers who contributed so much to the Centre's activities.

In 2014, Kitega received its youngest International volunteer Patricia Ruiz from Spain. Patricia (10) travelled with her mother and Cousin and the family had a great time at the Kitega Centre. Amy Kirkwood also made a return, this time with her mother Ally and her friend Clare.

Vero and Laia from Spain also joined the Kitega Team in 2014.

International volunteers taught the children art and craft, reading, writing, numeracy, music and dance among others. Volunteers also improved the play area for the Children at the Centre. They also contributed to a number of community development initiatives.





Volunteers participated in the VICOBA camp 2014 and facilitated workshops and seminars on health and business. Volunteers carried a number of equipment and items like stationary, clothes, shoes and many other items.



*Some Items brought by visitors and Volunteers*

We want to thank the following on-site volunteers of 2014:

Ally Kirkwood  
Amy Kirkwood  
Laia Codina Corrons  
Maria Dolores  
Patricia Ruiz  
Pablo Ruiz  
Clare O'Sullivan  
Veronica Varella

Special thanks all the online volunteers that contributed so much to the development of the Centre. Over 30 volunteers supported the Kitega Centre through the UNV service.

In 2014 the Centre also received a number of visitors,  
Nicky and Jane King - Chairman Kingserve Trust and Patrons Kitega Community Centre.  
Tearfund Inspired Individuals  
A team Togetherness Youth Cooperative and Ebenezer VICOBA – Rwanda  
Mulago Paramedical School Team

International Volunteers, Best of 2014











## *Kitega Community Centre, Donors and Supporters 2014*



*On the 6th of December 2014 Clare O'Sullivan shaved off all her hair to fundraise on behalf of Kitega Community Centre.*

We are grateful to the following Individuals and organisations for their support and Partnership in 2014, you all made the work of Kitega Centre possible in 2014.

1. Ally Kirkwood
2. Barbara Joan Harrison
3. Celia Chen
4. Cynthia García Cancio
5. David Kirkwood
6. Douglas Clark
7. Elma Carle
8. Fanny Collado
9. Fiona Lambert
10. Amy Kirkwood
11. Katie Grammar
12. Kingserve Trust - Scotland
13. Laia Codina Corrons
14. Laura Garcia
15. Maira Serra
16. Maria Dolores and family
17. VICOBA
18. Melissa Soria Verhasselt
19. Michael O'Sullivan
20. Mr and Mrs Suades
21. Clare O'Sullivan
22. Natasha Corbie
23. Riki Tiki Tavi
24. Nuria Moreno
25. Oliver Deeks
26. Rachel Sippy and Chard Ward
27. Robin Cloer



28. International School Uganda
29. Pitlochry Baptist Church
30. Roger and Jan Varney
31. Sherwood Products - UK
32. Sophie Gauss
33. SS Peter and Paul Hathern
34. Tearfund - Inspired Individuals
35. Veronica Varella
36. Wilma McDaniel
37. Jannette Musoke
38. Buikwe District Local Government
39. Kawolo Sub- County
40. Mulago Paramedical School
41. Uganda Police - Lugazi
42. Parents and Guardians of Disabled Children
43. African Road Inc
44. St. Andrews Kitega
45. Katungulu Primary School
46. IN Network Uganda

Details available in the 2014 audit report, available at the end of March 2015.

















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