



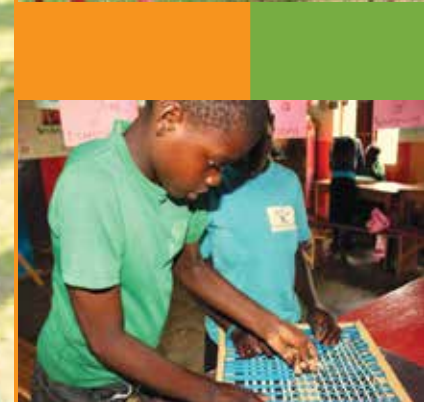
Kitega Community
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KITEGA COMMUNITY CENTRE

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



Annual Report



2015

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About us:

Kitega Community Centre is a registered Non-government organization in Uganda founded in March 2004.

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 for to children with disabilities.
- Advocatin for an inclusive community
- To facilitate community-owned, community-driven development

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

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,	Legal Associate/ Program Manager
Victoria Kalule,	Health
A.J.Musoke,	Member
Margaret Baiga,	Parents' Representative
Edith Kigongo,	Local council Representative
Mr. Banda Nehemiah,	Community Programs
Rukia Nantale,	VICOBA President
Philip Kasimbi,	Think Tank Chairperson

Staff

Edith K .Nalumansi,	Assistant Project worker
Milly Lutwama	
Brian Butoto,	Project Worker,
Kennedy Bamusubire,	Occupational therapist

Virtual Volunteer Staff:

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



Patron's Message for the Kitega Community Centre

I love sharing the viewpoints of different cultures. I love what they can reveal about the failings of our own culture to which we are often oblivious. I have, for example, learned much from seeing Western culture through Ugandan eyes and discovering the value of community. I have also learned much from the Kitega Community Centre, not least from Cannon Silas Musoke's vision of sensitising people to value disabled children as made in the image of God and the contrast between Western 'head education' and African 'heart sensitising'. I have commented previously how helping such children has been a blessing to the helpers – the Kitega team and community and the many overseas volunteers who have seen the world through different eyes.



This year, however, I have also been given the painful privilege of catching a glimpse of seeing the world through the eyes of the Kitega children themselves. For over a year I have had a rare disease called Lyme, in some ways similar to malaria but caught not from an African mosquito but the bite of a Scottish tick. So at times my brain fails to work, I struggle to walk and the world seems a strange place. For the first time in my life I have had to rely on help from other people and have been incapable of doing anything useful. In fact I have been allowed a glimpse of seeing the world through the viewpoint of the Kitega children. And what a strange world I see! A world where people rush about preoccupied with doing, worried about tomorrow and seeking after material things. A world that seems so unnecessarily complicated and confusing.

Perhaps we don't need to experience Lyme disease to see the world as the Kitega children see it. Stop for a moment. Learn how to 'be' rather than 'do' – taking time out to be a Mary rather than a Martha and sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to what He is saying to us through our hearts. Embrace simplicity and seek first the Kingdom of God.

Perhaps seeing our world through the eyes of the Kitega children can teach us of more of what really matters?

Blessings and Shalom

Nicky King

Chairman of the Kingserve Trust and Patron of the Kitega Community Centre
Scotland, January 2016

Message from Chairman Board of Trustees

The works of God made Manifest

“Jesus answered, ‘... but that the works of God maybe made Manifest.” John 9:3



Happy New! We are thankful for the good gifts of health, life, friends and family that he has graciously provided. We have nothing to offer back to Him, that He desires, but our humble and thankful hearts.

Last year we focused on the theme; ‘ALL THE FRUITS OF TOMORROW ARE IN THE SEEDS OF TODAY’. We were encouraged to focus on the seeds God has given us and work diligently on them in the hope that they shall give back fruit. We ploughed the fields and scattered the good grain on the ground, but it is God, by the mighty works of His hand that has watered this seed with the soft refreshing rain and the warmth to swell the grain. The seed of the centre is indeed ‘swelling’ by God’s providence and being scattered in many other fields across East Africa and indeed many other parts of the world. 15 years ago when this seed was planted, we did not know how old it would grow or how far it would go, but we are thankful that God has made it glow.

Today we look at the growth the centre has brought to many lives in our very special children and the many volunteers and visitors that come over to work with them, the VICOPA members, the orphans and the needy, in the local church, in the prisoners, in the youth and very many other aspects of community life; we are amazed by how God uses small things to make big things happen using means and methods we do not understand or may have despised. But this all would not have been possible without the willing hands and loving hearts of our partners, volunteers, staff and other stake holders who have allowed God to use them to plant these seeds and make his Glory manifest in these communities. This report shall show you how God has revealed himself to many people through the work of the centre.



As we start 2016 we hope that the seeds we have sown will continue to grow and glow in many other communities as God continues to move the Centre from good to greater and even better, we may not know how far it will go or how old it will grow but we are sure of one thing, that through it God has and will continue to make Himself Manifest. John 9:3.

The good people of Kitega wish you all a great year and many more Blessings as you allow yourselves to be used by God to make Big Things.

Rev. Canon Silas Musoke
Chairman Board of Trustees



PART 1- Children Programs

In 2013 – 2017 our goal is to serve 100 children with disabilities, and 100 disadvantaged children. In 2015, we served 52 children with disabilities and 40 disadvantaged children. All the children have greatly improved.

In 2015, the centre admitted 4 new children with disabilities and with the Kitega staff, being joined by interns from local and international Universities, and volunteers, we had a great team that helped make the work at the Kitega Centre possible.



With the help of volunteers, the Centre was able to develop a learning curriculum for children with disabilities. This curriculum has greatly facilitated learning at the Kitega Centre and the teachers can now easily prepare lessons based on the curriculum. The curriculum contains, Numeracy, Literacy, reading, writing, Co- curricular activities which are all learning areas for the children at the Centre. Special thanks to Lindsey Pellitierri, James Kalule and the staff at the Kitega Centre that made this possible.

The curriculum has helped improve assessment of the children using the star – profile tool. The 2015 star –profiles show great improvement. In fact Shamim (One of the students at the Kitega Centre) has been elevated to the level of student instructor and will be helping in teaching other children from February 2016.





Likewise periodic visits by the Centre's occupational Therapists greatly supported the assessment of the children.

Children engaged in vocational activities, these included, tailoring, hand crafts making crafts like baskets, weavings, mats and sweaters.

With the support from the Buikwe District Local Government and volunteers, the poultry project was made possible. The children were able to learn poultry rearing skills and raised over 200 broilers for meat. It was exciting for the children to have the project. The project raised some income to support activities at the Kitega centre and some of the poultry was served to the children in the dinning for lunch. Similarly, sack farming was also taught to the children at the centre.



A basketball hoop was added to the play area for the children, this has also helped the children to continue engaging in different co-curricular activities.

In 2015, the children received gifts of mattresses and blankets, and this has helped improve their sleeping conditions at home. All the children with disabilities now have mattresses and blankets and this was made possible by 2015 Christmas donors and Veronica from Spain.

Through project porridge, we were able to serve children with disabilities with two meals a day while they attended the centre. We served them breakfast, and lunch. We were not able to extend this project to other schools because of limited resources. The children were served Porridge – made from corn flour, for breakfast and Posho, beans (Mainly for lunch) occasionally the children were served rice, sweet potatoes, matooke, chicken, meat, eggs among others.

There has also been an increase in the number of deaf children at the Kitega Centre, in 2015, they greatly benefited from computerized learning provided by one of the volunteers that helped them learn basic sign language.

The children have been generally healthy in 2015, fewer cases of malaria have been reported and hygiene was greatly encouraged at the Centre and in their homes. All children with epilepsy received daily medication supported by the Kitega Centre and this supported their learning at the Centre.

There were several visits made by members of the community to the Centre to visit the children



with disabilities, local schools, parents of children with disabilities and VICOBA members. Students from St Mary's College Lugazi visited the children and carried food and scholastic need for the children at the centre.

Visits to Home-based children with disabilities were made and plans for assessing their therapeutic needs were developed. A total of eight homebound children were served this year, and one was sponsored to receive medical treatment in Mbale hospital.



The Kitega Van: A fun Van Run - Fundraising Run was arranged by VICOBA members to help raise funds for the Kitega Van which will help ease transport for the children at the Kitega Centre. International well-wishers supported the marathon by sponsoring local runners for USD\$. 3 per runner. About 150 people participated in the run that was flagged off by the area Member of Parliament. USD\$520 was raised for the Van. The local commitment to the Kitega Van is to raise USD\$ 4,000 and so far the local community has raised USD\$ 1,020 for the Van through various community events. The Van is estimated to cost USD\$ 16,000, locally and Internationally USD\$5020 has been raised for the Van.

During the 2015 annual General Meeting, it was agreed that a number of things need to be considered to make sure that the Van does not turn out to be a liability to the Centre, thus the need to work on several priorities that will make the Centre financially stable to support the Van, i.e. establishing local income generating projects for the Centre, supporting economic empowerment initiatives for the Parents and guardians of children with disabilities so they can become financially capable to contribute to the monthly running costs of the Van among others. Thus the Van fundraising was not a fundraising priority for the Kitega Centre in 2015, and will not be in 2016.

In 2015 an inclusion and acceptance impact survey was carried out and from the survey we identified:

- the need to establish parish/village committees to advocate for rights of adults and children with disabilities,
- the need for continuous assessment and follow up of the support given to the parents and guardians of the children with disabilities,
- Strengthening the vocation training program to best serve the needs and abilities of the children and adults with disabilities,
- Putting in place a parents committee to oversee the welfare of the children at the Centre and follow up the welfare of the children at home and in the community special emphasis on inclusion.



- The need to encourage more local and international volunteers to help in carrying out the tasks

The Parent's committee is already in place and has started work. Likewise the Centre has encouraged all parents and guardians of the children to join VICOBA.

Fifteen children received education scholarships from the Centre, two have completed High School, five are in their final year of Primary school, and the rest are in upper primary. Education is the best support that the Centre can give to most of the disadvantaged children to help them thrive. Other disadvantaged children have been supported with the establishment of income generating projects, and many are involved in Agriculture projects.



Part 2 Community programmes

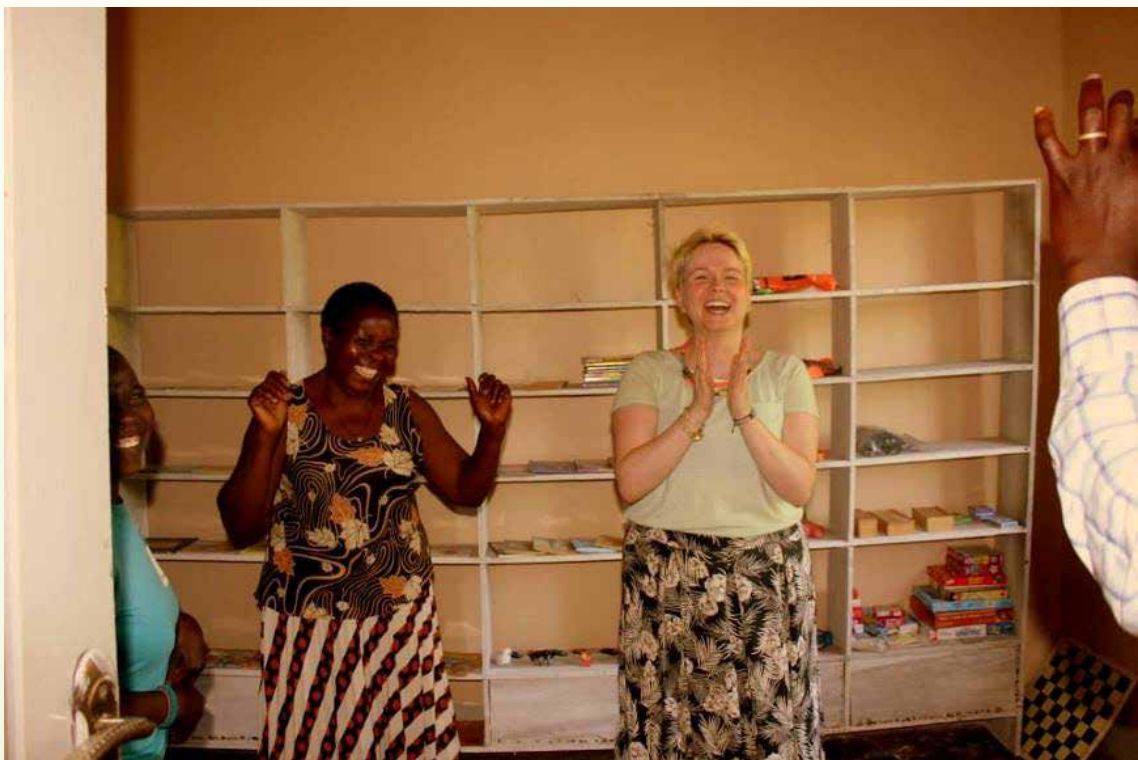
Functional Adult Literacy (F.A.L)

The Centre continues to support Adult education in the community. In 2015, 50 community members participated in the FAL program.

The F.A.L program is directed by Mr. James Kalule and the following are some of the highlights from the FAL assessment of 2015;

- 80% greatly improved their ability in reading and writing.
- 60% of the participants are using the numeracy and literacy skills to improve the quality of their businesses.
- Participants have greatly improved their ability of self-expression as well as improving self-esteem and the realization of self-dignity.

The Community library was commissioned as a teaching aid for the FAL classes especially as it gets stocked to best serve the needs of the community. The community Library is serving both the children at the Centre and the wider community. Special thanks to Clare O'sullivan for making the Library possible.



The Centre collaborated with other FAL Centres in the country to acquire more ideas on how to improve the services provided at the Centre and also to provide a more relevant course for the communities.

The FAL class 2015 participated in the National programs of FAL on the National literacy day celebrations at Njeru. The class excelled in all the activities and many participants were awarded gifts and certificates.

The Centre also participated in the National FAL examinations and the results reported exceptional excellence from the Kitega FAL class

PRISON MINISTRIES

The Prison Outreach Program (stepping out) involves Evangelism aimed at introducing the inmate to Christ who is the source of forgiveness. The Program is mainly directed over by Philip Kasimbi. It involves a love ministry where members of the community and other well-wishers donate foodstuffs and other necessities to the inmates. The prisoners are encouraged and taken through sessions such as “Responsive Reflection”, “LET’S TALK” and “Discipleship”. They are encouraged to step out of their old character and embrace a better life.



Change Your Life,(Stepping Up), The prisoners are taught that a good life is not what is there to marvel at in others but is available to them as anyone else. They are trained to become an “Onesmus”, a person of value and purpose in the community he/she will be moving into. Functional Adult literacy classes are conducted, Entrepreneurship training, Mentorship, counseling and guidance is also involved in this program. Ex-prisoners that have benefitted from living a changed life share their testimonies and skills with them and give them HOPE of a life after strife. It involves a “Change Your Life Fund” which benefits progressive participants who exude the ability to practice what they have learnt.

KIPYA Project,(Stepping ON) KIPYA is a Luganda word for new. If anyone is In Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) this involves testifying to the communities that behold the man has become a new being. Re-integration programmes into the community are carried out in this phase. The Members are attached to a VICOPA group (this is a group of savings and credit; it later becomes a family to the ex-prisoner). Through this group they can save money and borrow capital to start up their businesses and live new and dignified lives. They later become agents of change and embodiments of hope to the prisoners serving their sentences and living testimonies to the communities that indeed man is redeemable. The ex-prisoners are encouraged to move on with their new lives and not to turn back.

- More local volunteers have signed up to be a part of the program to deal with the problem of manpower



- Ministry manual developed and local volunteers trained on how to use it.

Football team for the Kitega children; the community children have been able to start up a football team that includes children with disabilities. The centre aims at making these avenues catchment centers for the young people where important skills are imparted to these children at an early stage of their lives. We are grateful to all our partners that are making this happen.

Community Library

On 8th July 2015, Clare O'Sullivan opened the community Library. In her speech, Clare quoted a famous activist, Malala Yousafzai:

“One child, one book, one pen can change the world”

She intimated that the value of education of the younger children can never be underestimated. She encouraged all members of the community to take an interest in reading widely and develop a hunger for wisdom and knowledge.

The Library has also been stocked with children toys and books for adults and children and there are plans to stock the Library to meet the community's needs.



PART 3-VICOBANK ACTIVITIES

Our 2013 -2017 goal is to support at least 600 families through the Village Community Banking model.

The overall aim of VICOBANK is to facilitate community owned and driven development. Tailored to the needs of each community, the model provides essential support and encouragement, empowering people to work together to create a community built on sustainable development, self-employment and long-term income generation.

Participants are provided with three months of skills training, which allows them to:

- visualize their dreams
- implement effective strategies to achieve these dreams
- identify available resources

Through the VICOBANK model, and with our support, community members are equipped with the right skills to fully utilise locally available resources; raising the standard of living for individuals, families and the whole community, and changing lives for the better.



In 2015, over 98 new members joined VICOBANK after intensive training by the Kitega Community Centre. The new members graduated and received their Certificates at the Christmas Party celebrations in December 2015. The new members increased the number of VICOBANK members to 420, organized in twelve different groups in eight different communities in Uganda.

We carried out continuous monitoring and evaluation of the VICOBANK model and there is a lot of success that was recorded in 2015.

Some of the highlights of VICOBANK include:

- More investments in commercial farming that has increased the profits and income of the VICOBANK farmers.
- Streamlining the VICOBANK model and making it more marketable and relevant to the members of the community. Beneficiaries of the model participated in a round table discussion to share ideas and map a way forward for the model. The participants agreed to change the name of the model to “Community Resource Banking”
- VICOBANK leaders participated in Leadership workshops organized by the Kitega Centre, these workshops were organized to equip VICOBANK leaders with skills to effectively manage their groups



In addition, over 250 members were trained in different business management skills, and this has increased efficiency in business management.

VICOBA members benefited from vocational training activities at the Kitega Centre which were facilitated by volunteers. Knitting which was facilitated by Eva and Coralie Leeks from Spain, Soap making, among others.

Over 130 new businesses under the proprietorship of VICOBA members were established in 2015 and some of these businesses are employing local community members and providing services that were not originally available in the community. Some of the businesses started include; Real Estate, Tailoring schools, Large scale poultry farming, charcoal Briquettes, Restaurants, Carpentry among others.



Community members continue to report that they are benefiting from the model and many have been able to educate their children to University, meet household needs, support their health needs and at least have two meals a day.

Household incomes have improved by 10% and this has greatly helped families access basic needs.

A Central Bank account was opened to help community groups keep excess funds in the Commercial Bank. The Opening up of the Central account has also supported the roll out of the VICOBA – Fund. This fund has provided capital that has helped provide loan capital to a

number of VICOBA members to establish innovative businesses thus helping address the need for more loanable capital.

In partnership with African Road Inc, Kitega community Centre was able to reproduce the VICOBA model in Nairobi – Kenya, Dar es Salaam – Tanzania, Bujumbura- Burundi and in Kigali – Rwanda. Over 200 youth and women were trained. The participants are now steering community development in their regions.



The 2015 VICOBA camp was organized under the theme of “All the fruits of tomorrow are the seeds of today;”

A number of workshops were organized during the camp to address family life, business, law and rights, health, leadership,

The Camp was climaxed with the celebration of Five years of VICOBA in existence.

In 2016 , there will be an assessment of the health insurance policy for all VICOBA members. This is because many of the members of VICOBA continue to struggle to access basic medical health care because it is very expensive.

PART 4 Community Health

First Aid Training: Community members benefited from First Aid training provide by Jenny Kirkwood and Hannah from Scotland. They equipped community members with first Aid skill enabling the

Community Health Education: Jess DeBruyne a Preceptee from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse greatly supported the Centre community Health education.

Jessica facilitated at a number of health workshops that have helped equip community members with skills that are making healthy living a reality.

Jessica emphasized on the importance of hand washing, healthy eating and brushing teeth for the children.

Mobile Clinic –

A mobile Clinic was organized in November in partnership with Mulago Paramedical schools. The School sent Health volunteers that provided a number of health services to the local community. Over 100 community members including children at the Kitega Centre benefited from dental services, malaria checkup and treatment, deworming, free medical consultation and Prescriptions.





Part 5-Volunteers 2016

The Kitega Centre welcomed a number of volunteers from around the world. The Volunteers helped with a number of activities at the Centre and equipped the Kitega Team.

Volunteers helped with classroom activity for children with disabilities, visited partner schools, taught new skills, offered community education and sensitization established new programs and projects at the Centre, and carried lots of supplies for the work of the Kitega Centre.



In addition, a number of people supported the Kitega Centre through the United Nations Volunteering service, and helped with website design and maintenance, online publicity, translation among others.

We are thankful to the following volunteers:

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| 1. Jennifer Kirkwood | 2. Hannah Crilly |
| 3. Anne Philppot | 4. Bea Cuellar |
| 5. Bea Miranda | 6. Coralie Leeks |
| 7. Cristina Asens Bona | 8. Denos Amarantos |
| 9. Elena Ferrero | 10. Eva Maria Garcia |
| 11. Francesc Bou | 12. David Bou |
| 13. Joan Ferrer | 14. Jessica DeBruyne |
| 15. Karina and Joan | 16. Clare O'sullivan |
| 17. Lindsey Pellittieri | 18. Nelly Kooistra |
| 19. Veronica Varela | 20. Interns from Kyambogo University Uganda |





Donors:

The Kitega Centre is supported by both local and International donors that make the work of the Kitega Centre possible. We are thankful to many that have selflessly given for this noble Kitega cause. We extend our appreciation to Clare O'sullivan that decided to shave off her hair to raise funds for the Kitega Centre, the Kirkwood Family for the continuous fundraising, Pitlochry Baptist Church, local donors including the members of the management committee, VICOPA members, and the Kingserve Trust for the support given that has made the work of Kitega possible and successful.

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Looking ahead - 2016

Parish committees to support inclusion (For all especially children with disabilities) in community activities

2016, soliciting more support for scholastic materials such as books ,textbooks research material for the library,

Identifying and training more local volunteer for FAL activities

Exploring options to launch the VICOBA Health Insurance plan

Recruiting a Sign- Language Teach to serve Deaf children at the Centre

Partnering with communities to address Water and Sanitation problems.







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