



KITEGA COMMUNITY CENTRE

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



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Board and management Kitega Centre

Executive summary

About us:

Kitega community centre is an Independent Christian organisation that serves all people without religious prejudice.

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)

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 and 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.

Administration: The Centre is governed by the Board of trustees, chaired by Rev. Can Silas Musoke.

The executive committee is responsible for the management and implementation of the Centre's activities. The Executive committee is composed of representatives of different programmes run by the Kitega Centre and the representatives serve a two-year term.

The centre is also blessed to have a team of dedicated staff who are always joined by a team of both local and international volunteers.

***Obituary:** We are thankful for the life of Mrs. Victoria Kalule for her service to the Kitega Community centre. She will dearly be missed by the community, children and many volunteers.*



Patron's Message

Some years ago, a poet called Edgar Guest wrote '**Sermons We See**' saying he would rather 'see a sermon than hear one any day'.

What did he mean? He did not mean he disliked sermons for we all need to know about our Christian faith. What he did mean was that people often see more of Jesus in how we live our faith than in anything we can tell them in words. A popular way of saying this is that the Christian faith is 'caught rather than taught'.



Over the years I have come to realise just how true this is, not just in personally sharing our faith with others, but also in the example of the Kitega Centre. Make no mistake, people are watching us! People are watching how we help those less fortunate than ourselves whether it be the way we love and help our Kitega children or help the many others in the Kitega Community.

People are watching how we 'speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves' (Proverbs 31:8) and watching how we work against injustice and poverty. And they are watching and are amazed at the way we love our neighbours as ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

We may never know what effect we have on those who are watching both near and from afar. We may never discover how many watch us in our work of love and charity and ask themselves "if this is what Christians are like then what must their Christ be like?"

So, just as the Church is more than buildings and sermons, so the Kitega Centre is more than buildings and training. Both the Church and the Kitega Centre are a community of people, a community drawn from near and far, gathered together and called to be the living sermons others see. Blessings and Shalom to all those who serve as living sermons for the Kitega Centre.

Nicky King
Chairman of the Kingserve Trust and Patron of the Kitega Community Centre
Scotland, January 2018

Message from the Chairperson of the Board

On behalf of the board and my own behalf ,I am honoured to extend to you all my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New year 2018.

This year may perhaps be a time for us to take stock of how we have performed over the year as an organisation. Mostly it is a time for us to prepare for the next 5 years of our strategic plan. As an organisation this exercise is vital if we are to move forward to achieve our goals and retain relevance.



The Lord speaks to us about readiness for service in many parts of the scripture. In Luke 12: 35, as servants of God we are encouraged “Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning.

You will realise that God doesn’t work with idle people. The people who were told to dress for service were busy people, they are the ones Jesus equipped for this service. They had to use the talent of fishing to start fishing for people from death to life. They had been fishing fish from life to death.

For long the Kitega centre has used people with different talents and gifts and we are thankful that Kitega has been used for the Kingdom. The staff, local and international volunteers, the management, donors and supporters and the entire community have been blessed to get involved.

God has not created a new community, but has changed the attitude of people within the same community to build others.

We are grateful for the people He has called to serve in this mission at the Kitega Centre, for the work they have done and the love they have shared with all.

Below is a recap of the many blessings of 2017 hope that you will not only have a joyful review of these activities but also join us in prayer that God continues to prepare people in the centre and community to live a positive life and **be blessings to others.**

I wish you all a fruitful 2018.

Rev. Silas Musoke, Chairperson Board of Trustees.

2013 -2017 strategic plan preview

Children with disabilities received support, education and skills for independent living

- 80+ children with disabilities received support, education and skills for independent
- 10 helped to start income generating projects
- 20+ equipped with vocational skills for independent living
- Change in attitude towards children and people with disabilities

Orphans and Vulnerable children

- 200+ OVCs provided with meals as they attend school
- 100+ supported with basic needs to receive quality education

Community Resource Banking

- 700+ received Community Resource banking training, represents 400+households
- Building and Deepening community - 20+ Community Resource banking groups formed
- New businesses and community benefit initiatives: - 400+ businesses established
- Livelihoods - 20% increase in agricultural incomes
70% can have at least two meals a day
- Resource Mobilisation - USD\$ 15,000+ saved in shares by VICOBA groups
- Self empowerment- 70+ improved houses constructed

Church and Community Mobilisation;

- 10 local churches envisioned an mobilised and engaged in integral mission
- 200+ people receiving functional Adult literacy
- 200+ received Community Resource banking training for economic empowerment
- 300+ Households benefiting from the water, hygiene and sanitation initiatives
- 2 schools providing early learning and primary education started.

Access to health services

- 400+ People received optical services
- 600+ benefited from health services provided by the Kitega Centre

The Centre uses the inclusive development approach to address the stigma and stereotypes around disability.

Brian Butoto graduates:



Brian Butoto, celebrates with community members in Katungulu village, he will be using the skills earned to serve the children and the community.

PART 1- Children Programs

Children with disabilities come to the centre every week day; Monday to Friday for literacy, numeracy, life skills and vocational training sessions, while the orphans and vulnerable children are supported to receive quality education in partnership with local schools and community Based organisations.

There has been a tremendous change in attitude towards children with disabilities in schools, churches, mosques and the community at large. In households that have children that attend the centre, the guardians are now confident that the children now have a valuable contribution they can make while at home.

The staff at the centre with the support of several local and international volunteers have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the children. There has been a commendable improvement in general social skills, numeracy, and literacy skills.

Due to the limited number of staff, and the number of children it has been very difficult to engage all the children especially in the absence of local volunteers.



Sandra, an Occupational Therapist from Switzerland has worked with the staff to offer occupational therapy sessions to the children at the centre and those that cannot come to the centre.

Most of the children have excelled and graduated in a number of skills, and there is need for the centre and the community to create opportunities that will provide a livelihood for the children that have graduated in specific skills

We have also managed to successfully fence the entire centre premises to minimise uncontrolled movements by some of the children with disabilities.



Sign Language

Thankful for the life of Brian's life:

Brian was involved in a terrible bodaboda (motorcycle) accident which left him with many injuries. We are thankful that he was able to receive medical care and he is now happy and enjoys learning.

Learning from Brian's accident, we are exploring options for better transportation that will reduce the risks of road accidents especially for children that walk to the centre using the main road.

In Summary; Children with disabilities:

- 7 children have been provided with Sign language skills
- 6 children have been trained in bakery and one will soon start a bakery enterprise.
- 4 children have been trained in tailoring and can do this successfully.
- 7 have taken on the new skill of basket weaving.
- 10 girls received cervical cancer immunisation
- 32 centre based children received general medical services
- 5 VICOBA groups visited the children at the centre and donated several items
- 3 children enrolled for carpentry and are being trained by the Youth VICOBA
- 13 homebased children received support from the centre

- 6 children supported with income generating projects, two are running successfully and plans for expansion are underway.
- Shamim has been able to join the youth - VICOBA
- 3 community schools visited the centre and participated in different exercises with the children.



Sebunya runs his own chicken roasting business in Lugazi town



Grace with her grandmother at their little vegetable stall

Rachel's story as told to Linda Hopper: Rachel's mother told me how Rachel could now use her skills learnt at the Centre to sell, take money and give change for small amounts. Her mother was so bursting with pride and enthusiasm and told me that one day she will have a supermarket! But now the family have two meals a day, she would be able to take Rachel to a doctor if she was sick - and she herself can now have sugar in her tea! As far as she is concerned, Rachael's mother's life has dramatically improved and she is so thankful.



Orphans and Vulnerable Children:

The Kitega Centre supported over 200 children to receive education in several schools. This was made possible by a number of supporters. In Katungulu Primary school, the entire school received Project porridge, providing a cup of porridge at breaktime and a meal at lunch time to 170 pupils most of them coming from disadvantaged households, in addition the centre was able to support the improved learning environment for the entire school by providing more desks and meeting some needs for the school to provide education to the children in the community.

40 Children, mainly orphans were supported to receive education at Sunlight Primary school, and 10 successfully completed primary school.

20 children were supported to receive education at St. Andrews SS, 8 completed ordinary level successfully and will now enroll for High School or Technical education.

Partnership with the local schools has also been a great sensitisation tool that the centre has used to spread awareness about disability above all encouraging inclusive development. Most of the beneficiaries in the schools supported respect and value children with disabilities and interact with them freely. They consider the children to be a blessing.



Children from sunlight in a photography exercise with children with disabilities, the photography was facilitated by Katie Garner - African Road Inc.

Parents of Children with disabilities:

The parents and guardians of children with disabilities have contributed to the learning and development of the children. They have been supportive to the centre and the children. The parent's committee that steers the parent's involvement has encouraged all the parents to get involved. The parents now feel they have a special role to play in the development of their children and some have shown interest to volunteer and support the staff especially in the vocational training element. The bakery, and tailoring project have all been supported by parents and guardians.

The parents and guardians have also been supportive to the income generating projects that have been established for their children.

Parents' and guardians' participation is very important for the success of many programs that the centre runs, so there is need for continuous sensitisation and counselling to keep them motivated.



A parent helping with bakery classes and Grace's grandmother helps her at the vegetable stall.

Part 2- Community programmes

Tusisimuke - Church and Community Mobilisation for Holistic Development



Tusisimuke (Arise/wakeup) is Kitega centre's version of the internationally known "UMOJA"

Tusisimuke envisions and empowers the local church to lead Holistic development in the community. With the support of friends, Kitega community centre was able to replicate the Tusisimuke model in six new communities.

Over 100 church leaders participated in the church envisioning workshops and church leaders from six communities were able to launch successful Tusisimuke projects.

Tusisimuke has helped many people in the community learn that they have the resources they need to address some of the needs in the community, in addition it has helped many connect the word of God with service to community, above all it has built community capacity, now people feel they are empowered to do something about the issues in the community.

Community members now look at the church with a different mindset and feel that the church is now doing the right thing by implementing Tusisimuke.

Communities have launched WASH projects, established Functional Adult literacy centres to offer functional Adult literacy to the community, brought community resource banking training to many in the community, supporting orphans and vulnerable children among others.

"Mindset change; many people believe they can start with their God given resources and they don't have to wait for anyone to do something for them, likewise there is a great shift in the stereotypes around children with disabilities, many used to regard them as people evoked by evil spirits, and the perception has changed'.



Matida 74 – Katugulu Village says – “The story of Elisha and the Jar in 2Kings 4 challenged me. I used to think I am too old and I had nothing around me, after doing this Bible study I was totally changed and started looking for the resources around me. I discovered I had so many things that were not being used. I have now started working hard. I now realise I have been sleeping for all this time, now it is time to rise up and do something for myself and the community. I believe it is not too late to make somethings happen.”

Stories from communities

Building capacity: ‘We are very few people in church, and when we were selected for this project we thought we could not be successful. We used to fear everything. Through this program we have been encouraged by the Bible study we did on Jesus feeding the five thousand. We realised and got confirmation that Jesus is ready to use us as we are and he will multiply our strength for His glory.’ Fred Basajjabaka - Kito

Functional Adult Literacy and Self Empowerment “It is now very easy for me to conduct church services on Sunday before this project many people thought it was my role as a Pastor to do everything and all they would do is to come sit and listen to what I tell them, there were also so many limitations. Now the bible studies, and all the projects have helped people discover their role in the Kingdom of God, they want to serve in church, and those that cannot read and write are now seriously attending the functional Adult Literacy Classes so they can take readings in church ‘ Batte, - Pastor Kiteza Church

“Before being involved in this project, I never used to speak in public, I was very shy and thought every word I said didn’t make sense, but now I can now stand to speak and people listen to me. I am happy that this program has given me that confidence and I feel happy and valuable in my community. *F.A.L participant*



Improved sanitation; over 30 latrines have been built in a community that had only fifteen latrines (5% of 300 households) and now a 10% increase in households with latrines in the community, and the Water, sanitation and hygiene sensitisation drives have left a great impact in households.

20 households use waste for growing vegetables, and have turned their household verandahs into vegetable gardens with the new agricultural skills they have acquired.

Improved church and community relations, the church and community are working together to address issues in the community. The church has now become a meeting point to discuss issues affecting the community, and this has changed the face of the church in the community.

Discovery of resources in the community that were not being utilised; churches and community members have realised they are blessed with land that has been lying wasted yet many of the congregants go hungry, the skills, collective action etc are some of the many resources mentioned.

Functional Adult Literacy (F.A.L)

Seven new centres were established in 2017 to offer F.A.L to community members. This was made possible by the partnership between the centre and the local church initiatives through the Tusisimuke initiative.

Over 200 people have been enrolled for the programme to receive basic numeracy, literacy and functional skills training.

Functional Adult literacy has supported many other programmes run by the centre, for instance the Community resource Banking initiative requires some numeracy knowledge for people to come up budgets etc, FAL has given many VICOBA participants the opportunity to learn and excel in their personal initiatives.

“I didn’t know the letters a, e,i,o u. I now know them and I can write my name. My wife didn’t go to school too, so we have joined in the training to learn together. I failed to sell a mat to a mzungu (white person) because my English was poor and I didn’t know how to write the amount in figures. I don’t want to see more of these incidences.” Mukwana Samson

Impact of FAL

- 1) Building community
- 2) Agricultural ideas
- 3) Dignity
- 4) Sense of responsibility
- 5) Self – Esteem
- 6) Learning how to read and write, people can now write their names
- 8) Business record keeping



"I was not lucky to go to school when I was young. As a result I have found it so hard dealing with documents, many times leaving me humiliated amongst younger people and my peers. I am thankful for the FAL program which has helped me learn how to write my name. I find the reading of God's word more interesting and possible now. I can also write the names of my children..". Teopista - Kito Community

The FAL community in Kasokoso received a small grant to set up Functional Adult literacy. They have raised more resources to back up the community FAL initiative by organising a drama shows for the community to display what they have been learning in FAL. The drama show worked well on Christmas day, many people came to see them perform and this helped the community group raise some money for the F.A.L program. Joseph is the pastor of the church and he says many people signed up for the Church and community mobilisation projects after watching the drama performance.

Prison Ministry:

'When I was in Prison and you came unto me.'

The prison ministry is run by a team of dedicated volunteers from the centre, as one way of reaching out and showing love to those in need. VICOBA women, lawyers and interns make up the prison ministry.

We are grateful that we are able to be part of the mission of serving the very marginalised in the community.

Inmates yearn for the restoring love of Christ every day. They need to be shown the way, the truth and the life. God continues to encourage us to be his workers in this great mission.

In 2017, Kitega Community Centre through the Prison Ministry continued to offer this hope and love to the many inmates in our Lugazi Prison.

We shared the love of Christ and counselled many inmates and encouraged them to move as with the Lord. We stood with their families in prayer and shared memorable moments

We are looking forward to an even greater 2018 as we shall be hosting a team from Awana Lifeline Ministries to give us more training , to encourage us and pray with us.



Community Resource Banking:

“I used to despise myself, but I the VICOBA training has helped me learn that I can do something to change my situation. To me VICOBA (Village community banking) means education for my children, working hard and living a happy life. - Proscovia”- Kito Community

“ I have been dreaming since I was a child. I have never thought on the possibility of making my dreams achievable. Through Community resource banking training I can now define my dream and have clear steps now to achieve my dreams.” ... Kisakye - Bugomba Community

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

The overall aim of COREB 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

In October 2017, a team from the Kitega Centre joined other VICOBA beneficiaries in East Africa for a learning and sharing session organised by African Road Inc. Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, and Rwanda were represented and this is what VICOBA is cultivating;

- 1) Building and deepening community: Love, company, unity, family, etc
- 2) Resource mobilisation; Savings, knowledge sharing, Land, Skills
- 3) Establishment of new businesses/ Community benefit projects
- 4) Livelihood improvement; 2 meals a day, education for children
- 5) Self- empowerment; building new houses
- 6) Leadership Development; leading development initiatives in the community
- 7) Mentorship and replication; Teaching others





Community Health:

The centre was able to provide community health service to the children and wider community in partnership with volunteers and Mulago Paramedical School. Kennedy Bamusubire a Board member was able to mobilise mobile clinics that helped many in the community receive health services, these included, dental, general health checkups, HIV/AIDS testing and counselling, healthy living workshops among others.

Emma Eastlick from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse in America was carried out several community health workshops sensitising community members and children on healthy living habits, this has also helped many in the community eat balanced diets and also created awareness about some chronic illnesses like diabetes, cancer etc

The health initiatives were appreciated by the community and there is need for the centre to continue offering opportunities to promote healthy living.

The Tusingimuke partnership with local churches has also promoted community health. Two communities have established Water, Sanitation and Hygiene programs which have greatly improved community health.

LEGAL AID PROGRAM

Our volunteers, Daniel and Philip continued to offer legal aid services to the community members, however they are still in the process of registering the Legal Aid service to help many that cannot access legal services.

International Volunteers and Visitors

The centre welcomed a number of local and international volunteers. Shalom was the home to all of the volunteers and visitors.

The partial completion of the Shalom extension also provided room for some of the visitors when Shalom was full.

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

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

Featured story:



I had visited Kenya a number of times to work with children at a couple of projects I was delighted to meet David Clemy in Nairobi. I had been given some money by friends at Christmas 'for work in Africa'. David told me about Kitega Community Centre and my heart warmed towards it, as it was helping the whole community as well as the neediest children to value each other and generate inclusive community. I simply challenged David as to how he would use the gift of £100. His answer came back instantly: "Give two families with children with special needs a livelihood project'. His passion for these families shone through. I agreed he would have the money, with one proviso - that he told me what the projects were. In a short time, I received news that one family now had a standpipe at their home and were selling clean water to their neighbours, which was a great improvement to their health and Shamim was learning at the centre so that she could not only fill the water carriers but deal with the selling too. I was amazed at the impact of so little to bring about such a big change in a small community. I so wanted to visit Uganda and meet these amazing people. On my first visit the children were on holiday from the school at the Centre, but I visited them in their homes. They are such happy people with so little. The women particularly work so hard, have few resources and their ambitions are to have their children go to school, to be able to feed their families - things most of us take for granted - but in Uganda many of the older folk have never been to school, married and had children hoping for a better life, but finding the struggle overwhelming.

I contributed to the community by running a course for people in basic counselling skills. I was very happy that when I returned the students came back with stories of how in schools, in factories, in community and personal situations their learnt skills were helping people deal with difficult life experiences. But in proportion to what they taught me, it barely scratches the surface. These lovely Ugandan people share life with

you and that is the richest gift anyone can give. My life has been not only enriched, but energised and inspired. I love being there. I come back to the UK, but my heart stays in Africa! - and always will! *Linda Hopper – Scotland*



In 2017, we received the following volunteers:

Emma Eastlick
Roberto Rancano
Jessica Pazos
Marta Romero
Giorgia Marmi
Benedetta Cabitza
Linda Hopper
Sascha Emmerson

Toni Mccarney
Fanny Collado
Prof. Josep
Simon and Sandra Mader
Otim James
Teresa Blasco
Berta Blasco
Maria Herraz

We also received the following visitors

Florian Fischer - Engineers without Borders
Christina Gacenbiler - Engineers without Borders
Katie Garner - African Road Inc
Kelly Bean - African Road Inc
Jennifer Hatton African Road Inc

Donors 2017

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 appreciate the following donors that have greatly supported the work of the Kitega Centre in various ways:

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