



KITEGA COMMUNITY CENTRE



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

Annual Report



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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 departments/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.



Patron' message 2016



I like to walk in that still silence before dawn when there is just yourself and God. As I live in the Highlands of Scotland the path I usually take is rough and winds its way over rivers, rocks and tree roots over which the unwary might stumble, especially in the still dim light. I often think how it would help if the path were smoothed and made straight, perhaps with a good surface and fences along the sides to make it safe. Such a smooth path would indeed be nice and easy but... would we learn anything, would we be changed without the challenge of overcoming the rocks and roots along our path? Are our lives like that? Many people long for an easy life with no challenges and nothing to upset them along the path of life. Both smooth and rough paths may end at the same destination but those who come by the rough path will have been changed by adversity – changed for the better to serve God.

Of course it's not as simple as that for none of us can really choose which path we must walk. Yet one wonders at times. It would have been nice if the roof of the main building at the Kitega Centre had not collapsed in June. We thank God that no one was injured but why did it have to happen? A lot of scarce money and effort had to go into the repairs. But on reflection, you wonder what that catastrophe said to the community and to those further afield. I know that it touched many hearts, hearts that were warmed in compassion to help, hearts that saw life, and God in a new way. We might ask the same about the Kitega children themselves, why the suffering they and their families often feel? There is no easy answer but somehow suffering can open a window onto the Kingdom of God. Blessed are those who suffer. Jesus is unique in telling His disciples that following Him will not be easy – the narrow and not the wide path, the rough and not the smooth path through life. But Jesus also promises that He will be with us till the end of the age – even in those times when we walk through the dark valleys of life and we feel He is not with us. Only when we look back on such dark times do we see that was when He spoke most lovingly to us. And then, when we arrive at the end of the rough path, we will have the joy of hearing Him say to us 'well done good and faithful servant!'

Blessings and Shalom to all those who serve with the Kitega Centre

Nicky King

**Chairman of the Kingserve Trust and Patron of the Kitega Community Centre
Scotland, January 2017**

Board Chairman's message:



Looking back over the last year, I believe that 2016 would have marked a turning point in global history with some key decisions and experiences that may have had some far-reaching implications. Through it all, we made it through to 2017, because of you. Thank you and may God bless you

The world today is full of many questions. Why? What? When? Who? Name it. It is also true that a huge bulk of our time on this planet is spent looking for the answers to these questions. We seldom find any.

In 2016, more questions were asked that might have given us a cause for a concern. We continued to see with our own eyes people living in utter despair both near and far, a wanton disregard of human, civil and political rights, as such civil and political wars raged on in both our local and global communities, young people died, old people lived on poorly and helplessly, we experienced both a long drought and a slew of floods. Similarly, abhorrence, injustice and sleaze all grew to full bloom.

Amidst these questions we are reminded of Jesus' ministry. One day as He went along his work, he met a man who was born blind. His disciples sought to know the cause of his predicament. They wanted to know whether his blindness was a result of his or his parents' sin. Jesus answered them that neither of them sinned for the man's blindness but that he was blind that the work of God might be displayed in his life. Indeed the work of God was displayed in his life when the man's blindness was healed. Not surprisingly, the questions even increased after his healing. Are you the one? Who healed you? Why did he heal you, How did he heal you, Where is he?, etc. The Lord had earlier answered these questions by stating to the disciples that as long as he is in the world he will be upto the task for which His master sent him. "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5

Jesus is the answer for the world today. He has been our answer in 2016; he has been our guide, our light and our sustainer. As members of Kitega Community Centre, be encouraged to continue doing the will of the Lord amidst the incessant questions around us, in times of darkness and despair be sure of an ever present light in Christ Jesus and in despair be encouraged by the hope that his works shall be displayed in our World.

Below is a recap of what we have been able to achieve in the past 12 months. Be encouraged to serve even better in 2017 because Jesus is the Answer!

God's Blessings and love to you all our esteemed stakeholders.

Rev. Canon Silas Musoke
Chairman Board of Trustees



Kitega Centre's five-year strategic plan (2013 -2017)

In 2016, the Centre continued to progress towards the accomplishment of the five-year strategic plan in a bid to achieve a healthy inclusive community in which every member is living a dignified life and respected as valuable and contributing to the development of the community.

Kitega 2013 -2017

- 100 children with disabilities receiving support, education and skills for independent living.
- 100 orphans and Vulnerable children receiving quality education
- 600 families helped by VICOBA training primarily through women, achieving greater economic freedom and empowerment
- 10 local churches mobilised and equipped to address the needs of the community
- Increased access to health services in the communities served.

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

PART 1- Children Programs

In 2013 – 2017 our goal is to serve 100 children with disabilities, and 100 disadvantaged children. In 2016, we served 54 children with disabilities and 40 disadvantaged children.

The children with disabilities come to the centre every week day; Monday to Friday for literacy and vocational training sessions, while the orphans and vulnerable children attend school with centre partners.

The progress of the children with disabilities is very exciting. The Kitega star profile report shows that there is an overall improvement in social behavior, self -esteems, literacy and vocational skills. Numeracy scored the lowest percentage.

Learning at the centre has been made possible because of the provision of project porridge, providing porridge and lunch. To many of the children with disabilities this happens to be the only meal they have in the day.

The centre’s occupational therapist continued to make periodic visits to the Centre to assess the children.

Shamim, Rachel, and Grace have all been supported by the centre to establish income generating projects that will help them utilize the skills they learn at the Centre and also meet their basic needs.

In May 2016, the ceiling in the classroom of the children collapsed, bringing down the entire building roof. This happened just after the children had gone out to have lunch. God was present and no one was hurt, above all He was able to provide resources that helped repair the roof of the classroom and replace a number of teaching materials.



Classroom ceiling collapse in May 2016



New classroom

Orphans and Vulnerable Children:

We continued to work with our local partner school, in Katungulu to provide a healthy learning environment that supports the learning of the orphans and vulnerable children. We were also able to share a number of resources that were brought in by our dedicated International volunteers with the school. This made learning exciting for the pupils in Katungulu.

Unfortunately we were unable to extend Project Porridge to the school in 2016 due to financial limitations, making it a challenge to many children that have to walk a long distance to the school without food.

2016 in Summary:



- 2 new children with disabilities registered in 2016
- 40 children with disabilities receiving education and vocational skills at the centre
- 8 receiving homebased support and care
- 12 are on the waiting list to be registered to join centre programs.
- 5 deaf children are receiving Sign language instruction
- 3 children are being supported to start livelihood projects to support them
- 5 children are ready to graduate at the end of 2017.
- Tailoring and weaving are some of the new vocational skills being taught and learnt at the centre
- 40 Orphans and vulnerable children are being supported to attend school; 2 completed primary education in 2016



Parents of Children with disabilities:

The Centre organized a Parent's day at the Centre. Parents and guardians of the children spent the entire day at the centre with their children and engaged in all activities; class time, singing, Physical education, Games and sports among others. It was a very special day for the team at Kitega, and an opportunity to sensitize the parents about their special children. Many parents realised that their children can do more than what they think, and all they needed was more love and support to achieve this.



Students from St Mary's College Lugazi visited the children and brought a number of items including foodstuffs.

The children also commemorated the International Hand washing day. The children addressed their peers about the importance of handwashing and also donated handwashing tanks to Sunlight and Naira schools.

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 reached and served in 2016.

Following the 2015 impact survey, the following steps were taken in 2016.

- Piloting the establishment of parish/village committees to advocate for rights of adults and children with disabilities. VICOBA groups are spearheading this.
- 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,
- The 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.
- Strategically recruiting local and international volunteers to help in carrying out the tasks at the Centre.

Part 2-Community programmes

Functional Adult Literacy (F.A.L)

The Centre continues to support Adult education in the community. In 2016, 70 community members participated in the FAL program.

A new FAL centre was established in Katungulu village. 20 new members were registered in 2016.

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

In 2016, Functional Adult Literacy has helped:

- 25 women greatly improve their ability in reading and writing.
- 14 VICOBA members to do excellent stock taking and recording for their enterprises.
- 26 participants to develop the confidence of holding a conversation with an International volunteer at the centre in English and they also believe they can market their products in English.
- 7 participants to read the bible and follow readings in the local church.

The Community library:

The Community library has not yet served its full purpose and efforts will be made in 2017 to ensure that it becomes a resource centre for many in the community.

In Summary: F.A.L, Prisons, Community Health and Umoja:



- 70 people received FAL training
- 2016 Christmas shared with 180 inmates at Lugazi Prison
- 350 community members celebrated Christmas with the children at the Centre
- Over 200 people received free optical services, and over 100 spectacles distributed in the community. This was facilitated by our volunteer Cristina and Carlos.
- Over 300 people, including the children with disabilities at the centre, received free health services at the centre. This was facilitated by Mulago Paramedical School.
- 46 Members in the community completed a Counselling and Guidance course lead by our volunteer Linda Hopper
- 2 Local churches have been mobilized and one is addressing disability rights in the community.
- 120 people in need were reached and given assistance by members of the Umoja – Church and Community mobilization initiative. Helping many witness the Kingdom of God in word and deed.



Community Resource Banking:

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 2016, VICOBA groups elected new leaders that will be serving for the next two years. Richard Bamutalira was elected as the new president of VICOBA replacing Rukia Nantale.

The model continues to serve as a bridge for many in the community to achieve their dreams.

Community Resource Banking Summary 2016

(Looking at VICOBA growth and impact 2012 – 2016)



- **Total number of fully registered VICOBA members is 312, representing 305 households.**
- **72 are currently undergoing the Community Resource banking training and will gain VICOBA membership at the end of February 2017**





- **Women still dominate the VICOBA membership, 89% are women, the men make up 11% of the membership. This is a significant increase of 7% since 2011.**
- **305 households are benefiting from VICOBA. This represents over 2,500 benefiting directly and indirectly from the model in the last five years.**

Impact

- 86% of the members are currently employed. Those under self –employment are 76% while those employed by Government and other institutions are 10%. This represents a 53% increase in employment.
- Household incomes have steadily increased. A representation of 76%of the members earn at least USD\$1 a day, while the number of people that don't receive any income has now been reduced to a meager 0.7%
- 58% of the households have three meals a day after they joined VICOBA, representing an increase of 8%. There is no household that goes without at least one meal in a day
- 80% have started a business or economic activity since they joined VICOBA, this also accounts for the increased level of employment.
- 36% have started at least two businesses, 5% have started at least three, 39% have started at least one business representing over 360 sustainable businesses and income generating activities established.



- 82 % of the members are involved in Agriculture, food crops, coffee, Bee keeping, Cattle keeping, Poultry farming etc Many are thinking of establishing small scale processing Industries to add value to their products
- Other activities include; Tailoring, saloons and hair dressing, Carpentry, real estate – Rental apartments, Hand craft making, Music dance and drama, education centers, etc
- 93% have a positive attitude towards children with disabilities and will try to advocate for them everywhere they are in the community. 6% are just not sure about what they think about the children with disability.
- Business skills, Planning, saving, teamwork, leadership, counselling and guidance are some of the skills that have been appreciated by the participants in VICOBA

In 2016, VICOBA was replicated in Kibwezi – Kenya. Kitega community Centre is partnering with African road to take this life changing training to the people in Kenya.

The VICOBA camp 2016 was organized by the VICOBA executive. The camp brought together members of VICOBA from different communities to learn and share experiences to improve the performance and impact of the model.

Legal Aid

Women make up 89% of VICOBA membership and although they are progressing economically, there are barriers that are still denying them the access and ownership of economic resources. Our lawyers, Philip and Daniel are helping address this by providing legal aid and sensitization.

In 2016, the centre piloted a legal aid program amongst the members of the communities it serves. Below is a summary of the highlights of the 2016 activities.



- **2 legal aid Clinics were conducted in 2016.**
- **A total of 172 people have participated in the sensitization sessions about the Law and Human rights. These have had a particular bias to the rights of Disabled Persons and the Women rights.**
- **The Program has increased awareness on the different Gender roles of the members of the community and as such Gender Equality has been promoted.**
- **36 people have been empowered to write their wills.**
- **5 people have been empowered to initiate legal actions in courts of Law in respect of their legal concerns. One of these has already been decided in favor of our client, another has been concluded by a successful mediation process between the parties and the rest are promising.**
- **3 of our clients have been helped in settling their legal concerns using Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms to wit; mediation and Reconciliation.**
- **One of our clients has also been referred to another Legal Aid Service provider for specialized help.**



In 2017, we hope to organize Legal Aid camps in all the communities we serve. We believe that this program can release people from their marginalization and help them realize their full potential.

International Volunteers and Visitors

The centre welcomed a number of local and international volunteers.

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 donated 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.

In 2016, we received the following volunteers:

- Clare O’Sullivan
- Vero Varella
- Bea Miranda
- Sara Perez
- Araceli Martin
- Paul and Cheryl Remick
- Cristina and Carlos
- Nathan Hirsh
- Ramsay Family
- Linda Hopper

A number of people and organisations also visited the Kitega Centre in 2016.





Donors 2016

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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