

ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the
Executive Team.

We are thankful for yet another year of the Kitega Community Centre Uganda. Over the past year, our work has been Inspired by Hope, the same hope has Inspired communities to rise up and take action.

The impact of COVID- 19 is still evident but because of Hope we have been able to move on – equipping individuals to thrive.

“... to be made new in the attitude of your minds...” Ephesians 4: 22-24 summarises most of the work the Centre has been doing post covid-19.

Sensitising hearts and minds and restoring hope for the future.

With all the trauma and the problems that resulted from the pandemic, life has been very difficult for several people, and we are thankful for the Centre that has been a Vessel bring the Kingdom to many.

Through the Centre we have seen miracles at work; local churches empowered to lead community change initiatives, children and people with disabilities moving to independence and the centre becoming a hub for the wider deaf community in Lugazi, a new health centre in Katungulu village, women and men working collectively for a better community, justice for the vulnerable and many more...

This momentum inspires us to do more and we are grateful for the dedicated team of staff and volunteers from around the world, our committed donors and supporters, you have all made our work possible!

The individuals we serve are experts of their situation, and all they need is the opportunity that Inspires them to have a **new attitude of the mind** to flourish. We thank you for partnering with the Centre to make this possible.

The Centre's Silver Jubilee is here, March 2024 will mark 25 years of the Centre's as an Independent NGO in Uganda, and we can't wait to celebrate the amazing work of the Centre together.

Wishing you all a great year ahead.

Shalom!

Daudi Clemy Musoke



Message from the Patrons:



Nearly three years after the reaction Covid-19 turned the world upside-down, things are finally returning to normal, and it is wonderful to see. We can start to look towards the future again.

Kitega Community Centre has been a great support to its local community over this time and undoubtedly will have kept people alive and healthy through supplies of food and supplies when normal trading was disrupted. Much of the food was, of course, provided by the new maize mill which itself was a product of the Community Centre.

Further to that, VICOBA Plus has also been offering financial and social help to many in the area and beyond, both keeping the local society running and laying the foundations for the future.

All of these things have happened because a few inspired people got together 23 years ago and turned their faith in God into something practical.

We were very sad to hear of the death this year of Mr Isa. We know that the skills he was able to pass on to Kitega students have been very useful. When we visited in 2019 we were delighted to be presented with clothes designed and made by Mr Isa and we wear them occasionally, when our weather allows.

Back here in Scotland, this past year saw Nicky and Jane King finally retire from their duties towards Kitega. They were both involved right at the start and have been very keen supporters in every sense ever since.

Our fundraising here in Scotland has been reduced because of the Covid disruptions but this April two of the Patrons – Ally and Jenny – did a sponsored walk along the West Highland Way (96 miles/154 km). This was partly to celebrate Ally's recovery from severe knee surgery and satisfy a long-held ambition. The walk raised over £3K (13.5M UGX) to help equip the new health centre at Katungalu, whose progress is giving us all a lot of pleasure.

The Scottish connection continued at the event of the year – the wedding of Phiona and Daudi. It was lovely to be able to follow the ceremony live from Kampala and especially lovely to see Peter and Sarah-Jane Ramsey representing our country there. We all wish Phiona and Daudi a long and happy life together.

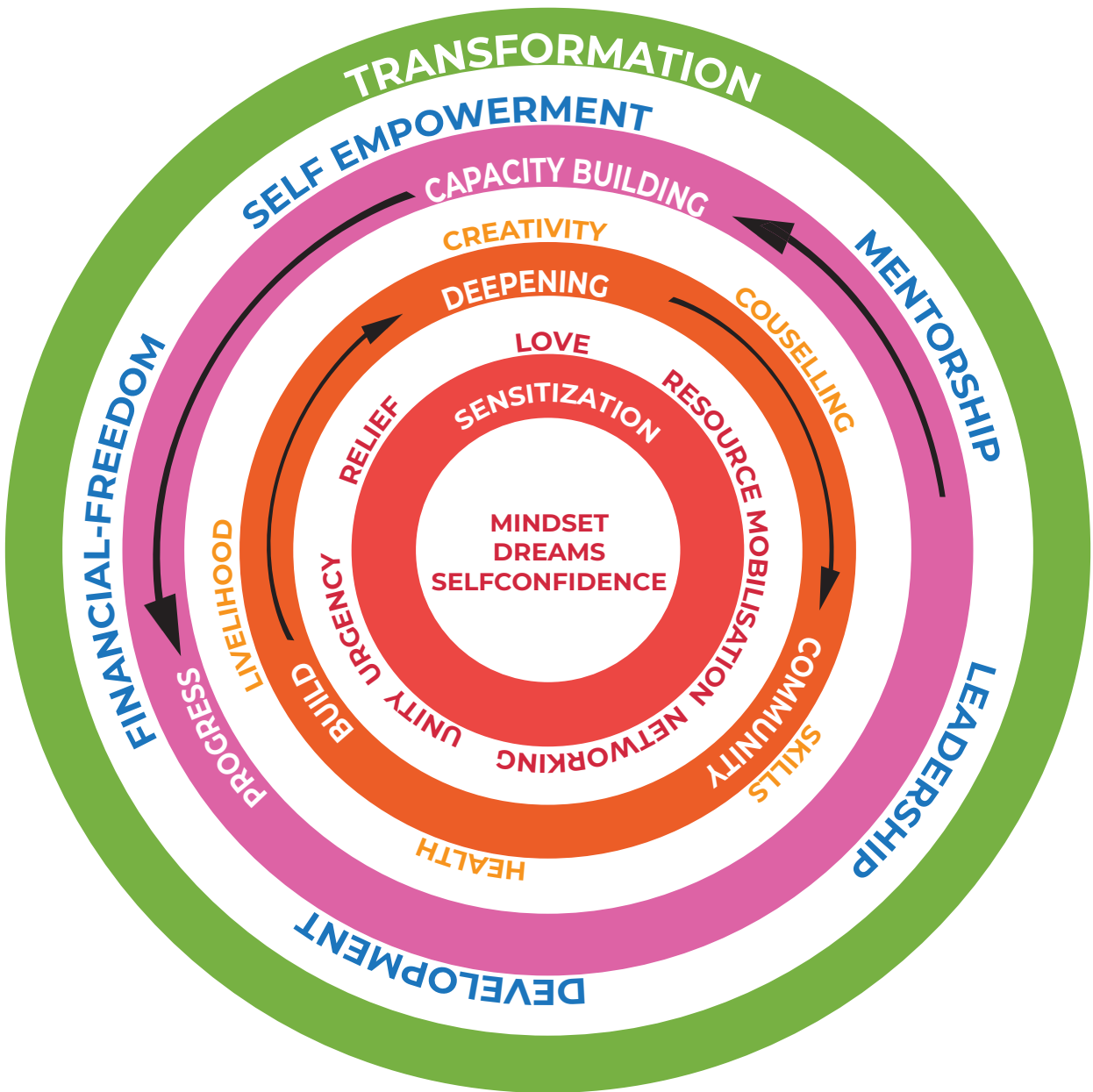
I will close with a wish for us all to be blessed with good health and happiness for the coming year, and the continuation of Kitega's good works.

God bless you all,

David Kirkwood - (For the Patrons)

Scotland - UK





Sensitization:

Children Ministry

34 parents and guardians of children disabilities were trained with skills on how to handle and take care of their children while at home.



Community mindsets have greatly changed towards persons with disabilities due to constant awareness and sensitization by different social workers and the Centre Team.



Several children with disabilities are on a waiting list to be admitted at the centre. 20 years ago our occupational therapist use to go out to the community and plead with the guardians to allow the

children to come to the centre, this has changed over the years and building centre capacity to accommodate more children in a necessity.





Vicoba Plus Ministry

VICOBA Plus helps create awareness leading to persona; transformation , resource mobilisation for improved sustained livelihoods and a strengthened community.

The VICOBA Plus process has expanded to cover more communituies in Rwanda, Tanzania and Burundi and this has been made possible by a partnership with African Road Inc.

Through VICOBA, individuals are steered to build and deepend community,

Identify locally available resources

Establish personal and community benefit projects

which later lead to:

Improved livehoods

Self empowerment

And changed change agents who them mentor and replicate the model to others for a better community.

The 2022 VICOBA Plus highlights

VICOBA Camp 2022 at the Kitega Centre

50 + new businesses established

30+ replenished businesses

5 new vicoba communities



150+ Vicoba plus members were trained/equipped with skills and knowledge in good records management and bookkeeping in their businesses. This was done as a way to improve savings and

accountability.



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Vicoba plus groups treasurers were equipped with skills and knowledge of cheques and balances in their different groups, mainly to support them in managing loans and saving.

500 + community members in Kitega, Katungulu, and other communities were equipped with knowledge on how best one can manage and recycle waste into reusable materials. The dream is to have every community install a waste management plant to utilize the locally available resources around.

Community capacity building in different skills has provided opportunities for community leaders to mentor others hence the transformation in livelihoods.



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Collective action

By working together, VICOBA Plus members have been able to launch new enterprises thus adding value to their products and improving livelihoods.

Communities around have been served by the Vicoba plus maize Mill by purchasing the maize and also adding value to the farmer's products . **(Maize Flour)**.

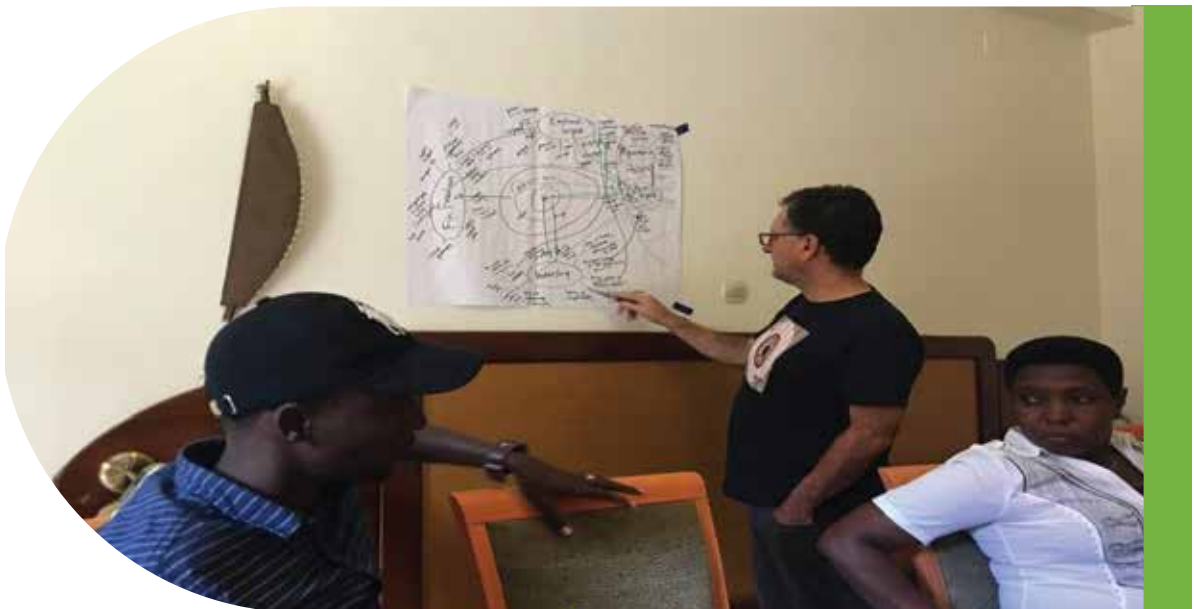


The mill continues to serve the wider community addressing food security that the communities faced due to long droughts and meager incomes.

Mentorship:

Following the creation of the new VICOBAPlus manual, regional VICOBA Plus facilitators met to prepare training materials to help launch the initiative in more communities. This has facilitated the replication of the model in Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, and Goma

Over 100 members were welcomed to the VICOBA family and all the VICOBA beneficiaries participated in a refresher training to inspire and reignite the VICOBA Plus spirit after the covid pandemic.



Regional Vicoba Plus facilitators Capacity building session in Rwanda

Legal Aid Ministry

200+ Local community members through the legal aid ministry have benefited through the outreaches that aimed at creating awareness among the locals about constitutional legal rights and other human rights.

Orphans and Vulnerable children.



250+ youths in the community were equipped with different skills in public speaking to build their self



Project porridge has provided a healthy learning environment for many pupils in our partner schools like Katungulu C/U and Sunlight Primary school.



Community Programs.

Tuwone Project.

120+ community counselors were empowered with counseling knowledge and skills to support the community with mental illnesses and challenges caused by Covid 19. Restoration of hope to the hopeless is our work as the Community Centre.

30+ special needs teachers were empowered with skills and knowledge in working with children and adults with different abilities. This was through a two-day workshop that was carried out from the community, and focused on training community volunteers and teachers from different schools on the best practices of working with special needs persons.

Building/Deepening community.

Communities continue to mobilize resources to meet their challenges as a way of growing deep and building their communities.

400+ local community members received health services that were conducted during our annual health camp. Health services such as Medical checkups, and counseling on sickle cell disease were provided to the wider community.

There has been a sense of unity amongst the community members over the years, and this was mainly seen during the lockdown where people shared their little with the most vulnerable and needy in their communities.



Trade shows have been avenues of networking for most communities we serve and have created opportunities for sharing ideas and skills for development.

Leadership:

20+ local community members received leadership training and 5 of them have been elected into local government positions to represent their communities at different levels.

Transformation.

Lives have been changed and transformed with an increase in household small-scale income savings.







