

# REPORT UPDATE FROM THE CHILD DEPARTMENT



## *Some of the Sponsored Children*

The department has managed to reach to 350 children both sponsored and non-sponsored. Some have been supported with basic needs, Small Income projects, Training in child rights among other issues. Our focus in this first quarter has been put on the following activities;

1. Sponsorship.
2. Economic empowerment to sponsored children
3. Changing the living conditions of sponsored children
4. Activities in mutual groups and community schools
5. Medical care and support
6. Child Rights sensitization workshops with leader

## 1. Sponsorship:

Currently Shared Love Uganda is blessed with 40 children under sponsorship program at Shared Love Junior School Makukuba. To all sponsors through your sponsorship with us, this is what has gone direct to your child in terms of services/ benefits.

1. Break and Lunch while at school
2. school fees/ Tuition
3. scholastic materials like books, pens and pencils
4. Basic needs like mattresses and bed sheets.
5. Guidance and counseling

The sponsorship program has improved the lives of children at school and in their different homes as it has changed the living standards of children and families. The organization is still challenged with more children who need sponsors for better performance and reduce the dropout rate in Makukuba community. However under community department, there is a program of empowering parents in SHGs to gain the capacity of educating their children as responsibility done by any parent. Though this still need serious funding to make this dream come true, by God's grace we hope and believe for the best and improved living standards among families and communities at large. . We would like to thank God for the 23 girls and 17 boys who as per the end of the first quarter were facilitated through the sponsorship program to get education and startup income poultry birds. We thank all our sponsors for the journey they still take in providing and promoting children in Makukuba community.



***Sponsored children girls in particular in their free time. Its so good now they have a smile on their faces since their rights are now well defended in communities by Shared Love Uganda***

**sponsored children with their exercise/ class  
books given out from sponsorship fund on termly basis**



## 2. Direct Economic Empowerment to Sponsored Children.

This was started to improve on the lives of families where these children come from as a means to afford the basic necessities of life. We would like to thank all our sponsors/ Partners for supporting children through our programs. However we still have many other children and families who still need such small income projects to raise so as to meet the home basic needs. Through engaging children's in such income generating projects, help raise children with the skills of how to make money, respecting the value of money, To know the source of savings and to develop a mind of job creation than job seekers. Among the income projects we supported sponsored children include; Poultry income project where some children have been given some poultry birds as children which in time will multiply and able to support themselves other than asking everything their parents who at times also face financial challenges.

These small poultry projects will benefit the children and their families in the following areas.

1. Promote the spirit of hard work among.
2. To teach children a sense of how to fish your own fish
3. Develop the sense of creativity among these children
4. Through eating eggs, will contribute healthy growth of children.

In this quarter 6 sponsored children were supported with 10 hens. The parents and children were so happy for this program, and all were trained in management of this project.



*From left is Specioza Collecting Her Palm Leaves Used For Making Local Mats to get money at home while on right are Some of the sponsored children with some of their Hens they received through sponsorship fund. As Shared Love Uganda we wish them good luck the future generation.*

## 3. Changing the living conditions of sponsored children.

Many of our sponsored children and as well non- sponsored, their living conditions is to so good as a lot of efforts needs to be done. However through our funds we have been changing these conditions month to month and quarter to quarter. This was discovered in our previous home visit exercise as many of our children don't sleep well which we hope at times can contribute to poor performance in class as some sleep on old clothes (rugs). We continue praying to God for his provision on such intervention to improve on the bedding standards of

these children at home as Shared Love Uganda believes in having a complete changed individual who will cause a positive change in the communities. Ever since this program of working on sleeping conditions of our children, 5 have been supported as seen in previous reports.



*Joshua in his old bed which seems was almost sleeping on the plain ground floor and behind is their store since house is too small.*



PRAISE THE LORD. A blessing from the sponsorship fund as from Left our social worker Andrew hands over a new mattress and bed sheets to the mother and Joshua himself. While on right, with a smile Joshua on his new bed with his young brother

#### **4. Activities in mutual groups.**

We thank God, because in this quarter our children have participated in different activities that adds value to community of Makukuba. These include; community outreaches on personal hygiene and sanitation in homes and schools, group



discussions on their roles as children, Child rights and Responsibilities, Awareness on roles of parents, teachers and community local leaders. These groups hold their weekly meetings and it was through these meetings they reached to a conclusion of visiting the needy families in their community as a way of being beneficial to such people. The lucky beneficiary was Magdalena an elder of 87 years of age living in one of the villages in Nabbaale our area of operation. She is a grandmother of some of the children in one of our children's mutual group of Kawomya. Magdalene was helped through building for A dish rack for utensils, washing her home utensils, jerricans, Cleaning the compound and fetching water.



*From Left is Magdalene the beneficiary while on right children busy changing Magdalene living condition.*

### 5. Medical care and support.

Over this first quarter, through sponsorship fund, the organisation has extended some medical support to sponsored children and some community children identified through social worker field Home visits. Case of focus was on Vanessa. She is a girls aged 12 years, in primary 6 class she is sponsored at No.ID.7 by Judith Harless and her dream is to become a doctor. Despite her big dream, this was going to be in vine because of the health problems she is experiencing. From her look she was fine but the sickness was developing from inside but one day her condition changed badly. One day during home visit exercise by our social worker, found her when was very sick. Positively, our social worker intervened into the matter, and she was taken to hospital in Kampala accompanied also with her mother to be examined by the Professional Doctor. About her sickness, she used to get abrupt attacks, falls down and losing her consciousness. From the school report, her education performance has been declining as she used to miss school for some days, She was not interacting/ playing well with her friends. We give glory to the lord, because our child is no longer missing school and getting attacks. She was given medicine and recommended by the doctor to be taken back for brain scan. It's so good that now she is oak and happy, playing well with her friends. Second case was on Peter who was spotted when the social worker visited community schools while sharing about effects of poor personal hygiene/ poor sanitation. Peter had so many jiggers bacteria almost finishing up his fits. He had reached to an extent of not walking well hence even some days missing school, reaching late to school. By God's grace our social worker took him to the hospital and got treatment now by reporting is recovering well and happy.





*Left to right, Vanesa at the Hospital in Kampala with Her mother attended by the Doctor*

#### **ABOUT PETER AND HIS FRIENDS.**

Below is peter with a yellow star with his friends from one of the communities of Makukuba.



*From left, peters fit while on right trying to stand with his friends.*

### **6. Child Rights sensitization workshops Area Local leaders**

According to the Convention on the Rights of the Children, Children's rights are human rights. Children must be treated with equality, respect and dignity, not because they are "the future" or the "adults of tomorrow", but because they are human beings today. All humans are born inherent with fundamental freedoms and rights. Children must enjoy the same human rights as everybody else - from the right to freedom of expression to the right to privacy. This means all human rights laws apply equally to children and adults. From time to time we have been getting issues of child rights abuses from different communities of Makukuba and surroundings. Issues of denying children to get education, Corporal punishment, Failure to give them basic needs, yet **SOME** area local leaders ignoring such rights abuse cases. This was the reason why the organisation had to organise this workshop. It was for School Head teachers, new elected local chairpersons from the 9 villages of Makukuba parish plus women representatives at village level. Trainers



were from Uganda Police of Naggalama Police post and Shared Love Uganda staff. In this quarter we had a leader's workshop on children's rights to empower them to serve well. A total of 45 people attended and trained to be ambassadors of Child Right Protection in their areas/ Institutions. We thank all our sponsors, donors and partners for the support. As photos below;



*From Left a Police officer training on legal matters about child rights, while on right, the Director of SLU also training leaders' roles of local leaders in protecting children in communities.*



*From a photo for only leaders while on right agencies/ NGO trained the people*

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU**