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**ANNUAL REPORT
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LWERUDESO was established in year 2007. Our organization contributes to sustainable development of our community through projects of education, health, HIV/AIDS prevention, OVC care and support, food security and water and sanitation.

OUR MISSION:

“To improve the health and economic status of vulnerable population through provision of health, education, agriculture and income generational services”.

Dear esteemed partners

We would like to congratulate and appreciate you for yet another year of excellent service being rendered to our community Lwengo towards improving the livelihood of our beloved vulnerable population amidst challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic and the underlying lockdown, a situation that has left most of our projects non-functional.

However, through all the difficult times we have been able to stay standing and operational in various departments thus far as is shown in this report.

LWERUDESO EDUCATION PROJECT

Every year the school registers over 500 pupils from nursery to primary seven, however this year it was a different story as the lockdown included school closure nationally. At the beginning of this year in primary section only one class was allowed to open and that was primary seven and gradually other few classes opened.

Children have not fully attended school as it is always with the normal school calendar year, A few classes which were allowed to open stopped schooling in June this year that prematurely marked the end of the academic year.

A threat to their academic and institutional financial performance. Though there has been an elongated lockdown, we have been able to continuously monitor our children’s health and availability in their homes.

Concerning academic performance, this year our candidates sat for their final examinations in march and showed a good performance after 8 months not in school. Out of the 33 candidates, 10 passed with first grade and the rest in second grade which was brilliant. Currently we are ranked among the best schools in Uganda and Lwengo District as well.

Some of our pioneer children have been admitted to join university level after completing high school level this year with astonishing results. Children like Nabakooza Maria, Amos and others performed very well in their secondary final examinations and will enrol to universities when institutions fully reopen. Many others will join various institutions implying that LWERUDES

O really produces good quality outputs.

a. Sponsorship Management Project

This is one of the major projects at Lwerudeso as it provides an opportunity to the vulnerable and disadvantaged children to access pre-paid good quality education.

This year, child sponsorship has been active with the team doing monitoring and verifying availability of the children at home and the general status. It's our commitment to see that all children keep safe, healthy for the available planned services. Various filed reports have been filed on the same to track progress of these children.



Currently the total number of sponsored children is 183 in primary section and 35 students in secondary and tertiary institutions a total of 218 academic beneficiaries. We still look forward to strengthening our partnership so that we can support at least 1000-3000 orphans and vulnerable children access good quality education.

i. Children with disabilities

Under this program, we have gone ahead to register and support children with various disabilities academically and other aspects individually and their families at large. Among these children 11 are disabled mentally and physically while 6 are deaf.



These children in sponsorship program not only benefit academically but are also entitled to good health care services depending on the nature and level of sickness, social and economic support to ensure proper child participation, involvement, protection and wellbeing to enhance community transformation and development.

Under the sponsorship program, we have vulnerable children who without being in this program would not have achieved the current status. Some have finished certain levels, while others have started certain levels in their academic career.

LUSIBA AXUM



He is currently a complete orphan after losing his father. He has been in sponsorship program since primary until now and has successfully completed the certificate course in motor vehicle mechanics and is willing to proceed with studies. At this level, he can get a starting job that can earn him daily income which eventually can change his life positively.

MULEMA FRED



He comes from a poor background and has been under sponsorship program since primary until now where he is currently pursuing a 3-year certificate course in comprehensive nursing. This is one of the best certificate courses in Uganda and we hope after completion, Fred will be able to get employment that will change his family background.

Great thanks to Lwengo Kids foundation for gearing this sponsorship program.

This year, **Bosco and Jessica** who both come from vulnerable and humble family backgrounds have been consistent and tolerant until today and have completed their ordinary level of secondary education with a good performance.



Jessica's dream was to become a nurse however due to changes in the national academic system, her results led her to train as an Early Child Development officer which she has already started and this will take her three years. We hope that after this course, she will be able to earn herself income and decide on her future dreams.

Bosco's interest is doing motor vehicle mechanics which we hope he will successfully pursue for a better future.

Also **16 children** under the sponsorship program completed primary level and will join secondary level.



Great thanks to Lwengo kid's foundation for supporting these children, and also providing them with bags that will help them in their secondary level.

As a sustainability strategy in cooperation with Lwengo Kids Foundation we have come up with the following projects to ensure children's continuity at higher levels of education.

ii. Piggery project

This project started last year 2020, however some parents had taken piglets to multiply them but unfortunately were affected by a swine pandemic that wiped out a big number of pigs in the country. Our beneficiaries were also affected by the same problem.

This year in partnership with Lwengo Kids Foundation, we have gone ahead to construct a second piggery demonstration farm to accommodate 10 female and 2 male pigs as proposed. We ensured strong walls, lockers that are less risky for the pigs and a well installed water system to supply pigs independently with enough drinking water.



The intention of this is to magnify the system so that after multiplication a big number of children can benefit at a single give away. We hope the project will succeed as another contribution to children's education.

As per recommendation by the veterinary doctor we have to restock again as the swine fever disease is no longer a threat.

iii. Goat project.



Likewise, Muslim sponsored children were given goats each family to rear, reproduce and bring back to the organisation for selling and saving.

We have a few goats which have reproduced though some were also affected by unknown killer diseases and ended up dying. We are therefore ensuring proper rearing services for a better result.

These two projects are to ensure child sponsorship sustainability and promote self-dependency of parents.

We sincerely acknowledge this approach of local contribution as it develops the sense of ownership and confines the families to their major responsibility of child upbringing.

iv. Dairy farming.

The school acquired a dairy cow which is being reared on a zero grazing scheme. This is intended to provide milk for the learners and staff to improve on their nutrition.



b. Repairs and maintenance

With support from Lwengo Kids Foundation, we have managed to renovate the school floors, and repainting the whole school to give a conducive teaching and learning environment.





As we plan to resume studies next year January, our wish is to see that all children access equitable learning opportunities despite their vulnerability status which this will enable the improvement of the general livelihood of Lwengo community.

Once again we are grateful for all partners, donors, sponsors and staff for the tremendous work done for the success of this project and wellbeing of the Lwengo community.

c. School agricultural practices

Every year the organisation spends money purchasing food for children and staff at school which is expensive to maintain.

The project therefore does its own food production by practicing better agricultural practices for both children and community learning. This year we already harvested maize, beans, bananas, potatoes and ground nuts. These are key food and income supplements to our project. These harvests supplement to what we purchase to feed the children and staff.





we have also planted in our school garden maize and beans for the next season 2022.

d. National learning assessment.

This year LWERUDES0 partnered with UWEZO Uganda to carry out national learning assessment among children aged 4-16. This was carried out in Lwengo district in 15 Villages for all children. The same activity took place in other 28 districts countrywide. The intention was to find out whether children are really learning. The national report from Uwezo is awaited. Findings from this survey are shared with various policy actors which include MOES, UBOS, and other concerned bodies for action. It is later shared with the local government and communities for common understanding and decision making.

e. Study tour.

We organised a one-day tour to Lake Mburo national park for few children who were living around the school. The few beneficiaries had a geographic experience, saw wild animals, and a conserved nature. This was organised in partnership with volunteers who were at the project in November 2021.



TREE PROJECT

The tree project this year has been beneficial as we sold trees and earned income that supplemented staff salaries. More trees have also been planted for future income generation and also to conserve the environment. These activities involve maintenance costs that range from planting, weeding and pruning off the unwanted trees.

LWERUDESO HEALTH CENTRE

Due to the lockdown since 2020 that involved movement restrictions, people were suffering with diseases and could not access health services. This prompted us to open the health centre to provide affordable health services to the community.



The number of clients is increasing with an average of 230 clients served a month.

With the health insurance scheme, we are sure that 218 children under the sponsorship program are assured of appropriate medical care.

This year the health centre enacted some of the earlier proposed services are “antenatal care, child immunisation, HIV/AIDS counselling and testing, general medical check-up and treatment, sexual and reproductive health services, STI management, Family Planning, outreaches, laboratory services, drug administration and admission of patients in critical conditions.

We were honoured to have a senior medical officer from the local government and a midwife intern from the Netherlands to launch the antenatal care, delivery and child immunisation program at the facility. Local council leaders, traditional birth attendants, village health team representatives also attended the launch to spearhead community mobilisation.

Every six months, the administration carries out evaluation to qualify and quantify service provision at the facility and as from the current sitting the following were the findings.

From the available data ever since the health centre started, it shows that some services have improved, the number of clients is increasing every month meaning awareness has gone far though this is not yet sustainable enough. Services like antenatal care, immunisation of children also attract more clients.

- There is a water storage for clean and safe water (10,000 litre water tank)



- Staff have uniforms to identify them.
- More beds and drip stands were added in admission rooms.
- Laboratory has improved with some basic items like a microscope and expert staff.
- Working time was increased with some staff working 24 hours a week.
- The banking system is consistently good with all income banked.
- All rooms are basically working.

The health centre has a standard solar system that was installed as a backup source of electricity. This has kept service delivery efficient day and night since power is ever on. Great thanks to partners who donated this solar system.

IDDI FAMILY SUPPORT REPORT

Lwerudeso in partnership with Lwengo Kids Foundation has always committed to support vulnerable families with food items every year in Lwengo Community.

This year, in May, a total of 100 vulnerable households with majority were given food items that included sugar, rice and cooking oil. These families had 60 Muslim households and 40 non-Christian households benefiting from the package.



On feasts like these, in rural communities most families hardly access good meals, good clothing's and other feasting items therefore given such a chance, beneficiaries seize the opportunity to enjoy IDDI day.

We worked with Mosque Leaders, and Village Zone Leaders to identify the most vulnerable families to benefit from this package.

An amount mounting to 500€ was received and was used to purchase the given package.

In July month, a total of 50 vulnerable households were given rice and meat on IDDI ADHUA.

A total of six clean animals were slaughtered and meat shared among 50 families with the help of Mosque leaders



Christmas celebration.

Every year Lwerudeso in partnership with Lwengo Kids Foundation organise a simple package for orphans and vulnerable children under the sponsorship program.

This year 1000 kgs of rice and 250 chicken were availed and delivered to 218 sponsored children and working staff as a package for Christmas.



INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEERSHIP PROGRAM

We have continued to receive volunteers from doing good, C&U for mentorship, improving management skills, strengthened partnership and support of the vulnerable people. Lwerudeso is so thankful for the good partnership and support from all our donors and partners. We believe with joined hands we shall fulfil the dream of sustainable transformational development for a wealthy and healthy society of Lwengo community.

Home visits have been made, dish racks built, wood saving stoves, fetched water for the needy.



We have carried on with internship program with a midwife from Holland who is to graduate this year upon accomplishing her internship in Uganda. She worked with LWERUDES0 health centre and other government health centres in Lwengo district.

Successfully she achieved her internship target and was able to go back and graduate.

We also hosted more midwife volunteers who worked with various health centres to learn and share knowledge with our standards.

PARTNERSHIPS

- LWENGO KIDS FOUNDATION
- C&U
- DOOING GOOD
- UWEZO
- PEACECORPS
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- COMMUNITY

Thanks for the developmental cooperation.

Yours

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