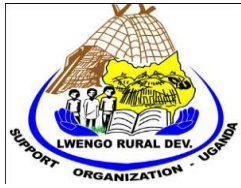


# LWENGO RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION



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**ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

Dear Partners,

On behalf of LWERUDES0 and the entire community of Lwengo district we would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere and wholehearted regards to you. Thanks a lot for the continued material and financial contributions purposed for the wellbeing of Lwengo community people through our project interventions in this year 2020. May the good LORD bless you.

It's much pleasure to us to share with you some of the registered years' successes as we aim at attaining our: Vision for a sustainable transformational for a healthy and wealth society as well as our mission; of building and strengthening sustainable family and community initiatives for a health, income generation, food security and development through improved partnership at all levels.

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

LWERUDES0 has been in operation since 2007. Our organization contributes to sustainable development of our community through such projects as; Water and sanitation, food security, Health, HIV/AIDS and education operating in Lwengo district.

A midst several challenges experienced this year that ranked from financial, we are happy that at last we have managed to go through and do celebrate a number of achievements being registered evidenced by the entire community of Lwengo.

LWERUDES0 now employs a total of 53 staff. The population of Lwengo as a district is on an increasing rate thus the available resources with time will not be enough per household if people are not well prepared for any incidents that might affect their wellbeing.

We surely express our gratitude to both local and foreign partners, donors, staff members, Government authorities and the community for the resourceful support offered to the project to plan, implement and monitor its interventions without much strife. LWERUDES0 is shifting to total community empowerment and institutionalization for efficiency in service delivery as per the strategic plan.

Below is how we managed to go through the year in the various sectors of our core operations as per the year 2020.

## **LWERUDES0 SPONSORSHIP MANAGEMENT PROJECT.**

We are grateful to our partners **Lwengo Kids Foundation** who wholeheartedly committed themselves to solicit resources financially and materially to sponsor some Children, may the Lord bless you. The total had risen to two hundred twelve (212) sponsored Children.

The project is enduring to make deliberate efforts to ensure good Child monitoring of all sponsored Children both at home and School, fulfill its commitment of timely and clear communication about the progress and status of the sponsored child.



Our monitoring approach intends to let you know much about:

**1. Your Child's health, existence and accessibility in the community.**

**2. Child's participation and benefits received through the programs. And**

**3. Child growth, protection at home and School.**

The 212 sponsored Children are accessing good quality education, in good health conditions and there are tremendous behavioral changes in their lives. Children who tested HIV Positive are also doing fairly well as a result of their continued treatment.

Our children this year also benefited from the: water-sanitation, food assistance especially during lockdown, Health, agriculture project, psychosocial support besides the education support.





LWERUDES0 is looking forward to seeing improved Child wellbeing, enhanced Child-sponsor relationship and good relationship with the sponsored children's families. The sponsorship project has helped the community to learn and know much about LWERUDES0 and have hope to see much more in future thus our prayer that God cause many other sponsors to join this project since the number of vulnerable children is ever increasing to register with us yet we have little resources to support them all resourcefully.

As we continue to support children, we are happy to note that in the year 2020, we have a finalist at a technical who is completing a motor vehicle mechanics course, 1 boy has already enrolled for a nursing course, 2 students are completing S4 and we hope to take them to courses of their interest thereafter, 18 pupils are completing Primary education and we are sure they will join secondary education. They all started school at **LWERUDES0 primary school** in nursery.

We are grateful for this program because all these children come from vulnerable families who would not have afforded to educate these children.

### **The Piggery Demonstration and Multiplication Project**

The piggery project was designed and thought of as a one that can be practiced by all sponsored families to enable them save some money for future education support of the children.



This year a total of 21 families have benefited from this project although the piglets haven't yet reached the stage of producing. 41 piglets were given to these families with some getting 2 and some getting 1 depending on the capacity of rearing.

Our target is ensuring that all sponsored families receive piglets, rear them, reproduce, sell and we save the money for the future support of the children.

We hope that when they start producing, the project will avail all the necessary support to the families for the success of this project.

Parents access the demonstration and multiplication Centre where they attain good knowledge and skills about: Shelter construction, animal feeding and Treatment, Animal breeding (multiplication) and marketing among others at a free cost.

### **The goat project.**

Besides the piggery project, another category of families who do not rear pigs especially Moslems agreed to rear goats for the same purpose.

Most goats have produced and we are yet to start redistribution until we reach all families before we start selling for saving. The project is succeeding as parents have shown a lot of interest in it.





## COVID-19 FOOD ASSISTANCE

During lockdown caused by COVID-19 pandemic, our society was badly affected as people had no income and so could not access basic needs including food and treatment.

With the allocated money from Lwengo Kids Foundation, we managed to reach out to the most affected families with food items and the balance was used to equip the Health Centre to help curb health concerns.



## IDDI program

The organization in partnership with some sponsors supported our vulnerable Muslim families with food items on IDDI. This is always done every year as a sign of togetherness.



We thank sponsors who helped us succeed in this program.

### **LWERUDES0 SCHOOL PROJECT.**

LWERUDES0 PRIMARY SCHOOL is run by the organization thus supporting a number of vulnerable children. It runs from Baby class to primary seven (Baby-P.7) in order to fully utilize the available Human and material resources.

The School has a boarding section for both boys and girls. We exceedingly appreciate the contributions made by our volunteers / sponsors to the school for good quality education services.

The major objectives for this project were essentially and not limited to:

- 1. The need to lessen the high illiteracy levels among Children of the School going age.*
- 2. Enabling the most vulnerable children to access quality education.*
- 3. Reduce the distances travelled / walked by Children to attend school.*
- 4. Develop a generation that can take up informed decisions and live a better life among others.*

This year the school had an enrollment of **496** children by first term with 239 boys and 257 girls. However due to lockdown that led to closure of schools, we did not complete the first term and also did not attend second term. We completed the year with one class which is P7 that is being prepared to do final examinations in March 2021.



Our candidates are promising and we believe for better grades this academic year.

We are still waiting for an official communication from the government about school reopening.

### **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

At Lwerudeso we believe disability is not inability so we have an inclusive schooling for children with various special needs that we try to attend to.

We give opportunities to children who are mentally and physically disabled, the deaf to be rehabilitated and educated respectively. We have qualified teachers who teach deaf children in various classes and subjects, we also have child development assistants who are specifically for the mentally disabled children.



We are against the oppression and isolation of children with any kind of disability and urge all responsible citizens to treat this group of people with justice.

In our school we have over 17 children with special needs and three staff who are deaf. We hope for the best out of these children.

### **Children living with HIV**

Our organization takes care of children with HIV/AIDS. We provide services like counseling, food assistance, economic strengthening and housing for some of



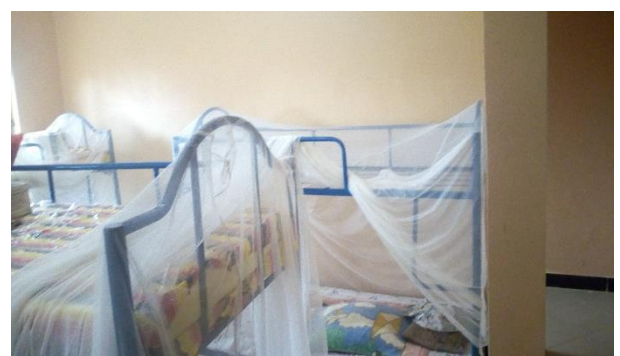
them. We monitor their homes, drug acquisition schedules and their protection at school. They also benefit from our sponsorship program.



In the year 2020, we have a number of accomplishments at school as explained below:

### **New Dormitories.**

We highly acknowledge the contributions for dormitory construction, purchasing beds, mattresses and mosquito nets made towards this project by our partners; Lwengo Kids Foundation and AFAS who have helped us realize two accomplished dormitories equipped with beds, mattresses to accommodate 100 boys and 100 girls in LWERUDES primary school.



The dormitories are well installed with electric work and thus have enough light inside and outside the blocks with provision of sockets for ironing children's uniforms.

For the last years we have been using classes as dormitories that have been prone to poor sanitation, poor aeration due to congestion and now we are blessed with such good dormitories that will improve the wellbeing of our orphans and vulnerable children who could hardly access school without such convenient environment.



The buildings are made up of both locally available materials like bricks, sand, timber that we have locally procured yet improving on the income of the local community.

We are happy to note that the community skilled and unskilled youths have fully participated in provision of labor hence their improved income and experience for their future promotions.

The dormitories were equipped with 200 metallic and standard beds for 100 girls and 100 boys.

We equipped them with 200 mattresses from Crest Foam company, for 100 girls and 100 boys and so boarding children will not be required to bring theirs but will find new mattresses at school.

This is a great achievement for our project and we appreciate all efforts rendered to reach this success.



## New toilets

As we went into lockdown, school toilets were dilapidated and totally risky for use as some had fallen down and it was inevitable to do without toilets as this could create an unhealthy living condition. We urgently managed this crisis by constructing new improved toilets to enable children, homeless inclusive and staff use them before and by the time schools reopen.



We are happy to have modern and permanent user friendly toilets well installed with electric work, modern piped system and sewage storage. The children, staff and special needs persons can use them with no complications. We appreciate the financial contribution from Lwengo Kids Foundation that has helped us realize the laid down accomplishments of the toilets as they are already in use.



This is a great milestone for our school to improve on sanitation and we are looking forward to have more water to facilitate their cleanliness and hygiene.

## **Distance learning**

During lockdown, schools were closed and so children missed gathered school attention and resorted to home activities.

However as **Lwerudeso** we aim at good quality input for better results. We initiated distance learning where primary seven teachers could set reading materials and tests for the children from school. With the help of our community engagement workers, this work was always delivered to various homes and picked back for assessment. This was to prepare them for their final exams. We did this following government guidelines of COVID-19 prevention and also aiming at making our children active. However, this has costed us money to pay salaries for P7 teachers, stationary, and transport for the work, items that were not part of the former budget.



## **Agriculture**

### **a. (school gardening)**

Our school practices agriculture every year to supplement the nutrition of the children and staff and also reduce costs of purchasing maize flour and other food items.

This year, we managed to grow and harvest 700kg of maize although the season was not favorable for crop growing. We also planted bananas and sweet potatoes which are being consumed already by the school.



Currently we have started harvesting beans and we expect to harvest more maize as we enter 2021.

### **b. Tree Project**

The organization carries out tree planting to conserve the environment and also earn income from sales. The project has over 200,000 eucalyptus trees that need maintenance like weeding, pruning and planting new seedlings. These activities have been key in employing youth in the community thus adding on their income.

The project sells trees to earn income that supplements on the annual budget which we hope with time will increase thus enabling project sustainability.

The school also gets firewood from the tree project that is also another positive deduction on the school termly budget.



However, this practice involves much costs like labor, transport, fertilizers and is sometimes affected by bad weather which affects harvests.

We therefore appreciate the agriculture department for all efforts rendered for these achievements and we believe with time we can grow at least 80% of our own food and buy only 20% to supplement.

## HEALTHCENTRE PROJECT

We appreciate our donors KLG Europe through Lwengo Kids who enabled us complete the construction phase of this project this year and started employing staff.

With the help of local government experts, we managed to recruit a clinical officer to help us equip and recruit other staff.

Due to lockdown, we realized that although people were not dying of COVID-19 in our community, they were suffering from its effects and so by June we started operating with basic healthcare package which involved outpatient care, and minor cases.

We conducted interviews to recruit nurses, security guard and a cleaner and currently our staffing has 2 enrolled nurses, 1 clinical officer, 1 enrolled comprehensive nurse, 1 security guard and one cleaner a total of six.



We appreciate our partners Lwengo Kids Foundation who enabled us to acquire, furniture, some drugs, and some laboratory equipment that enabled us to provide services to the community.

We also acquired a tri-circle and a motorcycle that we hope will help us transport disabled children and patients who can't walk and also ease community mobilization.

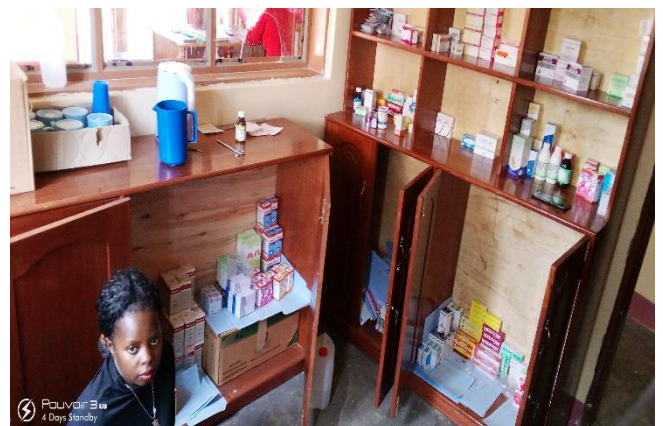




Due to these achievements, we later intensified our services and added inpatient care, Child immunization, HIV testing and counselling, family planning, dental care, antenatal care and delivery, minor surgeries among others.

We received television set for the waiting room, 3 admission mattresses, vaccine carrier, and a microscope that are helping effect service delivery.

Our services are available 24 hours 7 days.



We still lack laboratory equipment for effective tests, water storage facility, furniture for the drug store, fencing and waste management is still a challenge.

### **Volunteer and internship program**

Every year we are blessed with different volunteers from different countries who work with our organization. They impact the community, school and individuals positively through activities and interaction.



They donate funds for social and economic development of our community projects for the benefit of the community as a whole.

This year in January we had international volunteers who participated in various community and school activities.

This however was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that made them leave before their scheduled time.

We believe the situation will stabilize and our work will also normalize.

### **Internship**

Our organization gives opportunity to internship students to do their community practice every year under official supervision. We give fields like school-teachers, social workers and with time we hope to give health practitioners like nurses as our health Centre keeps on growing.

### **Partnership.**

We are grateful for the success realized in 2020 and this has been through dependable and reliable partnership.

The project extends great thanks to the community, local government and partner organizations for enabling us realize the current achievements.

We appreciate Lwengo Kids Foundation and partners for the tireless efforts and support to see that our children acquire good quality education in a conducive study environment and also good healthcare services at Lwerudeso Health Centre.

Wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year 2021

Yours

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