



UGANDA ORPHANS RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Introduction: Sponsorship program is one of the major projects that are on going in the organization where orphans and other vulnerable children receive support through education and its benefits, counseling and guidance to the children and their care givers.

These children study in the different institutions managed by UORDP and they are located within the program areas of the organization. The institutions are; Ramogi Junior School and Ramogi management institute. These children therefore study in these institutions.

It is also important to note that some of these children study in other schools not managed by UORDP especially the schools near their homes but only receive the necessary support. This is because some have health complications beyond our medical facilities and others stay with very old /weak or sickly guardians who at times may need somebody to stay near to monitor them.

Enrollment

Ramogi Junior School

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Nursery	19	10	29
Primary one	14	18	32
Primary two	10	13	23
Primary Three	8	12	20
Primary four	7	18	25
Primary Five	9	10	19
Primary six	6	12	22
Primary seven	6	10	16
Total enrollment			186

Day scholars: Boys: 50 Girls: 83 Boarding section: Boys: 20 Girls: 33

Number of staff (teachers):

Males: 5 Females: 7

Support staff: Guards 1 Cooks 1

Ramogi Management Institute

Course	Males	Female	Total
Saloon	5	15	20
Motor vehicle mechanic	15		15
Catering	3		3
Early childhood development and Education	2	6	8
Block laying and concrete practice	15		15
Welding	10		10
Tailoring		5	5
Electricity installation	4		4
Carpentry and joinery	8		8
Total enrollment	62	26	88

Number of staff (Tutors)

Males: 7 Female: 5

Support staff:

Guard: 1 Cook: 1

Achievements:

- Performance has improved.
- There has been increase in enrollment in Ramogi Management Institute.
- Some of the orphans who have completed their courses at Ramogi Management Institute are now employed in small enterprises and are able to earn some money to provide for their basic needs.
- The sponsored children now know each other and share their experiences, challenges and discuss how to go about them.
- A program has been designed to take the children to the radio programs twice a term. This has helped them express themselves to the public, share experiences and also interact with other children from other schools.
- There are school gardens of vegetable and other crops where vegetables, maize, potatoes green, beans are planted for balanced diet in school.
- The number of children in school has increased hence the school is growing.

Challenges:

Since the death of the Director Mr. Apollo Jaramogi, UORDP has faced a number of challenges as listed below:

- Very few care givers are now supporting their children through contributing half fees, hence making the school struggle in buying instructional materials, providing adequate rooms and classes for the learners.
- Some classrooms have become inadequate classes for the learners. A temporary classroom structure that was housing approximately 70 pupils collapsed. The school could not put up another structure due to lack of funds.
- Lack of sanitary towels for girls. We have other organizations operating in the same area and they do provide sanitary towels to the girl children they support. Without this support, it is one of the factors affecting their concentration and performance in class.
- High school dropout and early marriages. UORDP efforts in strengthening education faces a challenge of losing some of its pupils at school to the other partners because we don't provide this.
- The institute has inadequate tools for instruction due to the increase in enrollment.
- There is also a challenge of transportation at all the Ramogi schools and the UORDP field staff since there is no vehicle owned by the schools.
- Change in climate has affected crop yields hence leading to food shortage in schools.

Suggestions:

- There is need to mobilize funds to avail a modest transport facility.
- There is need to mobilize funds to put up another infrastructure / classroom block to replace the collapsed block.
- There is urgent need to mobilize funds to support in renovation of the old abandoned buildings at the institute since the enrollment has increased and the classes and Dormitories and getting congested with students.
- There is urgent need to mobilize funds to enable the Organization purchase tools of instruction at all levels of Ramogi schools.
- Some funds be lobbied for to make an end of year get together party for the children of primary and institute.
- There is also urgent to mobilize funds to help put up more structures for learners.
- There is need to solicit funds to buy sanitary towels for girl children both in the institute and primary level to avoid being taken over by other partners/NGOs
- There need for funds to aide sensitization of caregivers on girl child issues.



A classroom block about to collapsed (needs renovation)



Caregivers attending a meeting at Ramogi Junior School.

Maize crop in School garden



Happy pupils in Ramogi Junior



Break time in Ramogi Junior



We still remember our Late **Director, Mr. Apollo Jaramogi** who struggled and fought a good fight never to lose, but his appointed time reached. You will always remain fresh in our memories (Board, staff sponsored children and the entire communities and more especially your dear family. **(May your soul rest in eternal peace.)**)

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