

UGANDA ORPHANS RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UORDP)

UORDP

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM LETTER OF APPEAL



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

We have two categories of sponsored children; fully sponsored children and partially sponsored children.

Fully sponsored children: These children receive school fees, scholastic materials, mattresses, bed sheets, mosquito nets and other personal effects.

Partially sponsored children: Receive scholastic materials, personal effects like washing soap, smearing oil among others.

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, Ramogi Secondary 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.

Appreciation:

We send our sincere gratitude to our dear donors, the entire board of UORDP, and others partners for the support they have always given which have made the project a success.

Activities:

- ✓ Providing support to the sponsored children with items like scholastic material, mattresses beddings, mosquito nets washing soap, smearing oil, first Aid in school, extra clothing.
- ✓ Home visits, counseling and guidance to parents/ care givers and the children.
- ✓ Counseling at school to those in Ramogi schools of Junior and Secondary.
- ✓ Visits to those in other schools with some of our sponsored children.
- ✓ Advocacy and Lobbying.



R-L: Ramogi Junior school pupils in class, pupils pose for a photo at the Gate.



Ramogi junior pupils in maize and beans school garden.



L – R: Graduates of Ramogi Management Institute, CEO Receives a book concerning education from chancellor from Ministry of Education.

Achievements:

- Since most of our sponsored children are in Ramogi Junior and secondary school, their performance has improved.
- 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 the basic needs.
- Most of our ECD center children have graduated to join primary level at the end of this year.
- Children now can speak out their views and feelings without shyness /shame or fear.
- The sponsored children now know each other and share their experiences, challenges and discuss how to go about them.
- High expectation now reducing from the children and the parents/care givers.

- 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 vegetables 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.
- The visit by the American friends, Maya Spencer and Liba Blundager where they brought with them 250 pounds of soap from Soap and Bubbles Organization. The soap was given out to the sponsored children at Ramogi Schools.
- Maya Spencer and Liba Blundager also gave out insecticide mosquito nets to sponsored children.
- Maya Spencer and Liba Blundager together with UORDP staff also visited the nearby Health Centre III (Petta Health Centre) and donated soap to mothers and Health Centre Administration to promote good hygiene especially hand washing.
- UORDP also donated charts depicting good hygiene and sanitation to the Health Centre and Ramogi Schools.
- Out of our sponsored children, 30 graduated in certificate in different courses e.g Catering and hotel management, motor vehicle mechanic, early child hood Hairdressing and saloon management, development education, Concrete and block laying among others.

Challenges;

- 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.
- Inadequate rooms and classes for the learners.
- Some of the graduates are still looking for Jobs and where as some others are underpaid where they have got jobs.
- Change in climate has affected crop yields hence leading to food shortage in schools.
- Failure by the caregivers to provide sanitary towels for the sponsored girl children hence affecting their concentration and performance in class.
- Higher expectations from the care givers.

Suggestions:

- There is need to mobilize funds to avail a modest transport facility.
- There is need to mobilize funds to acquire start up kits for the graduates to start up businesses from the acquired skills so that they become job creators rather than job seekers.
- There is urgent need to mobilize funds to enable the organization to purchase tools of instruction at all levels of Ramogi schools.
- There is also urgent to mobilize funds to help put up more structures for learners.
- There is need for funds to aide sensitization of caregivers on girl child issues.
- There is need to mobilize funds to put up irrigations schemes to enhance crop production.

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Greetings from Board and Staff of UORDP and Happy New Year!

UORDP With great pleasure wishes to appreciate you for your great support towards the vulnerable children under UORDP and staff.

UORDP humbly wishes to appeal for more support towards the running of the organization and more so the support given to the children through education and welfare. We wish to see more children continue with their education to higher levels and ensuring a better social wellbeing in the near future for a better and sustainable life.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to appeal to you for more support to enable the smooth running of the organization.

Hoping to hear from you as the Almighty God blesses and rewards you.

Yours sincerely,

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