

# NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2021

KIMWANGA WIDOWS PROJECT - UGANDA

## THE JOURNEY

By: Solomon Shisa



The project was started in the year 2012 when I had a vision of helping the vulnerable widows as it is stated in 1 Timothy 5:3,16 and Mathew 25:42. I housed 5

widows in my home and I could see others come especially during Christmas and Easter seasons. I shared my idea with my wife and

children if we can support the widows and they were positive about it. We contributed food and clothes for them. What started with 5 widows grew up to 37 widows. I had to engage them through fellowships, teach them the word of God and do church activities. I involved the church leaders to help in bible study and visiting them in their homes. This was a big encouragement to

them; they knew the word of God and got saved, had hope of life as we shared meals together during fellowships. Students from North central University led by professor Nan J Mohovich and her husband visited my home through Mission Moving Mountains and loved my

idea, they promised to stand with me. When I retired from Mission Moving Mountains, it was an opportunity for me to

**VISION: RESTORING HOPE TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE.**

**MISSION: REACHING OUT VULNERABLE PERSONS THROUGH WHOLISTIC APPROACH.**

concentrate on empowering the widows and teaching them the word of God. Currently, we have registered the project, formed a committee of widows, selected volunteers to work with, formed board members, opened a bank account in the names of Kimwanga widows project.

We have seen widows get saved, improvement in livelihood

**"THE BEST RELIGION IS HELPING THE WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE"**



and self-sustainability. In the few years to come, we look at having a sustainable elderly living through establishing a lasting hope to life through compassion, word and deed by empowering widows in different communities.

## THE POWER OF SAVING

**By: Aidah Musamali**

When my husband died in 2003, 18 years ago, I thought all has come to an end. I had many children and other relatives to

take care of. I was so much challenged, couldn't manage to support the family with food, clothing, education and many other needs. I faced resistance from the relatives of my husband, some valuable items were taken away from us and it was all a misery. When I was spotted by papa Solomon, he offered to support me under Kimwanga widows. As we used to meet in zones for fellowship, widows suggested if we could start saving some small amount of money to

support ourselves with small basic needs. I have never regretted this moment, I can afford a meal, buy scholastic materials for my children. I gained trust in God that it is only Him who can sustain us whether we have a husband or not. I now sell my small bananas every Tuesday during the market days. I borrow some money to boost my business and pay later with a small interest. I am empowered now, I no longer cry so much because I have hope.

## HELPING WIDOWS AND ORPHANS; THE BEST RELIGION

**By Bessie Wabukye**

Am an accountant by profession, I did not love to do social work, I looked at working particularly in the bank, be smart and deal with numbers. On my first job interview in a charity organization, they wanted an accountant but opted to put me in childcare department mostly to do social work. It was difficult for me in the beginning but later developed

passion. We were dealing with vulnerable children, orphans and widows. These are very fragile groups, they present with many issues and sometimes wonder if they can be solved. I could look at them and begin imagining if that is me, my mother, my sibling. When I was contacted by Kimwanga widows to volunteer as board secretary as well as

account in the project. I did not hesitate. I have had a good experience with the widows, I have learnt to Pray & spread the gospel, give the people in need, visit those who are lonely and be an encouragement to others. I have realized that I am doing more of social work than accounts, I think that is my destination.



## THE TEAM BEHIND KIMWANGA WIDOWS

I am happy to introduce to you the team behind this project

As it is said, "two heads are better than one"

Time came when I had to look out for volunteers as the project kept on growing bigger and bigger.

This team has been of grate help to this project, previously, everything was on me; visiting, fellowshipping, treating, distributing items, but now different people do different tasks.



**Solomon Shisa** is the **FOUNDER & coordinator** of the project. He monitors the project performance, lobby funds, writes reports, and coordinates internal and external support.



**Birah Kisaka** is a trained nurse, in the project she works as board treasurer as well as health worker. She checks on widows upon their health regularly to ensure that all are well. She manages a small clinic with other health professionals around. This has helped many to access medical services especially vulnerable persons who could not afford to travel long distances for medication.



**Bessie Wabukye** is the **Secretary**, to the board and Accountant to the project.



**Jessica Wepondi** is the **Community Development Advocate**.



**Aidah Musamali** : she is **widows representative to the board**. She heads all widows, coordinates meetings, and presents widow's issues to the BOD.



**Mary Masika Amanda** is the **social worker**; she provides social support to widows.



**Wilson Mausio**: is the **pastor**/ patron to widows and vulnerable persons, he offers spiritual and counselling to them.

## GALLERY



**Widows of Zone 1 take a group photo shortly after receiving some food items**



**Widows of Zone 2 take a group photo shortly after receiving some food items**

## **CONTACT US**

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## **CONCLUSION**

Great thanks to the Almighty God who has sustained us purposely for His work.

Special thanks to everyone who has been part of this project. We are still growing and need a lot of support, spiritually, financially, materially so that we can continue to push on the work.

## **MAY GOD BLESS YOU**

Kimwanga Widows project is located in Kimwanga Village, Mbale District,  
Uganda