

Uganda

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Orphans

with the

Banana Tree Project

ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006

In 2005 BKB was audited, scrutinized and evaluated by the government. BKB administration is happy to inform you that, Government of Uganda has acknowledged the organization's superior performance, accomplishments and vital contribution to orphan care and community development by renewing BKB's registration certificate for a period of 5 years.

We continue with our participatory approach by involving both direct and indirect beneficiaries in all phases and stages of the programmes including identifying family/community needs, making decisions, designing programs, implementing, evaluating and planning for future development.

We improved our programme evaluation strategies and increased collaboration with partner organizations. This helped us gain new knowledge and resulted in improved efficiency.

EDUCATION:

Our most important and immediate concern is to help orphans accept their loss, find positive ways to live well and start preparing for their future. Schools strive to prepare children and their carers to develop into sound, responsible, resourceful citizens. Last year BKB supported this goal by sponsoring 78 orphans.



Orphans Sponsored in 2005 - 2006

School	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	Total
Orphans	39	33	4	2	78
Schools given Supplies	4	2			

Total Number of Orphans Sponsored

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
49	58	62	62	74	78

WATER:



Throughout the world it is clearly evident that water is life, but only if it is clean and safe for human consumption and utilization. According to UNICEF, about 5.4 million children in Uganda lack access to safe drinking water. More than 2 million children do not have access to toilet facilities. Poor sanitation, poor hygiene practices together with lack of safe water are major causes of disease among rural communities. During the year we had such a severe drought that most of the wells and springs dried up causing a serious shortage of water all over the country.

Thanks to MOYRA NESS TRUST and other donors, BKB continues to drill bore holes in areas with high concentrations of orphans. During the past 12 months BKB protected an additional 12 springs serving 36 villages. The entire water project is concentrated in the sub-counties of Kakiri, Katabi, and Namayoumba in Wakiso District. On average:

Each well serves 2-3 villages
Each family has an average of 7 members

Each village has an average of 120 families
Each well serves approximately 2,500 people

Water Projects

Type	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total Units
Water Tanks	17	5	3				25
Protected Springs				9	7	12	28
Boreholes	1			1	1	2	5
Total Units							58

HEALTH

Health care in Uganda is still erratic and most rural communities have inadequate services. The regional government sponsored health centers are under staffed and mostly without equipment or medicines. In most cases patients have to be transported to expensive private hospitals miles away. Our major goal is still to promote healthy living for orphans and their providers by providing accurate, relevant health information and basic health care services in remote communities.

Our highly effective mobile clinic continues to provide basic health services to remote communities in Kakiri sub-county. We have increased our part time medical staff to 2 nurse-midwives, one nurse, two assistants. Working through the village leaders, LC1 Chairpersons, communities are informed of the Mobile Clinic schedules at least one week ahead. The medical team usually sets up shop in the center of the village, at a school, place of worship or at a home. Barring bad weather, we usually work in a shady location outdoors. While

patients wait to be examined and treated one of the nurses/midwives gives a short



presentation on a relevant topic. Workshop topics include, but are not limited to, ante-natal and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, water safety, child nutrition, importance of

immunization, basic hygiene, malaria prevention/treatment. Our medical team treats a range of diseases including malaria, diarrhea-dysentery, measles, typhoid, skin diseases, scabies, de-worming, and STDs. Before leaving, patients receive medicine and ORS recipes or packets.

The mobile clinic is in great demand and we have received requests from a neighbouring sub-county to extend our mobile clinic services to 45 villages. We have started preparing for expansion by running the mobile clinic twice a week to serve more communities and build in the flexibility for repeat treatment, immunization and for follow up. We introduced immunizations and ante-natal clinics to take place concurrently and we continued our HIV/AIDS awareness seminars.

Mobile Clinic

Patients	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
0-5 years	1,684	2,055	1,851	2,014	7,453
5 and older	3,004	5,047	2,800	3,284	8,907
Total	4,688	7,102	4,651	5,298	16,360

- The dramatic tripling of the number of patients in 2005 is attributed to running the clinic twice, instead of once a week.
- During the last 5 years 15,057 children 0-5 years have been treated
- Since 2001 over 23,042 over 5 years were treated
- During the last 5 years, BKB has treated and trained 38,099 patients

Income Generation

BKB manages several income-generating projects for older orphans and their providers. Programmes include knitting, gardening, raising goats, cows, poultry farming and raising pigs. We are delighted with the fact that over 80% of the small businesses started by small groups still continue to provide a regular income for the beneficiaries. Knitting of school sweaters

continues to be one of the best income-generating activities for the girls and women. We are thrilled to report that, effective this year, some of the original knitters have become so proficient that they are ready to be trained to become trainers for women and girls in sister villages.

The cow project provides milk for young orphans and generates income from the sale of excess milk. The compost manure from the animal waste increases vegetable yields resulting in improved nutrition and cash from the sale of excess produce. Young children who drink a mug of milk a day thrive from the additional protein in their diet. These orphans are not stunted. They have more energy, perform better at school and get sick less often. Cow dung and urine are cheap sources of organic fertilizers. Some of our farmers sell the excess slurry to other farmers who do not raise cattle. Organic farming is becoming more popular.



Impact of Income-Generation Projects:

- All families are now able to send at least 3 of their children to school
- 35% of families have made enough money to renovate their houses
- Most families can afford to pay for basic health care for the women and children
- 75% of the families can afford to save a little cash in a cash box for an emergency

Project	# of Beneficiaries in 2000	# of Beneficiaries in 2005/6	Cost per Beneficiary
Pregnant Cow	10 families	18 families	\$1,000
Goats	16 families	42 families	\$75
Poultry	4 families	12 families	\$50
Piggery	38 families	70 families	\$50
Market Garden	45 families	186 families	\$50
Knitting	50 women & girls	320 women/girls (22 women's business groups in 5 Districts)	\$35 for yarn Donated knitting machines

On behalf of the community and children, the staff of BKB would like to express our gratitude to all our benefactors and supporters for the many gifts of time, funds and donations in kind which allow us to continue helping vulnerable children in Uganda.

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