

Bega kwa Bega UGANDA for communities in need

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This year, BkB celebrated 25 years of impacting communities. The event was hosted by Gogolo Junior School, and to grace the occasion were BkB's founder and director, some of our sponsors/partners, stakeholders, and well-wishers. It was a time to reflect and celebrate achievements and milestones and appreciate all those who have been part of this long journey. A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.

The second grant from our anonymous donor, which started in August 2023 in the Kigogolo and Kalezi villages in Butayunja subcounty, Mityana district, ended in July last year. We also set up the central demonstration farm for the new School Gardens Project. We extend our sincere gratitude to our donor for their support.

EDUCATION

Sponsorship

We sponsored 85 children; however, 2 dropped out in the course of the year. This year, 3 children completed their courses: Wanji Ronald and Nabbale Deborah received a certificate in electrical installation systems and maintenance, and Sumayiyah Nampadwa completed a Bachelor's degree in Social Works and Social Administration. We had 9 candidates last year, one in primary 7, three in senior 4 and 5 in senior 6. We are happy to report that our students in P.7 and S.4 passed their examinations and are all joining the next level. Senior six results are yet to be released. Our sponsorship of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) currently stands at 83.

Gogolo Junior School

The school's enrolment has increased from 530 last year to 597 this year. The school, which started its primary section in 2018 with only 11 children, saw its pioneer class sit their Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) last year. The class, which had 19 students, had 12 children pass in division 1, six in division 2 and 1 in division 3, with our OVC student, Patience Nampijja, coming out on top with 8 points. We are also happy to report that two floors of the boy's dormitory are complete and already in use.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

2 boreholes were built in Kalezi and Kigogolo villages courtesy of our anonymous donor, and 17 springs were protected. 19 governing water source committees were formed and trained in the proper use and management of these water sources. A total of 3,150 jerricans were supplied to the beneficiaries for fetching and storing water to ensure a

safe water chain and minimize waterborne diseases. Sixty 240-litre drums were supplied to 60 elderly people and persons with disability to help with rainwater harvesting and storage. Since this category can't easily access water sources and may lack assistance, the drums allow caretakers or good Samaritans to fill them with clean water, providing a reliable supply when help is not available. A total of 1,648 households (8,240 people) now have access to clean water, plus 12 schools with 3,566 pupils and 12 churches. Learners in the 12 schools no longer have to trek long distances to fetch water for school use, increasing their class time as well as improving their livelihoods. Our deep appreciation goes to our anonymous donor, and to Bread and Water, MTN Uganda, Christian Relief Services, Marie Konrath, Mrs. Margaret Makambira, Mrs Angela Miyanda, Rev. Francis, A.M Mambu Sierra Leone and Mike Gretschel, MDG Group, for their invaluable contributions towards this noble cause. There is a notable improvement in hygiene and sanitation in the two communities as shown in the table below

Sanitation & Hygiene facilities	Before	After
Tip taps (at the home entrance and pit latrine)	00	266
Pit latrine improvement (covers and doors)	10	196
Smoked pit latrines and toilet paper holders	04	200
Bathrooms and doors	12	123
Dish racks	03	127
Rubbish pits for (decomposing & non-decomposing wastes)	00	253



WELLNESS PROGRAMME

This year we had 18 wellness sessions in Kakindu Sub County, Mityana district. 2,353 (1,734 adults and 619 children) people benefited from these sessions.

- 531 mama kits were supplied to 531 expectant mothers.
- 9,164 mebendazole doses for stomach worms were distributed to attendees and their children.
- 1,800 leaflets with information regarding topics that were covered in the sessions were distributed. Topics included malaria, alternative natural medicines, HIV/AIDS, alcohol and substance abuse, plus physical exercising and wellness.
- 1,413 tested for HIV, and 41 were found positive.
- A total of 94 people with cases the Wellness project is not mandated to handle were referred for further management.



Extracting blood to test for HIV/AIDS



Expectant mothers with their mama kits

SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT (SGP)

Under this project, BkB started with the set-up of the central Organic demonstration farm. The farm has both crops and animals carefully selected from the primary and secondary science and agriculture curriculums. The farm also has other study elements like the biogas system, which provides gas used in the kitchen and provides bio slurry used to improve soil structure and crop yields, an urban garden to demonstrate space-saving farming techniques, a compost site and an irrigation system to cater for dry seasons. The project has also been introduced to the four districts to be set up in phase one.

Achievements

1. Completion of the central demonstration farm set-up
2. Introduction of the project to the four phase one district stakeholders
3. Feasibility study and selection of the 50 schools in each district that are to participate in the school garden project.
4. Recruitment and training of district model farm managers and coordinators.
5. Launching of the school garden project at designated district demonstration farms and planting of fruit trees to commemorate the event

Overall, the School Gardens Project is progressing as per the timelines. The project has been well received by the engaged stakeholders, school heads and learners, and they're excited and eager to participate and implement it. The stakeholders have pledged to provide full support and additional on-ground monitoring to ensure success.



Urban farming at central farm



Launch of SGP at Baskerville S.S

Agriculture Field Activities (courtesy of our anonymous donor)

These activities were implemented in Kalezi and Kigogolo in the Butayunja sub-county, Mityana district. The purpose of this project was to equip farmers with good agronomic practices and supply a variety of quality seeds for better crop yields to reduce the level of hunger and malnutrition in the community. The weekly sessions trained farmers using a village-based demonstration garden from which they transferred the same knowledge to their family gardens. This idea of educating farmers was conceived by BkB in 2014, and to date, we have established 33 field demonstrations.

Achievements

1. 33 demonstration gardens have been set up to date
2. 18 training sessions were conducted with 125 farmers in Kalezi and Kigogolo.
3. 6 energy-saving stoves were constructed, 2 at the demonstration sites in Kigogolo and Kalezi and four in participants' homes



Making a mineral block with Kalezi participants



Some of the established gardens

NUTRITION:

This program is intended to reduce malnutrition at household and institutional levels. This year, we had the anonymous donor project running, with 51 training sessions conducted in Kalezi and Kigogolo.

Achievements:

- 123 participants were trained in nutrition
- 32 nutrition education and demonstration sessions were conducted
- A brick oven for baking various food items was constructed at Kalezi demonstration site
- Improved Household Dietary Diversity from 2 meals to 3/4 healthy meals consumed a day.
- Increased knowledge on child nutrition, preparation of baby food and a balanced diet, which is contributing to improved health of beneficiaries.



Locally made juice for pregnant and lactating mothers.



Preparation of eggplant snacks. Eggplants contain fibre, minerals and vitamins.

A Success Story:

Najjuko Sylvia, a 25-year-old young mother from Kkande- Kalezi village, had no source of income and yet she has a 3-year-old child to take care of. Previously, she spent her time doing subsistence farming with her family for home consumption. As one of the participants, she learned how to make pancakes, daddies, and bagiya, which she sells from her mother's shop in Kiggwa Secondary School canteen. From her profits, she can now save 100,000 UGX weekly in a savings group and meet her child's basic needs. Her dream is to open up a restaurant that prepares healthy food in her community and share healthy feeding knowledge.

AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND HYGIENE IN SCHOOLS:

34 teachers from 10 schools in Kalezi and Kigogolo were trained on agriculture, nutrition, school hygiene and sanitation, and six of the participating schools received science kits. The kits had items like hand-washing facilities, tip taps, hand-washing technique guidelines, dustbins, talking compound posters and a variety of seeds to kick start or revamp the gardening program in the respective schools.

Achievements

- Seven schools have established school gardens
- The teachers and learners are impacting their families and the communities with the acquired skills.
- 10 schools have orchards that will be supplying fruits to learners to improve their diet
- Learners in Kitongo Junior School have established a science club to oversee the school garden and mentor fellow learners.
- Schools spend less buying vegetables because school gardens provide some of these vegetables. The headteacher, Kitongo P/S, reported that approximately 40% of their vegetables are now from the school garden.



Step by step P/S with seedlings for the orchard



Unity P/S with their science kit

INCOME GENERATION

Goal - To improve family income, especially among women caregivers, youths, and teachers.

- 150 farmers were trained in business management skills, and 118 were provided with start-up capital worth UGX 300,000 (100 under Agriculture and 18 under the nutrition program) to either boost their businesses or set up income-generating ventures.
- 29 teachers from five schools were equipped with cookery and business management skills to enable them prepare food items for sale, thereby supplementing their modest salaries and improving their overall well-being. The training covered aspects such as entrepreneurship, business management, budgeting and record keeping, and included food demonstrations of popular snacks. Thereafter, participants and their schools received start-up capital in the form of kitchen equipment and food ingredients. These food businesses are now operational in the schools, and the teachers have passed on the skills to their students, who are expected to apply these skills at home to help their families raise school fees or pocket money.

IGP Success Stories



Walugembe Joseph

Walugembe Joseph, a 16-year-old teenager from Kalezi, is one of the beneficiaries of the income-generation project. After dropping out of school due to avoidable circumstances and initially lacking direction, Joseph's life took a turn for the better when he learned how to make rice pies. He now operates a microbusiness, selling rice pies to the community members twice a week and on market days. His business is well-known in the community, earning him recognition and a steady income of between UGX 20,000 and UGX 25,000 per sale. Additionally, Joseph has joined a savings group.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

Christmas gifts were distributed in Kakiri Town Council, Kakiri Sub County, Katabi Town Council, and Wakiso district in Uganda. Two hundred and one (201) households received Christmas gifts comprising of beef, rice, sugar, bread, cooking oil, margarine and salt. These were from twenty-five (25) villages: Nampungwe, Kamuli, Mpeggwe, Bugwanya, Kiwumu, Bukalango, Simbamanyo, Nakyerongosa, Kambe, Ssentema, Busujja, Naggulu, Namagera, Kitotolo, Kakiri, Kiteredde, Naddangira, Ssebi, Lugeye, Kikandwa, Kikugi, Kikubampanga, Kisubi and Nalugala. Beneficiaries included orphans, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, senior citizens and the bedridden.



Beneficiaries picking their parcels



The elders and people with disabilities