

Spring 2022
Edition

*Bringing Hope
to Uganda*

UGANDA COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES
SEMI-ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT





Our mission at UCSS is to spread God's love to marginalized communities by comprehensively addressing their needs and equipping them for holistic transformation and sustainable development.

CORE VALUES



Christ Centered

We are centered on the character and the teachings of Christ with the intentions of modeling out the Great Commission.



Sustainable

All our initiatives and interventions are established on the basis of generation and preservation of both local and natural resources for future generations.



Community Involved

We believe in inclusive participation and collaboration as we establish innovative solutions.



Continuously Learning

We are a learning organization, continually progressing in our service delivery in pursuit of excellence and expanding our area of coverage.



Holistic

As a ministry, we believe that all our interventions and operations should be structured to address the social, spiritual, physical, and economic aspects.

Grateful

We are focused on thankfulness and conduct ourselves with grateful hearts.



A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As a ministry and fellow workers together in Christ, I celebrate God's love and goodness through this season with you. This has been particularly demonstrated through the generous giving of all our partners, your prayers, and all of the encouraging messages. Because of all these things, many families and communities have experienced not only God's love but also the restoration of dignity.

We have witnessed souls coming to Christ, new churches birthed, and families disciplined, and our communities demonstrate gratitude through thanksgiving celebrations; such humbling moments of restoration and joy cannot be traded for anything else. We are always brought back to a place of humility when we are part of what God is doing and are reminded that all we do is for His glory.

Even as we enter the second decade of UCSS ministry, this scripture remains as an ongoing encouragement that God is doing the work: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19).

What will this new thing be for UCSS? It will be a more significant transformation in the lives of our families, our women, our children, and our men. It will be self-sustainability that only ten years ago seemed nearly impossible but is now within reach. You have helped make this possible here in the villages of Bulike and Buluya. You have helped bring fresh, life-giving water to a desert of hopelessness and fear, and you will see the tangible evidence of your impact as you read through our report of what God has done.

Thank you for your generous support and for being part of our vision of "Holistically transformed and self-sustaining model communities, vibrantly spreading God's Love." As our theme for the year stands, may we continue to live an intentional life, look to the Lord and his strength, and seek his face continually (1 Chronicle 16:11 NIV).

Yours in service,



Dr. Ronald Kaluya

Founder And Executive Director

Uganda Counseling and Support Services

UCSS BY THE NUMBERS



13 CHURCHES
PLANTED



OVER 53,000
TREES PLANTED



73 WATER
WELLS DRILLED 1



683 STUDENTS
IN SCHOOL



124 ECONOMIC
GROUPS



OVER 138 ACRES
OF FARM LAND



ONE AMBULANCE



TWO MEDICAL
FACILITIES



COMMUNITIES
REACHED WITH
COUNSELING

EVANGELISM



We have planted 13 churches

CHURCH LOCATIONS

Bulike
Nabisiki
Bukobo
Bugembe
Ikumbya
Nakalama
Kawanga
Innula
Nabitende A
Nabitende B
Nakalongo
Bulero
Bukubaitabwa

The Evangelism Department is spreading the love of God in tangible ways throughout several villages around Bulike and Buluya. Since the restrictions put in place during the Covid-19 lockdowns have largely been lifted, this department has turned its attention to reaching out to more people and hosting large scale events for the community. It is wonderful to see the Lord work through these mighty leaders, and we are seeing people's lives change.

Highlights

Churches are hosting large scale evangelism events, overnight prayer, and times of prayer and fasting. These activities are bringing HOPE.

We are working on structures for several of the church groups.

The youth are actively involved in the churches and community through six youth groups.

Do you want to help spread the love of God in new villages?

Purchase Bikes for Pastors



Build a New Church



Purchase Bibles



When you give towards the Evangelism Department it helps meet these needs and many more.

Learn more at www.ugandacss.org/evangelism

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544
Salvations

1017
Bible Study Attendance

592
Door-to-Door evangelism
(Houses visited)





WATER

Water is a vital and immediate need in rural villages. Water Well Technicians have been on the move preparing to bring water wells to neighboring villages that do not have access to safe water.

Crops have been growing consistently and are more resistant to drought due to new irrigation systems. This change has helped many people earn reliable incomes in agriculture. Water-related diseases and deaths continue to decrease, and hygiene and health across the community is improving.

Highlights

Our Water Well Technicians visited 12 new neighboring villages to plan out possible sites for new wells.

Equipment provided by the generous congregation at Christ Church Sugar Land is in route and will fix the parts of the drilling equipment that have been causing issues.

We conducted various small groups at water wells with over 97 people in attendance.

You can be the life-saving answer to someones prayer.



Sponsor a Water Well Technician

Just \$50 a month helps support the water well technicians that drill wells for families with no access to water.



Drill a New Well

For \$3,500 you can fully fund a water well for 400 families.

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73

Wells Drilled and Operational

20

New water sites surveyed

100,000

Families with Access to Clean Water through a UCSS Well.

www.ugandacss.org/water

STORIES FROM UGANDA



I was so excited to be among the seven people that were selected for the water well training program. I extend my appreciation to everyone who planned this and those that have made it possible for us to gain this skill. It is my prayer and request to UCSS and our friends to

continue imparting skills to the youth in surrounding communities so that unemployed youth get these much-needed skills that will help them afford their basic needs." -Jessie Batalaga





EDUCATION

STORIES FROM UGANDA

"I am the second born of nine children and I am the only one that managed to go to school. I joined nursing school because I had the desire of becoming a health worker so that I could go back to my village and treat them. I'm very thankful and grateful to Uganda Counseling and Support Services for having given me an opportunity to see light by sponsoring my education and the vision that they have put



in my family and myself and my community."

-Stanley, Medical Worker at Nana Health Center, Former Student

SPONSOR A STUDENT'S EDUCATION

\$25 a Month Gives a Student Hope



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Make a personal impact in the life of a child while uplifting a whole community, by becoming a sponsor today!

Our schools have been impacting communities by providing students opportunities to receive an education, develop positive personal habits, and learn about the love of God for over a decade. We are very happy to announce that students across all four of our education programs have returned to campus. Teachers and staff are excited to see their smiling faces and participate in campus activities again.

Campuses have undergone several updating and construction projects during this period, and there are many more planned for the near future. We have seen literacy rates increase for both the students and their parents, and it is evident that God is changing lives through these schools.

Highlights

In-person learning started back in full session on January 10th. Efforts are underway to get all students back to school.



School's new toilet facility is complete.



We completed necessary updates to the classroom, which included plastering the schoolhouses and putting up walls to divide rooms.

Staff and students are participating in projects to help fund the school. They are raising goats and a cow, growing banana plants, and making clay bricks as income-producing activities.





Health

Nana Health Center and its subsidiary, Buluya Dispensary, deliver high quality health care services and improve the health and well-being of residents in the communities in which we serve.

Both the Nana Health Center and the Bulike Dispensary have been active and busy during this period. A new motorbike ambulance has helped expand services and spread health awareness throughout a broader community creating positive health impacts in the surrounding villages.

Highlights

The medical staff dormitory building is about 90% complete and construction is ongoing until it is finished. This will give the medical staff, who have to traverse long distances to work at the clinics, a safe place to stay while they are on duty.

The medical staff has been consistently conducting home visits to follow-up with health problems and educate families on hygiene and healthy practices.

The new ambulance is helping bring more people into the clinics and take additional health services to new areas.



STORIES FROM UGANDA



"Before UCSS came people in this community and the surrounding areas traveled 50 km (31 miles) to the nearest health center to seek medical attention. Very many children under the age of five used to die due to diseases, malnutrition and poor sanitation. But when UCSS built Nana Health Center in this community, people here are able to come for counseling and seek medical attention when sick.

With the services offered here, the community has been changed. For that we want to thank God and you, our donors for supporting us."

Stella is the in-charge nurse at Nana Health Center in Bulike.

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Patients Seen at Bulike & Buluya Clinics:
 3,303

Home Health Visits:
 472

Bible Study Attendance:
 96

Salvations
 17

Do you want to help a community get healthy?

SPONSOR A MEDICAL WORKER

Help the medical ministry by sponsoring a medical worker's training and monthly supplies so they can reach more patients.

Starting at just \$50 per month

Scan or visit www.ugandacss.org/health





COUNSELING

STORIES FROM UGANDA

As women leaders, we have been taken through a series of training; these have encouraged us and have opened our minds to what leadership is like for a woman. I am now the Assistant Economic Coordinator. I thank the Lord for the many people I lead.

Mankati Joyce Nabirye,
Economic Coordinator
with UCSS

Counseling has been taking place at the Nana Health Center and is available to all age groups. Outreach programs covering about ten villages were conducted to meet people where they are. Besides the services at the Nana Health Center, we offer care at the secondary school, primary school, churches, in homes, and throughout three communities and multiple villages including Nawaikoke, Buyende, Bulike, and Buluya.

Highlights

The first installment was made to purchase land to relocate the corn mills which generate revenue to sustain this department of UCSS.

Mental Health Facilitators are now covering more villages and reaching out to new areas.

We continue to train new facilitators in order to provide services to an expanding client base.

"We've been involved in lots of ministries and lots of missions overseas and UCSS has the right philosophy. We love their idea of helping without hurting. You're helping people along the communities, spiritually, physically, medically- you're helping them along without hurting them. It's a very organized system that they have in place. It's wonderful how it can be life-altering for generations for these communities."

Toby Rost,
Short-Term Missions Trip Team Member



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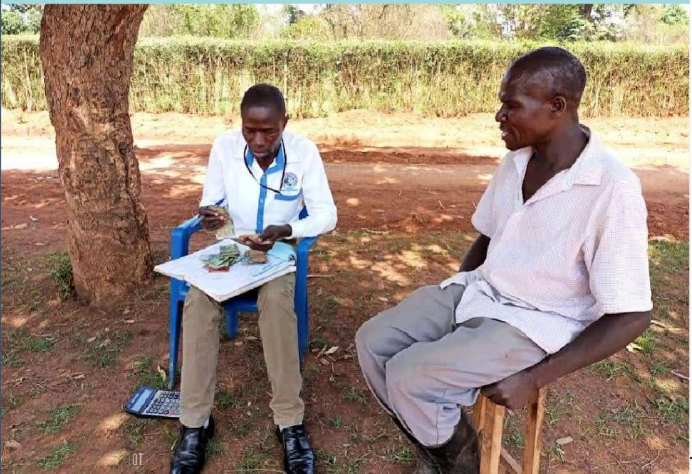
Therapy Sessions:
2005

Home Visits:
205

**Number People that
attended Bible Studies:**
137

Salvations:
12

**Number of Villages
Covered:**
20





AGRICULTURE

This year the agricultural groups have focused on development and training in order to achieve the following objectives: to improve the farm food production, promote farmers' cooperative spirit, increase savings and income producing activities, improve the tree coverage on our farms, maintain the farms, bring irrigation systems to all UCSS farms, and work hand-in-hand with the community.

Highlights

Maintained farm plots by clearing, weeding, and distributing pesticides.

Cleared and weeded farm land to get ready for the planting season and rainy season.

We saw an increase in the number of community members who joined us to work on the farms.

Leaders conducted outreaches to other farmers in the community, and several gave their lives to Christ and joined Bible studies.

STORIES FROM UGANDA

"We come here to learn better ways of farming; for instance, how to do the spacing, handling pesticides, and planting in lines. I thank the Lord that has given UCSS this much land, and they have managed to plant mangoes, oranges, and other trees. They gave each one of us land to grow our crops on such as beans. The money we get from the sale after harvest helps us pay tuition for our children and buy clothes."

- Lydia Mugerenge, Bulike Resident

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Agriculture Department Sponsored Outreaches to Eight Local Farmers.

969 Community Members are Working on the Farms.



"I thank God for UCSS who brought trainers to our farms who enlightened us on modern agriculture like dealing with tomatoes. At the main farm, we were taught as a group of pastors and we all learned very well how to do modern agriculture."

Samuel Mbulamukunji, Evangelism Coordinator at UCSS



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STORIES FROM UGANDA

"I was going through a tough time. I heard a call from UCSS saying that they have a Bible study program and sewing classes. I decided to join so I could help myself. I am overjoyed because UCSS has delivered to me a sewing machine."

-Damalie Namusoko,
Tailoring Class Member

The Economic Development Department continues to be instrumental in giving people the skills they need to produce an income. Not only does this help the economic status of the community, but it also creates a culture of productivity, purpose, and cooperation. These groups have various focuses including agriculture and farming, business associations, craft making, and tailoring. They are helping communities become self-sufficient and productive.

Highlights

The economic co-op groups met together to plan and strategize.

Bible studies that were hosted by the economic groups had good attendance.

Group members have been participating in financial literacy training which teaches the value of saving money and using it responsibly.

Several young adult students started training at our vocational school and are learning new skills like tailoring.



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Number of Active Economic Groups:

124

Bible Study Participants:

166

Number of People that attended Financial Literacy Trainings:

357



"We were just totally floored by the good work that UCSS is doing in Uganda. It's just incredible the different ministries that they have going there, everything from schools to economics to all the churches and Bible studies.

They do an incredible job lifting up these communities with just the smallest of resources and everything is just used so well. It's just a wonderful ministry to be involved with."

Tim Rost,
Short-Term Missions Trip Team Member





THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS TRANSFORMATION!

We use a dynamic approach to transform villages in rural Uganda by giving people the tools they need for success, through education, economic and agricultural training, medical care, clean water, and spiritual and mental health counseling. The entire ministry is focused on holistic health to address the needs of the whole person, and in turn the broader community.

Each individual department has a vital impact, but the strength of UCSS is when each piece comes together. Through these ministries we see people become empowered and active in their community. With the necessary resources to build their lives, people are beginning to thrive!



LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

We would love to keep in touch with you! Our team sends out weekly email updates with encouraging stories, inspirational thoughts, and interesting facts about the people and projects in Uganda. If you'd prefer to hear from us less, we also have a monthly newsletter option.

We hope you will join our mailing list today to partner with us as we bring HOPE to Uganda.





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