



# *Hope for Uganda*

Uganda Counseling and  
Support Services

**Impact Report**

Fall 2023





# Be The Change



UCSS employs a holistic approach to developing vulnerable and underserved communities, including access to clean water, medical care, education, economic development training, life skills training, counseling services, and spiritual growth. We have learned that the holistic approach, where all the UCSS departments work in unison and partnership with other ministries, significantly empowers and transforms community members.



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present this report, filled with gratitude and hope, as we reflect on the incredible impact that has been made possible through your unwavering support and partnership. Your belief in our mission and vision has been instrumental in bringing about transformative change in the lives of individuals and communities.

Through our strategic focus on evangelism, discipleship, education, agriculture, economic empowerment, clean water, medical care, counseling, microfinance, and operational endeavors, we have witnessed remarkable progress and holistic transformation.

From the individuals who have embraced Christ as their savior to the communities that have experienced improved access to clean water, education, and healthcare, each achievement listed is a testament to the dedication and commitment of all those involved.

As we step into the year 2024, our theme scripture is then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" - John 11:40. This scripture fills us with anticipation and excitement for the new year, as we believe that God is bringing about new beginnings and unexpected blessings for our communities and those we serve.

We invite you to journey with us, standing as beacons of hope and agents of change in a world that is in desperate need of transformation. Together, let us continue to make a difference, one life and one community at a time. We are grateful beyond words for your belief in our mission and for joining us on this extraordinary journey.

May the year ahead be filled with blessings, abundance, and countless opportunities for us to bring transformation and love to those who need it the most.

In faith and partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Kaluya". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Ronald Kaluya, Founder and Executive Director

# Evangelism



As we celebrate evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, development, prayer, youth, and the children's department, we rejoice in the lives that are being transformed through the sharing of the love of Jesus Christ. With an unrelenting commitment to sowing the seeds of spiritual growth, discipleship, leadership, mentorship, nurturing flourishing growth, and cultivating thriving and holistically transformed, self-sustainable model communities, our department stands as a beacon of vibrant hope.

## WE BAPTIZED 96 PEOPLE

We received visitors from Ggaba Community Church and Worship Harvest that impacted us greatly in areas of bringing the church to our homes and Missional Communities.

## WE THANK GOD FOR 1853 SOULS WON FOR CHRIST.

This is a significant achievement that demonstrates the impact and efficacy of our programs. We will continue to play a vital role in helping individuals find spiritual fulfillment and connect with God.

## 1085 PEOPLE ATTENDED BOTH THE MARRIAGE SEMINAR AND PRAYER CONFERENCE

We hosted a leadership class in which pastors, their wives and assistants trained in pastoral care.

# Medical Care



At Nana Health Center, our mission goes beyond providing medical care. Our unyielding dedication to our clients' well-being has led us to develop groundbreaking milestones in areas of holistic transformation, continuous healing, community empowerment, sustainability, and spiritual growth.

We are offering several in and outpatient services including maternal and child health services, HIV testing and counseling, and ultrasound scans, which have enabled us to reach the wider community to offer more services.

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**MANY COMMUNITIES LACK ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE OR FACILITIES.**

But **6,688** patients are receiving medical services from both Nana Health Center and Buluya Dispensary.

**THE NEW SOLAR SYSTEM ENABLES US TO HAVE A 24-HOUR POWER SUPPLY**

We also received funds to help conduct Ebola training for the community health workers of Ikumbya and Bukooma.

**WE ARE GROWING OUR HEALTHCARE STAFF**

We sent one staffer to study sonography. We also have a new midwife, laboratory assistant and volunteer midwife. This has reduced client wait times.

# Counseling



Over the past several years, there has been a notable increase in the demand for mental health services, reflecting the growing awareness of the importance of emotional and behavioral well-being. Our dedicated team of Mental Health Facilitators (MHFs) has not only met the rising demand for care but demonstrated an unwavering commitment to providing exceptional care, collaborating with various departments, and engaging with communities to ensure the delivery of the best possible mental health services.

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**8,452 PEOPLE  
HAVE RECEIVED  
COUNSELING  
THIS YEAR**

We now have a stationed field counselor which has improved the quality of service provided.

**WE ARE REACHING  
NEW  
COMMUNITIES!**

We are now serving three districts: Luuka, Buyende, and Kaliro.

**WE ARE TRAINING,  
GROWING, AND  
LEADING!**

We successfully conducted an MHF training program. Each UCSS department has a focal MHF person, as well as one in the communities we are covering.



# Education



As we proudly reflect upon yet another year of transformative progress and unwavering dedication to educational excellence, you will discover the stories, achievements, and milestones that have defined our journey over the past year. From the remarkable strides of our students to the tireless commitment of our parents, stakeholders, and teachers, every facet of our department's ecosystem has played a vital role in shaping a sustainable future in Bulike, Buluya, and beyond.

## OUR SCHOOLS ARE GROWING!

We have **525** students at Bulike Christian Community Primary School, **410** Students at Nakalama Christian Community Primary School, and **192** students at Liberty Christian Community High School

## WHEN EDUCATION PRODUCES EDUCATORS...

One young lady who attended UCSS schools is now a teacher at our new Nakalama school. In fact, many children who started their education with us around age seven are now in their teens, and we are plugging them into different departments for training to become part of the team.

## STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE GETTING COUNSELING

We have strengthened counseling sessions for students and staff at the school. Counselors are helping give people the skills and habits essential for health, employment, personal development, and self-sufficiency.

# Clean Water



In a world where the availability of clean and safe water is paramount, our department stands as a beacon of dedication and innovation. With an unwavering commitment to ensuring access to pristine water resources for all, we tirelessly work to safeguard the well-being of both our communities and our environment.

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## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Several committee members are being elected in the community to help manage the wells and host educational and informational meetings.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

We were able to hire a plumber to help keep the wells operational. We also received a motorcycle that helps us reach out to the community and check on the wells.

## DRILL, BABY, DRILL!

**95** water wells have been completed. We thank God for the drilling machine and compressor to ensure drilling continues. **11** new sites have been drilled, and we have educated **123** communities about hygiene and sanitation at water wells



# Agriculture



In the arid heartlands where the earth once cracked and hope seemed to wither away, a remarkable story of rejuvenation and resilience is unfolding. Despite the ever-evolving landscape, this report stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to community involvement, sustainability, and the relentless pursuit of nourishing a better tomorrow while cultivating a future of abundance.

## FEEDING FAMILIES & PLANTING TREES

**862** families have received food grown on UCSS farms.

**9,682** trees have been planted this year bringing the grand total to **143,003** trees planted by UCSS.

Bought a disc plough to break up the soil

## JOB CREATION

**249** community members are now employed on one of **14** UCSS farms

## EDUCATION IS KEY TO GROWTH

UCSS conducted **16** trainings to educate community farmers on modern farming techniques. **460** people attended those trainings.

# Economic Development



The story we share is about a rebirth of hope, a rekindling of traditions, and a testament to what can be achieved when people stand united against the odds with one goal of economic empowerment. We tell the story of a community that decided to break the cycle of poverty. Tailoring, jewelry making, farming, and banking groups have transformed the lives of many in our communities.

## THE VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE IS EXPANDING

We currently have **26** students enrolled. Four instructors were added to the team to improve and increase the range of skills being given, and once finished with the program, students take part in a graduation ceremony.

## TANGIBLE SKILLS

The tailoring/sewing class made **132** uniforms. There are currently **15** ongoing household projects.

## THERE ARE 89 ECONOMIC GROUPS

These groups are actively saving and participating in SACCO activities and we have an average of **150** people attending financial literacy sessions monthly.



# With **Your** Help We Can...



- Build new churches
- Organize prayer retreats
- Conduct pastor trainings
- Renovate and expand Nana Health Center
- Hire additional medical staff
- Purchase more medical equipment
- Begin online counseling



- Conduct MHF training
- Establish counseling field office
- Build dorms at Nakalama, Bulike & Liberty schools
- Build a library & laboratory at the high school
- Build staff quarters
- Drill more water wells
- Get clean water to all schools
- Increase capacity of the drilling team
- Drill wells on farms



- Grow Haas avocados on a large scale
- Create coffee and dairy farms
- Boost milk supply
- Purchase more modes of transportation
- Construct classrooms for vocational training





# We can't do it without you



Whether you choose to sponsor a student,  
build a new well, or give to our general fund to  
keep UCSS strong, you won't just improve  
lives, you will **save** lives.

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**Thank You!**

