

**Wakisa Ministries
Annual Report 2021
Registration Number S.5914/5824**



Figure 1; Beneficiaries with Christmas gifts December 2021

Preamble

I am pleased to share with you our 2021 Annual Report. We all experienced an unprecedented year full of challenges and uncertainties. For us, it was also a year of extraordinary generosity, gratitude and love which we experienced from our partners, friends and stakeholders.

The pandemic and lock down which has been close to two years created a challenge mainly for those young girls whose youth was altered when they assumed responsibility of early motherhood . This is reflected in the over 175 vulnerable girls we have supported this year. Wakisa Ministries had to adapt as needed to the new realities but committed to giving our girls the dignity they deserve as fellow human beings, given the fact that early pregnancy still results in total rejection .

We appreciate the medical staff in the hospitals who continued to ensure our young pregnant girls received medical attention when we went for Antenatal and delivery services.

This year was also a heart breaking one for us; we lost 2 members of the team. Mr Bakka Male the Board Chairperson and Mr Mathias Sekitoleko a transport office. May their Souls Rest in Peace.

I am grateful to the community of supporters, the Board of Trustees and the team and volunteers who work tirelessly. Thank you for continued partnership, support and generosity.

INTRODUCTION

Our work is maintained by assimilating all activities to saving the lives of young mothers and their babies and enabling them to become independent as young mothers in their communities. The year has been unprecedentedly tough for us all due to Covid 19 Pandemic.

The objectives of the Ministry have become our approach to making a noticeable difference in the life of young vulnerable girls who are rejected by family and society as a result of early and unwanted pregnancies. The Wakisa programs have shown promising and noticeable results through the young mothers who have attained jobs and started small businesses after spending close to a year at the Center

Vision Statement: A generation of young people free from the impact of wars and early sexual behaviour, living with hope for a brighter future that the gospel of Christ offers

Mission Statement: Promotion of dignity and self-esteem of young girls in Uganda with crisis pregnancy while addressing their emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing. This is achieved by providing temporary shelter, counselling and care services, providing opportunities for Christian growth and discipleship and equipping them with life and vocational skills, thus transforming lives of this vulnerable group.

Goals:

Promote a generation of young people free from trauma, neglect and early sexual behaviour living with hope for a brighter future that the gospel of Jesus Christ offers.

Promote dignity and self-esteem of young girls in Uganda with crisis pregnancy while addressing their emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

Provide temporary shelter, counselling and care services, providing opportunities for Christian growth and discipleship and equipping them with life and vocational skills, thus transforming live of this vulnerable group.

OBJECTIVES of 2021

1. Provide shelter to 150 young girls with crisis pregnancies and have nowhere to go.
2. Provide access to medical care and counselling services to 150 mothers and babies.
3. Strengthen capacity and resilience of 150 teenage pregnant girls through vocational, livelihoods and skills training.
4. Strengthen Christian growth among 150 teenage pregnant mothers and young girls.
5. Enhance technical and institutional capacity of Wakisa Ministries to deliver sustainable and quality physical, mental and social well-being services.
6. Provide access to formal and informal education to 50% of young mothers.
7. To work with community level structures and systems through outreach program to reduce the occurrence of teenage pregnancies.
8. To strengthen local resource mobilization to contribute to 50% of Wakisa Ministry operational budget.

Achievements against the Objectives;

1. Provide shelter to 150 young girls with crisis pregnancies.

The Ministry has provided shelter to 175 young girls faced with crisis pregnancies of which 26 stayed for a short period of time. These girls mainly came from Wakiso ,Kampala Kisoro ,Mbarara, Mubende and other districts after being referred by police, probation officers and families members, churches and or organizations .



Figure 2; Babies and Girls in class

2. Provide access to medical care and counselling services to 150 mothers and babies.

Medical care, individual counselling and group counselling services were provided to all the vulnerable girls who came to the centre. This is a total of 175 vulnerable girls. Of these 23 young vulnerable girls received services from the shelter and did not stay with us. They went back home and to organisations that support them.

The medical partners are; Wakiso Epicentre and St. Joseph’s Hospital for Antenatal, Scan and Delivery.

Our HIV positive clients receive counselling and treatment from the above hospitals and MildMay Uganda. We also admitted 4 girls whose medical conditions needed specialised treatment and isolation. These were referred to hospitals for further management. These included a case of Hepatitis, Mental instability and Covid.



Figure 3; Health Centre Visit

3. Strengthen capacity and resilience of 150 teenage pregnant girls through vocational, livelihoods and skills training.

The 175 teenage girls at the centre received training in vocational and life skills training which include;

Cookery; Both local and international dishes

Agriculture on small scale and large scale

Hairdressing

Art and craft; from making jewellery to low cost children toys and home décor

Tailoring and knitting; making sweaters, dresses and skirts

Life skills and entrepreneurship to equip them with the basic knowledge of starting a small business

Computer skills

Music, Dance and Drama which is great for their confidence building

Literacy for the young girls who join us without knowledge on how to read or write



Figure 4; Hair dressing class and blankets from knitting class



Figure 5; Agriculture class

4. Strengthen Christian growth among 150 teenage pregnant mothers and young girls.

The community church in Buyera led by Reverend Kato was a major driver to the Christian growth of the children in our care. We have held Sunday services at the centre, we have morning and evening prayers led by the staff and girls and skits on Easter and carols during Christmas. The Alpha course has also helped us in ensuring the girls are supported in learning and understanding the bible and Christian values.



Figure 6; Activity: Christmas skit

5. Enhance technical and institutional capacity of Wakisa Ministries to deliver sustainable and quality physical, mental and social well-being services.

The following were the training sessions that the team attended;

- a) Child Safeguarding with The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

- b) Online engagement with Children and MPs on Child Focused Budgeting for Children in relation to Uganda's commitment to ACERWC Agenda 2040
- c) Ministry of Gender, Youth and Social Development – Children First Software Account to create digital profiles for children living in institutions to better advocate for the children
- d) Awareness on Mental Health during the COVID Lock down among care givers in Alternative Home Care training by Ministry of Gender and SOS
- e) National Children's Budget Consultation
- f) Ministry of Gender Alternative care training on reporting



Figure 7; Ministry of Gender Training

6. Provide access to formal and informal education to 50% of young mothers.

This year, we had 42 girls on our sponsorship program. Of these, 10 are attending vocational institution and 1 young mother graduated from University with a Degree in Human Resource Management.

We also introduced a LEARN FROM HOME PROGRAMME as schools remained closed in Nakawa, Kawuku, Kasangati and Wakiso Districts. The activities benefited 261 children, youth and community leaders.



Figure 8; University graduate 2021 under the sponsorship program



Figure 8b; Agriculture class at Agromax

7. To work with community level structures and systems through outreach program to reduce the occurrence of teenage pregnancies.

35 community leaders (LC1, Teachers, Church leaders and Nurses) in Kakiri, Kauku, Kasangati and Wakiso Districts were part of various programs and activities we held in the communities to reduce the occurrences of teenage pregnancies. These included an understanding of the teen pregnancy causes and rates in the community and how the leaders can respond to cases of violence, pregnancy and various forms of abuse. The leaders were also equipped with referral contacts for cases that needed to be referred for further management.



Figure 9; Training Leaders in Kakiri



Figure 10: Outreach program

8. To strengthen local resource mobilization to contribute to 50% of Wakisa Ministry operational budget.

The fundraising strategy is being implemented to ensure 50% of the operational budget is through local resource mobilization. We have local partners who have supported the organisation with donations like; beds, mattresses and food which have helped shelter and support more girls at the centre as they receive the services we offer.



Figure 11; Local Partners visiting the centre

PROGRAM DETAILS

Program	Number of Beneficiaries
Total Beneficiaries in 2021	175
Housed	152
Walk in emergencies	23
Deliveries	142
HIV positive Cases	7
Sponsorship	42
Outreach beneficiaries	261
Youth Leaders trained	35

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As you are aware, we have finalised with the construction of the dormitory block and teaching block. The centre has capacity to shelter 50 young girls at one time and the teaching block can have 3 classes happening at once.

We are now constructing the perimeter wall and the gate. The fundraising for the health centre will be started as soon as we can. The health Centre will benefit both the young pregnant girls and young mothers at Wakisa Ministries and the pregnant women in the community and their children .



Figure 2; Perimeter wall and main gate



Figure 13; Board members visiting construction site

CHALLENGES IN 2021

Below are the challenges we faced during the year.

1. High hospital bills from the private hospital where the young pregnant girls go to give birth. Many young girls' have delivered by C-section to avoid complications as most of them are young with small pelvis . The C-sections compared to last year have increased by over 50% of the deliveries.

This has caused an increase in hospital bills and because the mother and baby have to stay in hospital longer as they heal and are supported by the Hospital attendant. We

have signed an MOU with the hospital to ensure the girls will always get attended to even when we do not have cash at hand to pay the bills and clear later.

2. We have also faced challenges with inefficiency of electricity supply to the organisation due to the limited coverage accompanied with the high tariffs of bills due to be paid. The effect of power outage to Wakisa Ministries has affected the productivity of the team on ground that at times have to carry work home, receive calls from out of office so they are not disrupted by the lack of power and internet.

We have experienced an increase in bills and disruption in work flow and delivery of reports at times. The team has managed to find a balance with working from home with stable internet and electricity and also working at the centre with limited electricity and internet.

A bore hole was dug to supply clean clear water to the center by a water pump ,however with frequent power cuts ,the center has suffered lack of water .The solar panels for were put in place but the company gave a new quotation for the batteries and the invertor. These will be installed .

3. As Covid 19 cases continue to erupt, some of our teachers have tested positive and had to quarantine as they heal. This has affected the classes taught when the teachers cannot come in and the students fall behind.

When the teachers get better, they have worked out a way to ensure the girls catch up and are not left behind in learning various skills taught at the centre.

Signed



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Director