



UGA-JEN-CCM-P02  
Reporting Period: March – August 2018

## Creative Children's Clubs - Uganda

**Budget:** Year 2 \$19,570 – fully funded. (Final Year 3 began 1 September 2018 - \$10,074 still needed).

### Update:

This 3-year project funds the running of Children's Clubs in Mbale, eastern Uganda, with an aim to grow to 4000 children. The funding provides a small subsidy and in-kind stipends to the Club teachers together with training, allows the teams to host meetings with parents and provide special guidance and counselling days for children and families. It also allows our implementers to reach out to the older children who have 'graduated' from the Children's Clubs but have nothing to take its place and few positive adult role models who can assist in the difficult youth years. Finally, each Club runs a 'store' where children can 'purchase' educational and hygiene items using vouchers collected over the course of the year.



This report covers the second 6-months of Year 2 of funding with progress against goals as follows:

- There are currently 3,644 children registered in the program with 1,800 regular attendees across 23 groups
- 70 teachers continue to attend training (with transport paid) in addition to motivational gifts of sugar and soap
- A meeting is held in each community with the parents to teach good parenting skills and engage with parents, ultimately improving consistency of children's attendance and teaching families good practices
- An annual meeting of local church leaders was held in April which helps the programs and engages parents
- Indirectly over 7,000 family members and teachers' families are benefitting from the program
- Many children are now having to attend school on Saturdays which can conflict with the program
- Two day-long camps were held in two communities with a large number of attendees. This presented a challenge but our partners report it is worth the effort due to the greater reach afforded by the camps
- The children's club stores continue to be a highlight and encourage good behavior through a points system



Our partners say, *"We believe the success and sustainability of this project, running for over 10 years now, depends largely on successful community involvement. Our Club teachers are all local community members and the clubs operate in local churches or buildings of local organisations. The project directly impacts children but the effect on parents, families and other children's friends is significant. Many of the children who were part of our first clubs are now serving as teachers, giving back to the community and developing their own leadership skills, accountability and caring."*

Children and youth are a priority for our partners in establishing strong life foundations - thank you for your support!