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Reporting Period: September 2018 – February 2019

Creative Children's Clubs - Uganda

Budget: Year 3 \$18,710 – fully funded. Completion date: 31/8/19

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 first 6-months of Year 3 of funding with progress against goals as follows:

- Numbers remain steady - there are currently 3,650 children registered in the program with 1,800 regular attendees across 23 groups around the Mbale area in eastern Uganda
- 70 teachers continue to attend training (with transport paid) in addition to motivational gifts of sugar and soap. They are motivated and committed and go "above and beyond the call of duty" often, our partners report
- A pilot project started with 80 of the former Children's Clubs members who are now aged between 15-23. Many of these will go on to become Club leaders. This group often falls between the gaps so it is hoped that these young people will grow in confidence, skills and leadership so that they can grow and become involved in and contribute to different aspects of society
- These clubs have been running now for over a decade in vulnerable communities – from urban slums to remote mountain areas, reaching many thousands of children and indirectly their families
- Special Christmas events were held in all clubs
- The Project Coordinator is visiting all clubs every month which has improved the monitoring, evaluation, counselling and guidance for teachers, children and their parents
- Teachers meet with our partners regularly for training and support. They are visiting each other's clubs to learn and encourage each other and to form strong relationships



Entrust's Jenny Cramer (Project Manager) and Richard Beaumont (CEO) visited two of the children's clubs recently and experienced the "children's club store" which continue to be a highlight and encourage good behavior through a points system. They said, "It was so encouraging to see over 100 children from 5 – 20 in the room! Our partners are incredible. They are consistent, organized and a highlight of the week for many young people. The children are learning life lessons, responsibility, having fun, making friends and developing good habits that will stand them in good stead for life."

Thank you for supporting young people who will shape Uganda.