

UGANDAN LAMBS ASSOCIATION
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Ugandan Lambs supported children pose for a photo at St. Kizito Primary school.



Joel Ssekyanzi poses for a photo with his new pair of shoes for his birthday.

General Information

The economy is fully opened; however, COVID is affecting people and the Government is encouraging people to be immunized. Moreover, the historical decline of the global extreme poverty rate with 10% of people living below the new international poverty line of 1 dollar and 90 cents per day, the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, and a record of unemployed and underemployed youths in the Sub-Saharan Africa being high. But there is no time for complacency: 702 million people around the world still live below the poverty line, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa. For this reason Ugandan Lambs Association USA is enthusiastically supporting the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations for 2030. The aims of the 17 global objectives are ambitious: one of them being ending of extreme poverty through education. Such a large goal cannot be reached without the intervention of the Ugandan Lambs Association USA aiming at improving lives of vulnerable children through education and catering for their basic needs.

Introduction

Currently, Ugandan Lambs Association is supporting **51** children; this is done through sponsorship and donations. Children are nurtured through them attending Child Evangelistic Fellowships, ensuring that they have basic needs for example food, shelter, clothing, medical care and quality education. This is done in a safe and nurturing environment to facilitate, monitor their education and promote their physical and spiritual well-being. The main purpose of supporting the children is to break the cycle of poverty and dependence in order to allow each child to fulfill his or her God-given potential. The supported children together with their guardians are grateful for the support rendered so far.

Activities done during the month of June 2022

1. Visiting children at school
2. Talking to teachers
3. Offering of guidance and counseling to the Lambs
4. Sick children
5. Recommendations for expansion of the program

1. Visiting Children at School

During the month, visitation of children to St. Kizito Junior School was carried out. The students were visited majorly to know how they are faring at school. The children were visited with an aim of checking on how they are performing at school. Focus was put on how they were performing in class. Still they were asked whether they lacked anything to perform well and they confirmed that they were not lacking anything. They were thus told that it was an obligation for them to really perform to their best and produce wonderful results. They were also told that they need to put in more effort so that they can perform well.

2. Talking to teachers

During visitation at school within the month, there was chance to discuss with the head teacher of the school about how the Ugandan Lambs sponsored pupils were doing. He said that the pupils were ok and that he also has hope that they will be able to perform to their best. He said that they had well-trained teachers and that the only task left to pupils is to perform well. He added that the pupils are free to talk to the teachers where they face a problem pertaining their studies. Therefore, there is a teacher student interaction.

3. Offering guidance and counselling to the Lambs

During the month, guidance and counselling was provided to supported pupils. Emphasis was put more on children behaving well. Children were urged to be well-behaved while at school, they were told to be obedient to the superiors at school and to abide by the school rules and regulations. More still they were told to also emulate good behaviours at home and whenever they go to. They were told that through having good behaviours, they can be good citizens and that they can be role models to the rest of the society around them.

4. Caring for sick children

One of the core values of Ugandan Lambs USA is caring for sick children as a way of meeting their physical needs. A paramount objective of all Ugandan Lambs Association USA's programs is addressing health vulnerabilities by improving access to quality health services, disease prevention and psychosocial counselling in a bid to enable the Lambs have good health, which is a precondition for living a life of dignity. During the month Nashema Noreen was sick and was suffering from cough, flu, malaria and bacterial infection. She was taken to Tendo medical centre for treatment and that she is now fine.

5. Recommendation for expansion of the program

In order for the Ugandan Lambs Association USA program to run effectively, there is need to have more programs that can cause more impact on the lives of the Lambs. Among the suggested programs are:

i. Mini-exhibition for the Lambs

It is advised that a mini exhibition for the Lambs who were trained in different skills is done. This is aimed at marketing products that children do and will also enable them to learn display skills.

ii. Addition of children to be supported

Many of our Lambs have graduated and they are waiting to get jobs while others have already gotten jobs. It is recommended that more vulnerable children are identified and that they can be supported to attain their education.

iii. Digital literacy training

It is advised that Lambs learn how to market their products using social media (WhatsApp, Facebook, twitter, Instagram among others). This can be fully achieved

when they are trained in digital literacy and can be able to know how to use phones in order to market their product hence product development.

iv. Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship skill training is a fundamental competitive tool that has greatly influenced the survival and expansion of start-up businesses, SMEs as well as established companies in today's highly competitive market. Selection, Planning, and Management (SPM) of Income Generating Activities (IGAs) in particular is a training course for semi-literate participants on the Ugandan Lambs Association USA Program. It is designed for participants who are interested in starting and managing IGAs. The training is aimed at creating an exciting customer satisfaction experience through empowering the Lambs with customer relationship management skills, bookkeeping skills, sales and marketing skills necessary to enhance business growth and improved performance.

v. Mentorship and coaching

Mentorship and coaching involves engaging the Lambs with someone who is experienced in a certain field so that the Lambs and the mentor can discuss and find solutions to challenges in that same field. This will in the end create a positive impact on the Lambs.

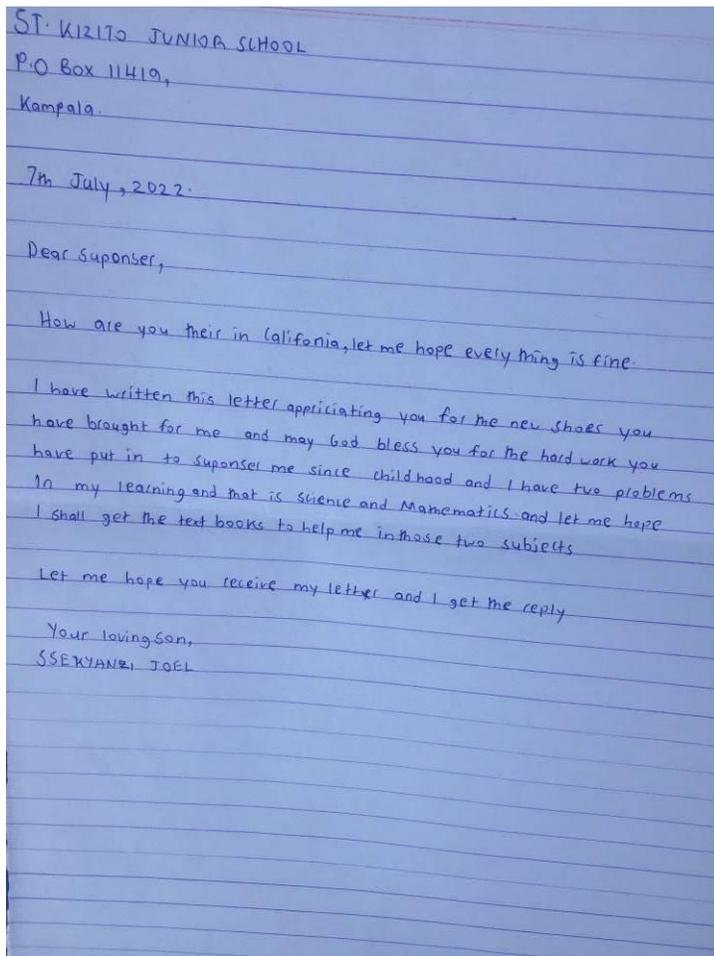
vi. Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy means managing money well which begins with hanging on to what you have. This means avoiding unnecessary expenditure and then finding a safe place to store whatever money is left over making that choice. The choice to save rather than to consume is the foundation of money management. There are many times when poor people need sums of money that are bigger than what they have at hand. The need for these useful large sums of money arises from life cycle events such as birth, education, marriage, and death, from emergency situations and from discovery opportunities to make investments in assets or business. Therefore, the only reliable and sustainable way they can obtain these sums is by building them from their savings.

Those are the recommendations that we felt can be added to the Lambs as they progress in the world of work. However, there is need for us as staff to come up with a budget of running such activities that is if the Board is in agreement.

NB: Concept notes and budgets will be developed for the activities.

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