



Furaha Africa Relief Association

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FURAHA REPORT FOR 2021 FROM THE UGANDA SPONSORSHIP OFFICE...

This is a condensed report for the year 2021. This last year was even harder than the previous year, as everyone thought we would be coming out of the COVID-19 lockdown. We had a month of some normalcy in January, and then we resumed our closures. Again, the Government of Uganda put in measures for lockdown which included all international and national travel restrictions, all schools were closed, churches too and the roadblocks and curfews were once again enforced.

This long closure of schools affected our sponsor children in their education negatively. Our sponsorship office and the educational secretariat again met to make some decisions. We again decided to use the sponsorship money in 3 ways:

1. Education – making school packages that the children could work on at home
2. Food packages which were distributed to them and their families
3. Monitoring through visitation by our educators, social workers and sponsorship workers.



With a school package & food



Home school studies



Visitation to sites & letter writing



Covid-19 relief given out

Through the visitation, we found that many families had moved away from their homes to new homes, and even some moved away to other countries. It was such a hard, trying time – and even though most adults were allowed to work in some capacities, public transportation was closed down. I was thankful that our staff, along with Tim and I were allowed to move and visit places to encourage and check on the situation. This was a hard year! But, once again we thank God for good partners.

FARA was consistent in their giving to help the needy – from sponsorship funds, to community projects, and Covid relief. We are truly thankful for the attention and kindness to help those who are less fortunate. God bless you!



Sanitary napkin kits distributed

We will highlight a few challenges and then a few victories.

CHALLENGES:

1) Keeping up with the needs, and realizing how deep the hurt, frustration and poverty is for those who need our help. We were sad to see many of our TAPP clients and even sponsorship families displaced or challenged to pay rent with no funds coming in. This is where relief really assisted with some of the hunger issues. Jjajjas too were finding it so hard to keep their grandchildren busy, protected from bad elements, and working on their school work.

2) Keeping track of our schools – both rural and urban, and making sure there were some on our school lands to keep them from being disturbed or theft occurring. our students with their school packages. Many left their schools to return to their villages as they had no salary or place to garden. We also needed them to assist with making sure the kids were working on their home packages and doing okay emotionally and physically.

3) Figuring out ways for our staff to stay on top of their work load, when there were so many restrictions in place by the government, and making sure they too were emotionally, physically, financially, and spiritually healthy. Fear of getting COVID was still an issue, but then, the government started immunizing the elderly, those in community service and government workers.

4) There was a frustration that the length of the lockdown just kept going. We saw other countries around us opening up in all ways, and Uganda kept so many restrictions in place. Even with visitors, we had many groups planned and so many cancelled due to the restrictions in place.

5) We lost one of our children in Congo to an accident – Ushindi Bauma Samuel. He was only 20 years old.



Ushindi Bauma Samuel

VICTORIES / HIGHLIGHTS:

1) The sponsors still sent money for their sponsored kids during this time. This was a blessing and a miracle. We even received new sponsored kids – as well in Congo! We thank them so very much!

2) Some kids miraculously finished their schooling – either online or through hands-on training and for that we rejoice. Here are three of those (L-R):

Grace Nassali finished her degree in Business Admin.

Kembabazi Esther finished a diploma in Accounting and Finance

Makada Brian finished electrical engineering



3) Christmas gifts—The Christmas gifts for the sponsored kids this year were calendars and school bags, which were very welcome.



4) We were so happy to receive the news of the charity registration for FARA. In this new and exciting opportunity for more projects and development, we were awarded some assistance for the vulnerable. We are so grateful for this new door opening that will give chances to help those who really need it.

Blessings,
Colleen Stevenson
FURAHA/FARA
Sponsorship Program



Rachel & Ruth - recently sponsored twins that are now studying at Kasubi N/P School, with their food packages



Chickens given to TAPP clients-Kakiri



Goat recipient (Kasubi)



Agriculture kit (Sembabule)



Giving out Covid relief to some of our sponsored kids

Interested in sponsoring a child or assisting with a relief project?

Through this program, you can have a lasting impact on a child's life. For only \$36/month, your generosity will support the education, nutrition and basic needs (medical and food) of a child or youth. Through this aid, children and youth will be empowered to have hope and become self-supporting, which is critical to their future. In addition to financial and material support, FARA endeavours to provide spiritual guidance to children in the East Africa region. By financially supporting these basic needs, you are blessing future generations—ensuring they are set up to achieve their vocational dreams and to become leaders in their communities.

We support some of the needs of the communities that we partner with through relief projects. We work closely with our agent on the ground to understand local priorities and needs. The projects we support also align with our organization's mission and objectives. Projects are typically focused on providing education, ensuring health care, assisting with the financing of building/construction projects, supporting self sustaining small business projects and developing leadership.

Visit our website at www.fararelief.com for further details to apply for a child sponsorship or assist with a donation towards a relief project.





We believe that children are the future leaders of the church, communities and countries across the globe.

**Rev. Alfred is very thankful
for his new bike that he
received from FARA funds.**



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