

Children in Africa pencil bag report 2021

A pictorial presentation



Our Pens Kempega P/S



Our books -Gimbo p/s



P7 Candidates Kalambi p/s



Thanks from Nakigo P/S



Thanks from Kiyinda c/u



Distribution at Banda C/U



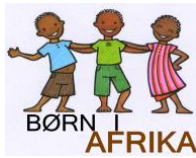
Kabemere primary sch



Representatives from Kaliro Schools



Representatives from Buyanja P/s



Introduction

This year 2021 makes 14 years for the pencil bag Project. This project is now reaching out to 27 schools, reaching out to 1330 children as shown in the table below and 11,372 children based on the total school enrollment: We identify 50 Vulnerable children from each school apart from Bukoto Community p/s. The identification process involves the school head teachers and class teachers, these are given first priority, however other children can receive an item depending on the school numbers and the items available for distribution. The schools are located in 6 different districts of Uganda which include Kampala, Wakiso, Lyantonde, Jinja, Iganga and Kaliro district. In our program we graduate a school basing on its level of development and then replace it with another school which is more vulnerable, with the aim of reaching out to the most Vulnerable and needy children in Uganda hence supporting and uplifting the education system in Uganda which in the long run leads to improved growth and development. We have so far graduated or replaced 5 schools.

We mainly target schools under Universal Primary Education, these are schools supported by the government and they reach out to the most vulnerable children who face challenges such as not having enough scholastic materials, in some cases these children end up not attending class because of not having school requirements hence our intervention.

Objectives

1. The main objective of the project is to assist the needy children with scholastic materials thus, enabling them stay in school.
2. To support the government programs under Universal Primary Education of promoting education.
3. Improving menstrual hygiene and health among the girl child.
4. To boost the sports and games departments which is one of the most important departments in Education in developing pupils' talent and relaxing pupils' minds.
5. Building team work among children, teachers and members of the school board hence creating a healthy and cooperative school environment.

Our Main Project activities for the pencil bag project include:

1. Distribution of Scholastic materials such as books, pens, pencils, geometry sets and school bags.
2. Distribution of sports equipment these include: Footballs, net balls and sports uniforms.
3. Distribution of Sanitary re-usable pads to girls.
4. Having Counseling and guidance sessions for children on various issues especially in relation to family life, growth and development.



5. Holding meetings with teachers with the aim of advising and supporting each other.
6. Club Formation in schools.

1. Distribution of scholastic materials

The outbreak of COVID 19 PANDEMIC has affected all sectors worldwide. In Uganda our activities are mainly carried out in schools. After the Lock down of 2020 a new school calendar for 2021 was developed by the Ministry of Education and sports with new reporting dates per class as shown below.

No	Dates	Class	Term
1	15 th /01/2021 to 31 st /03/2021	P.7	Term 3 P.L.E 30 th to 31 st March 2021
2	1 st /03/2021 to 21/05/2021	P.6	Term 2
3	6 th /04/21 to 4 th /06/2021	P.4 & P.5	Term 2
4	7 th /06/21 to 24 th /7/2021	P1,P2 and P3	Term 2

We had to follow and fit with in the new school Calendar set by the Ministry of Education and sports. We did our distribution between 1ST March 2021 to 15th May 2021. In some areas, representatives were invited in a central school hence not reaching out to all schools physically in order to minimize crowding in addition items were left with head teachers for other pupils who were to be reporting at different set dates. With this new program we were able to give out 3 dozens of Geometry sets to each school, these were given to the P7 Candidates as a way of wishing them Success and encouraging them to excel by working hard for their Primary Leaving Examinations. Each school received a box of book 24 dozens of 96 paged books, 150 pens and 150 pencils. School bags and Sanitary pads shall be distributed when all children return in back in school in August.

Sports equipment such as balls will be given out when the sports activities are resumed by the Ministry of Education and sports.

Nb: Some of these items are used to Motivate Learners on basis of a number of factors such as : Academic excellence, Smartness, Punctuality, and other forms of discipline

A Request was made by teachers mainly from Kaliro District, to avail learners with size A4 books for classes from P5 to P7 since these classes have got a lot of notes hence the small books get used up easily and the A4 books are easy to keep.

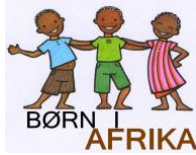


Table 1 shows the school name, location and number of children directly reached by the pencil bag project

TABLE 1

	Name of the school	District	Total no of pupils In School	Registered children in The pencil bag Project.	School Category/ Status
1	Bukoto community primary school	Kampala	338	30	Private (Constructed by BiA)
2	St.Ludigo Gimbo Primay school	Wakiso	357	50	Government aided UPE
3	St.Yowana Maria.Muzeyi Gombe Kayunga P/s	Wakiso	543	50	Government aided UPE.
4	St Denis Kigero P/S	Wakiso	342	50	Government aided UPE
5	St. Jude Banda Primary school	Wakiso	348	50	Government aided UPE
6	St Jude Primary school Sanda	Wakiso	241	50	Private School
7	Banda C/U Primary School.	Wakiso	417	50	Government aided UPE



8	Grace Community P/s	Wakiso	241	50	Private school
9	Mubiru Peter Memorial p/s	Wakiso	132	50	Private School
10	St.Francis Kabagezi P/S	Wakiso	312	50	Government UPE
11	St Florence p/s Jinja	Jinja	376	50	Private School
12	Nakigo C/U P/S	Iganga	517	50	Government UPE
13	St Tereza Kanambatiko P/S	Kaliro	478	50	Government UPE
14	Buyonjo P/S	Kaliro	764	50	Government UPE
15	Buvulunguti P/S	Kaliro	753	50	Government UPE
16	Kanankamba P/S	Kaliro	768	50	Government UPE
17	Buluya Parents P/S	Kaliro	463	50	Government UPE
18	Bukumankoola p/s	kaliro	453	50	Government UPE
19	St Mark Biwolobo P/s	Lyantonde	314	50	Government aided UPE



20	Kyabuuza p/s	Lyantonde	517	50	Government aided UPE
21	Buyanja P/s	Lyantonde	327	50	Government aided UPE
22	Kyakakala p/s	Lyantonde	432	50	Government aided UPE
23	Kyewanula p/s	Lyantonde	421	50	Government aided UPE
24	St Lawrance Kalambi p/s	Lyantonde	312	50	Government aided UPE
25	Kabetemere p/s	Lyantonde	322	50	Government aided UPE
26	Kempega p/s	Lyantonde	471	50	Government aided UPE
27	Kiyinda C/U P/S	Lyantonde	413	50	Government aided UPE
	Total	-	11,372	1330children	

Summary

Number of schools by District

Private schools (Priv)

Government school (Govt)



District	Kampala	Wakiso	Lyantonde	Jinja	Iganga	Kaliro	Total
No of schools	1	9	9	1	1	6	27
Category	Govt=0 Priv=1	Govt=7 Priv=2	Govt=9 Priv=0	Govt=0 Priv=1	Govt=1 Priv=0	Govt=6 Priv=0	Govt=23 Priv=4

- Government Schools **23**
- Private Schools **4**

Beneficiaries are selected by the school teachers basing on any of the following attributes:

- Vulnerability,
- academic performance,
- general discipline,
- smartness,
- sports girls and boys

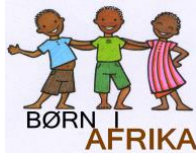
1. Distribution of scholastic materials

Table 2 illustrates the distribution of scholastic materials per class, per distribution

Class	Books 96 pgs	Pens	Pencils	Geometry sets
P1	½ dozen	0	6	0
P2	½ dozen	0	6	0
P3	½ dozen	2	6	0
P4	½ dozen	2	4	1
P5	½ dozen	2	4	1
P6	½ dozens	2	4	1
P7	½ dozens	2	4	1

2. Distribution of School bags

We distributed 100 school bags to 3 St Lawrence Kalambi Primary school, Buyanja Primary school, Biwolobo primary school and Gimbo primary school. In each school bags were given on the basis of need. Some of the beneficiaries have nothing at all to keep their books and other items while at school.



3. Distribution of sports equipment

We were unable to distribute sports equipment since sports activities were put on hold as a result of COVID 19 Pandemic.

4. Distribution of Maize flour

We plan to distribute Maize Flour when children from Lower section return to school after the long COVID 19 holidays.

5. Interacting with children/Counseling and guidance

We managed to interact with the children, this process helps us to understand some children's challenges both at school and home. This exercise helps children open up, since some of them are not free with their teachers. We take this opportunity to give them words of courage, coping mechanisms not forgetting encouraging them to work hard for a bright future. This time round our focus was mainly on COVID 19, emphasizing the proper use of face Masks, Sanitization, hand washing, keeping social distance among others.

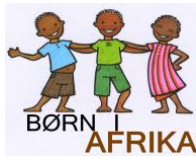
6. Club Formation

Our beneficiaries form Children in Africa clubs in their schools, with the aim of working towards a common goal for the school. These clubs help them to work as a team, be innovative as well as working voluntarily.

We hope to reward the best clubs depending on the available resources.

Achievements.

- We managed to distribute scholastic materials to different schools.
- We managed to give out 972 geometry sets to P7 candidates of 2021.
- Leaving some books with the office enables Learners get a new book from the office after one getting used up.
- Guardians who could not afford enough scholastic materials have relief from the pencil bag project.
- The Pencil bag project has extended to 27 schools with a total number of 1330 children enrolled on the program.
- Formation of clubs has helped the children to be creative, innovative as well as working as a team.



Challenges

- We are still faced with the challenge of many Vulnerable and needy children whom we have not yet reached.
- Due to COVID 19, we were not able to in big numbers as before, parents representatives were not invited as before.
- Many children need more than scholastic materials, but we are limited by Funds to provide such needs.

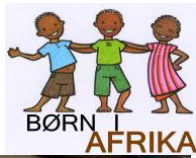
Appreciation

The school management of the various schools reached extend their sincere appreciation for all the support rendered to our children as we work towards ensuring that they have a bright future through education.

Conclusion

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our dear donors through Børn i Afrika Denmark, for their tireless efforts in soliciting for funds despite the challenging COVID 19 period and ensuring that we continue supporting the African child. May God bless the works of your hands as we work towards helping children in Africa to attain their full potential.

<p>Items ready for distribution</p>	<p>St Florence p/s</p>	<p>Mubiru peter P/S</p>



Thanks from P7 candidates Gimbo P/S



Thanks from P7 Class Kabagezi P/s



Distribution at Gombe p/s



Distribution at St Jude Sanda P/S



Distribution at Bukoto community p/s



Distribution at Banda P/S



Learning sessions at Gimbo p/s



Some Items for Distribution in Kaliro Schools



Thank you for our Sets.

