

**Kica Transforms Ministry
Children Support Program
2019 Annual Report**

KTM vision:

Societies transformed for development.

KTM Mission:

Reflecting God's Mercy, we are committed to empowering society for transformation through Holistic Child Development and Leadership Development.

Districts of operation

Kitgum

Pader

Kiryandongo

Gulu

Appreciation

I would like to thank God for enabling us serve in this generation under KTM to transform the lives of children and communities through holistic approaches which would not be possible without the generous support of our dear partners.

Kica Transforms Ministry (KTM) under the child sponsorship program now has 89 children from Child headed and vulnerable families in Uganda, with 36 in Kitgum, 40 from Pader, 7 from Gulu, and 6 from Kiryadongo Districts. Out of the 89 children, 57 have regular sponsors.

We appreciate and thank the Almighty God who has brought us through the year, 2019. We also thank God for generally keeping the children and mentors well and healthy through His amazing grace despite various trials and tests. We thank God for the good work he is in transforming the lives of the children as there has been a lot of transformation even in this past one year. This we could not do without your support. Thank you so much for the support.

2019 Ministry Focus

1. Education support
2. Basic care and physical support
3. Psychosocial support and counselling
4. Medical care
5. Shelters

1. The Education

Below is a table showing numbers enrolled and supported in school.

S/N	LEVEL	Number of pupils/students	Number of Males	Number Females	Comments
1	Primary	60	29	31	
2	Secondary	19	13	6	
3	Skills attainment	10	5	5	1 carpentry Kitgum , 5Carpentry (Pader) 4Tailoring Graduated(Pader)

All the above children were able to go to school.

In 2019, we had 7 children do P7, Primary Living Exams and passed it well and were promoted to Senior Secondary schools in the different parts of the country. Then we had one S4 who completed her O level exams well and went to A level. We have two girls in Institutions.

Additionally, six boys graduated with a Certificate in Carpentry and Joinery, and four girls graduated in Tailoring and Designing, from a Vocation school. The boys were given Tools Kit and the girls given Sewing Machines and start up kits.

In addition to the tuition paid for all the children, the ministry was able to provide scholastic materials books, pens, pencils, school bags, uniforms, shoes as well as other school functional fees.



Primary children on the left and secondary on the right in their new uniforms and shoes



Children receive new school bags

2. Basic care and Physical support.

KICA ministries has enrolled 89 children; out of the 89, 57 have so far received sponsorship. The 57 sponsored children in Kitgum and Pader received basic care and physical support that includes food, soap, sanitary towels for the girls, mattresses, Vaseline, bedsheets, blankets and a set of new clothes for Christmas. We were also able to construct a house for one of the child headed family, whose old hut had fallen down.



Children receive food supplies

3. Psychosocial Support

The nature of children supported under the ministry is such that they are traumatized, full of anger and bitterness because of their poverty situation, and being from child headed families, HIV plight and self-pity. Many of them require continuous psychosocial support, counselling and guidance.

Monthly Center days are conducted in all the Ministry centers where children are taught life skills, the Word of God, character development in addition to the routine psychosocial support. During center days, the children also get to have meals together, play and interact with others, which is a therapeutic approach for trauma and source of healing. Specially trained child mentors conduct visits to children at home and in school to monitor their wellbeing and academic progress by talking to class teachers. Altogether, the ministry has 10 mentors and 1 professional counsellor.

On a special note, all the centers had a Christmas party; they had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The children had powerful Praise and worship, games, funs, dance and music, cutting cake, and ate a delicious meal; they were all very smart in their new clothes provided by the ministry partners. The children also received food and basic needs for Christmas; they went home with smiles on their faces. The children and mentors got gifts and are very grateful for it.



Dressed up in their new Christmas clothes, children enjoy their Christmas party, which had activities like singing, games, dance and cake cutting

4. Medical care

Each ministry center has a health facility with proper medical staff. The children with illnesses get to receive medical attention as and when they require it. The common illnesses have always been malaria, typhoid, cough and flu. There is a case of sickle cells in Kitgum, which has been routinely managed. The children's health especially toward the last quarter of the year was fair with few cases of sickness reported and just a handful admitted in the hospital.

5. Shelter

Kenneth is the head of a sibling headed household and he has five siblings. Altogether they are two girls and four boys. They lost both parents who left them in a very poor leaking shelter. During the rainy season, the shelter collapsed and the children became homeless. With support from ministry partners, KICA was able to put up a new descent

shelter for them. The community leaders and district officials were present at the house hand over, they appreciated the support rendered to the children.



The picture above shows the old shelter and the new house which was constructed for the children.

One of the girls said, “I don’t know where I and my sibling would be today, I had lost hope in life, I wanted to terminate my life because I was tired of seeing us suffering and starving, but now I have hope because I see light in my tunnel, above all, I have found a lover in Jesus Christ, who loves me unconditionally. Not only that, I have new parents (donor/sponsors) who love and provide for us and have led us to the Father of the Fatherless. We now take all meals, which had stopped with the death of our parents. We even go to school with shoes and all requirements”, she breaks down in tears as she narrates her story.

Kenneth, the older boy had this to say, “I never thought I would be like this, I have a mattress, food, fees paid for, I am doing carpentry and now we even have a new house to stay in; God indeed is a Father.”

6. Administration and Operations

- Profiles of all 36 children in the program were filled and completed.
- Counselor Auntie Christine has continued to visit and talk to the children as a way of building trust and are able to share their stories even with mentors now.
- A two- roomed permanent house was built and handed over to Kenneth Oryema and other 5 siblings
- An office for KTM in Kitgum has been secured and furnished.
- Three cameras and nine bicycles have been bought and handed over to Kitgum, Oyuko and Apuripii centers.
- Medical MOU has been signed between KTM and St Joseph Hospital Kitgum.
- All 9 mentors attended a three day training in July on mentorship.
- Children’s academic performance has continued to improve gradually.

- Christmas party 2019 was very successful full of praise, games, fun, dancing, cake cutting, drinks, sharing God's word etc.
- Christmas gifts were received and handed over accordingly to each child in the form of clothing.
- Christmas foodstuff comprising sugar, soap, posho, beans and meat were given out to the children.

All activities in 2019 went on well due to God's provision.

7. Success Made in the Year 2019

- No child has dropped out of school in the year.
- Improvement in children's health.
- Improvements in academic performance.
- Improvements in social life skills and ability to make right choices in life.
- Improvements in social cohesion and attitudes in children
- Skills attainment by some older children

8. Challenges in the Ministry

- a. 37 children do not have sponsors yet, they need sponsors.
- b. KTM staffs do not get salary yet, they are volunteering.

9. Impact stories.



Jane is one of the four girls who graduated from the tailoring Course and is now working and able to support her siblings. She makes school uniforms and mostly ladies dresses.



Kenneth standing with his mentor graduated with a certificate from Carpentry. He is now working with a certain workshop and he is able to support his siblings.



Five boys graduated with a certificate in Carpentry and where given a toolbox. They have a workshop and are able to support themselves and their siblings.

10. Next steps/2020 Future prospects

- Education
- Physical Care
- Psychosocial support

- Advocacy

Attachments

- 2020 Activity work plan and Budget

S/N	ACTIVITY	YEAR 2020 MONTHS OF THE YEAR												BUDGET (US\$)
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
1	Education support													17,286
2	Basic care/Physical care													12,597
3	Psychosocial support													14,400
4	Medical care													2,460
5	Shelters (2 per year)													16,000
6	Caregiver meetings													5,000
7	Community Advocacy meetings													3,000
8	Center days													3,000
9	Youth skilling activities													20,000
10	Christmas parties													3,000
11														