



Completion Report

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Reporting period: Jan-June 2016

Creative Children's Clubs

Budget: \$18,000 – fully funded!

Update:

This project supports Children's Clubs in Mbale, Eastern Uganda, through the provision of support and training to the Clubs' teachers, assisting with Parents' meetings and providing basic necessities for the Club store (where children can use points gained through attendance and good behaviour to 'buy' items like soap, school products, clothes).

Over the six-month period two new clubs were opened, and the program now has 3,100 children enrolled. These children are taught by over 60 teachers in 21 locations around the Mbale area.

In our last report we mentioned that the teachers were being trained on delivering reproductive health training. This has enabled the teachers to discuss these issues with the children during guidance and counselling sessions. Topics include how to handle peer pressure, adolescence, self-esteem, critical thinking and decision making, good communication skills, and how to make wise choices in relationships.

The Club stores continue to be incredibly valuable, assisting whole families with scholastic materials and hygiene products.

Bi-annual parent and children workshops are also held, bringing together participants and families from two of the clubs each time. The smaller group allows for deeper connections and more meaningful interaction. The session this period was on the roles and responsibilities of parents and children within the family, and the feedback has been very positive. This session has delivered positive and lasting change in many of the families who attended.



Play-time at a Children's Club



Receiving items from the 'Store' – note the stationery items

3,100 children and their families are provided with guidance, support, and a small amount of practical assistance through this program. They are mentored, loved and encouraged, laying the foundations for successful negotiation of adult challenges. This project was originally a one-year project, but we have been so impressed that Entrust has agreed to a new project for another three years. We are proud to partner in this initiative, and excited by the results. We hope you are also. Thank you for making this possible.