

**Uganda Counseling and Support Services** 

# Impact Report

**SPRING 2025** 



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OUTREACH || EDUCATION || ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT || HEALTH SERVICES

# Hope for Uganda

UCSS employs a holistic approach to developing vulnerable and underserved communities, including access to clean water, medical care, education, economic development training, life skills training, counseling services, and spiritual growth. We have learned that the holistic approach, where all the UCSS departments work in unison and partnership with other ministries, significantly empowers and transforms community members.





#### **Vision**

Holistically transformed and selfsustaining model communities, vibrantly experiencing and spreading God's love.



#### **Mission**

To improve the quality of life and spread God's love to people in communities by providing social services, counseling, and spiritual development- one community at a time.



#### **Values**

Christ-Centered, Sustainable, Community Involved, Continuously Learning, Holistic, Grateful

#### Dear Friends,

In the past six months, Uganda Counseling Support Services (UCSS) has implemented various activities in fulfilment of its vision of holistically transformed and self-sustaining model communities, vibrantly experiencing and spreading God's love by engaging in various programs such as Spiritual Development, Education, Clean Water, Medical Care, Mental Health Counseling, Economic Empowerment & Agriculture. As I reflect on the progress made by UCSS over the past six months, I am filled with gratitude & humility as I recall the Lord's profound, but not surprising, faithfulness.

Uganda Counseling and Support Services has had an incredible journey in the ministry, with key highlights being collaboration with the community, stakeholders, local leaders and the district local governments to foster more impactful change, build resilience, and improve livelihoods. In the communities of Bulike, Buluya, and Nakalama ten new water points were drilled, two churches planted, twenty-five Mental Health Facilitators trained, 1,184 souls were led to Christ and thirty-five pastors graduated from the Mobile Bible School.

Uganda Counseling and Support Services strategic focus areas this year are, Christ-centeredness, disciple making (leadership & empowerment), stakeholder involvement, and sustainability. UCSS is devoted to maintaining Christ-centeredness as the foundation of all its initiatives, ensuring they reflect His teachings and values. By focusing on disciple-making and leadership empowerment, we are equipping spiritually grounded leaders to drive positive transformation within their communities. Additionally, our commitment to stakeholder involvement and sustainability fosters collective responsibility and ensures long-term, impactful change.

Pressing on amidst an uncertain world, we commit to moving where God moves, knowing He will do His part, as we faithfully do ours. God bless you for making all of these opportunities possible. Together, we serve the Lord by crying out in places of spiritual wilderness to "prepare the way for the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3)

With gratitude,

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Dr. Ronald Kaluya, Founder and Executive Director





## SIX MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

247 people baptized

1,184 salvations

2 new church plants

**35** graduated from Mobile Bible School

**2,053** people benefited from the helping ministry

2 Sunday school structures built

10 water wells drilled

**1,500** children in School

3,521 access to medical services

8,071 received counseling

**44** pastors equipped with basic counseling skills

25 Mental Health Facilitators
Trained

**Electricity in Bulike!** 

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#### **OUTREACH**

God is moving powerfully in Uganda! Through church planting, discipleship, and outreach, over 1,184 people have given their lives to Christ, with thousands more reached through children's camps, women's events, and hands-on skills ministries. Lives are being transformed, and entire communities are growing spiritually and holistically.



## TWO NEW CHURCHES REACHING PEOPLE

New church plants serving over 56 people each in Buluya and Ngando are more than just new buildings; they are our deliberate efforts to bring the gospel to underserved areas by providing places for worship and fellowship, a pivot for holistic community transformation.

## WE CELEBRATED THE

Women's Day celebrations were crowned with 150 women & 200 girls, from our primary, high school, churches, staff, and community under the theme of Celebrating a Christ-filled, Rejuvenated Woman of Purpose.

## TEN STUDENTS ENGAGED IN DISCIPLESHIP

The Saturday discipleship program for university students is making a significant impact in different universities in Uganda. Leadership classes have instilled values of integrity, service, and resilience, enabling participants to lead effectively and serve their communities.

## 632 CHILDREN INSPIRED

Students have initiated self-sustainability projects and found educational opportunities to expand their horizons. This combination of spiritual leadership and community development highlights the program's role in fostering lasting transformation.

#### 35 LEADERS EOUIPPED

Pastors were empowered through training and graduated from the Mobile Bible School, gaining invaluable biblical knowledge and leadership skills. These graduates are now better equipped to lead their congregations with wisdom, humility, and a vision rooted in the Gospel.

## 50 FEMALE LEADERS EMPOWERED

The training empowered 50 women from multiple UCSS churches with leadership skills and Biblical knowledge, enabling them to lead their communities effectively.

Investing in female leaders ensures a culture where they are holistically empowered as drivers in our vision of community transformation.





## 200 CHILDREN ATTENDED PRAYER CAMP

This camp provided an opportunity for children to know about God, learn to pray, and read the Bible, significantly contributing to their spiritual growth. With 200 in attendance we saw 57 children give their lives to Christ.

#### 2000 CHILDREN ATTENDED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The children received both spiritual and practical skills that impact their daily life. This program's focus enables us to create self-sustainable communities that are spiritually vibrant and economically stable.

## THE HELPING MINISTRY REACHED 315 PEOPLE IN NEED

This ministry is a vital component in our efforts to serve and assist those in need with the love of God, providing them with the gospel, food, and clothing. It is one of the most impactful ways we reach the community.

#### With Your Help We Can...

- Construct permanent church buildings to serve as beacons of hope in the communities.
- Enroll 20 more pastor in Bible school
- Disciple 150 people, providing access to sound theological training, disciple-making, and leadership skills development.
- Construct two permanent children's church structures
- Acquire a minivan to help with the transportation of evangelism & discipleship teams and equipment.



#### **EDUCATION**

We believe that education is a gift from God and is essential for the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth of individuals. We understand that education is not just about acquiring knowledge and skills but also about discovering and developing one's God-given talents and abilities. We believe education should be holistic, encompassing a person's physical, emotional, social, and spiritual dimensions.

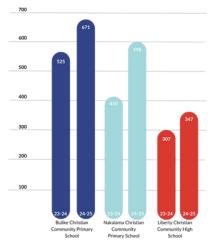
#### **Primary Education**

### OVER 1.2K STUDENTS RECIEVED COUNSELING

Students who attend all four counseling sessions show increased retention rates, improved interpersonal relationships, and boosted overall student well-being. Healthy students pass on their new skills to their families and other students around them, creating a BIG impact!

#### **OUR SCHOOLS ARE GROWING!**

Our schools have expanded their reach and influence to over 1600 students in and outside of Bulike.





### ENHANCED LEARNING THROUGH ELECTRICITY

For Bulike Primary School, access to reliable electricity has significantly transformed the teaching and learning environment. Students now have the opportunity to attend evening classes, extending their study hours and boosting academic performance. Teachers can efficiently print exams onsite, streamlining the assessment process. The school also envisions introducing computer classes, opening doors to digital literacy, and equipping students with essential 21st-century skills.

## EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP THROUGH STUDENT ELECTIONS

This year, all primary schools established a robust Student Prefectorial Body through democratic elections. These student leaders act as role models, promoting discipline, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility while ensuring order within schools. They serve as a vital link between students and administration, fostering effective communication. These leadership opportunities have nurtured confidence, preparing them for life outside school.

### TRAINING AND EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS

We conducted seven teacher workshops, attended by all teachers. This development has enhanced skills and classroom management, improved student engagement and learning outcomes for both high school and primary levels.



### FACILITIES PAVE THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE

Two new educational facilities have been built in Nabisiki and Nakalama, creating safe, inspiring spaces for students to learn and grow. At Nakalama, the acquisition of 2.7 acres of land paves the way for future expansion and long-term school development.



#### **Sponsor a Student**

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#### **Change Story**

Aliba Natasha, is a primary seven pupil at Bulike Christian Community Primary School and has long been an active servant in our school's spiritual programs, dedicating her time and heart to God's work. She is a committed member of the School's Lunch hour fellowship and chapel prayers, where she encourages her peers through prayer and sharing the word.

Her recent election as a religious prefect is an achievement that isn't just a victory for her but a testimony to the power of mentorship in nurturing Christ-like leadership among young people.





#### **Secondary Education**

## STUDENTS CAN TEST CLOSE TO HOME!

Liberty Christian
Community High School is
now officially recognized as
an examination center by
the Uganda National
Examinations Board
(UNEB). Students won't
have to walk long distances,
making it much easier to
test!

## With Your Help We Can...

#### **EOUIP SCHOOLS**

Continue setting up model schools with standard classroom structures, play areas, an equipped school library, a main hall, a kitchen, a nursery section, boys' and girls' dormitories, and teachers' quarters.

## INTRODUCE NEW TECH PROGRAMS

Kick off Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Computer Literacy Programs: Introduce computer labs in all schools and establish computer literacy as a core part of the curriculum.

## ENROLLEMENT IS UP OVER 100%

Enrollment at LCCHS has grown from 169 in 2023 to 347 learners in 2025! High test scores and education results are helping attract new students at LCCHS

## STUDENTS ACED THEIR EXAMS

100% of students in Senior 4 passed!

Due to the testing center, 34 students sat directly at their school rather than having to travel or sit at another location.

#### **Change Story**



"After completing Senior 4 at Liberty Christian Community High School, Eria faced uncertainty about his next steps. With counseling and support from UCSS, he pursued a course in agriculture. There, he gained valuable skills in crop production and farm management.

Eria's dedication earned him a mentorship opportunity at one of UCSS Model Farma, where he's currently practicing his skills and adding value; through him, many of his age mates have been motivated to go back to school and advance in education. Eria now has a career and purpose, inspiring others to stay in school and embrace vocational training."

#### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Each week, the dedicated team at Nana Health Center delivers critical medical testing and treatment to more than 130 people—many of whom have little or no access to healthcare. With compassion and commitment, we not only address urgent health concerns but also restore hope. Every visit is met with heartfelt gratitude, as lives are changed and a healthier future begins.



#### 3,521 COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECEIVED VITAL CARE

Our medical centers have provided vital healthcare services to the community with malaria accounting for the majority of cases at 862.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO CHANGE

We educated five communites on mosquito nets, proper environmental management to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds, and seeking treatment to avoid complications from malaria.

#### MOBILE CLINICS BRING HEALTH TO REMOTE COMMUNITIES

These clinics offer a one-stop solution for medical care, including preventive services, treatments, and health education.

#### 848 CHILDREN ARE HAVING A HEALTHIER CHILDHOOD

They received deworming, Vitamin A supplements, vaccination against cervical cancer for children 8 - 12 years, and vaccination against tetanus among those of childbearing age.

## WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW FULL-TIME DOCTOR

This full time medical position enhanced the quality and consistency of care provided at our clinics. Having this level of care will save lives.

#### EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER SAVES WOMEN'S LIVES

Early detection of cervical cancer significantly increases the chances of successful treatment. By offering this screening, we empower women & girls with the knowledge and resources to learn more about their health.



#### With Your Help We Can...

- Upgrade from a Health Centre 3 to 4
- Hire more staff; 2 Midwives, 2 Clinical Officers, and 1 Laboratory Attendant.
- Construction of maternity and theater block
- Purchase ten acres of Land to enable the above expansion
- Roll out comprehensive medical insurance plans for our staff and stakeholders



#### **COUNSELING**

UCSS brings hope and healing to Ugandan communities through mobile and onsite mental health care, supporting people of all ages with grief, health, and spiritual growth. Mental Health Facilitators empower through education, and encouragement in schools, churches, and villages—breaking stigma and building resilience. With over 200 facilitators trained, UCSS continues to expand its reach to meet the growing mental health needs of a post-COVID world.

## PICK UP THE PHONE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

New phone counseling services are designed to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and improve accessibility to mental health services. Since its launch in November 2024, we have successfully impacted 74 individuals, demonstrating its potential to make a meaningful difference in our community.

## PICK UP THE PHONE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Radio programming is engaging the community. Over 346 active listeners tuned into meaningful mental health discussions, creating open and transformative dialogue spaces. This programming helps reduce stigma, expand reach, and reach remote areas and those who may not be able to get counseling otherwise.

## NEW FACILITATORS ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

Training 25 new facilitators expanded our reach and ensured that more community members have access to skilled mental health support, creating a sustainable network of care by bridging the gap to service delivery. We have provided mental health counseling and guidance to 6,277 individuals, helping them navigate personal challenges and improve their well-being.

## PASTORS TRAINED IN MENTAL HEALTH

To further expand our reach, 44 pastors were trained in basic counseling skills, empowering them to provide essential emotional support and guidance to their congregations and communities, amplifying the impact of mental health awareness for local families.



#### With Your Help We Can...

- Host Additional Mental Health Facilitator Trainings
- Launch Online Services
- Hire Additional Counselors
- Strengthen processes and procedures and build local mental health partnerships

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#### **CLEAN WATER**

Water is the lifeblood of equitable, sustainable, and thriving rural communities. We remain deeply committed to providing safe and dependable water—nurturing the wellbeing of our communities and strengthening surrounding regions. With every drop, we honor our responsibility to the environment and future generations through thoughtful, sustainable, and visionary stewardship.

### TEN NEW COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO WATER

This year, we successfully drilled and installed ten water wells, bring the total number of wells to 113, significantly increasing access to clean and safe drinking water for numerous communities.

## WE ARE KEEPING THE WATER FLOWING

Through collaborative engagements with Innovation Africa, we repaired and maintained two of our water wells at Nana Medical Center and Bulike Primary School.

## PEOPLE ARE LEARNING HOW TO AVOID DISEASE

Communities received education on hygiene and sanitation, reducing the number of water-borne related cases reported and the mortality rate.

#### With Your Help We Can...

- · Drill an additional ten water wells
- Streamline Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Programs in the community
- · Conduct inventory to help ensure we have replacement parts in stock



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

UCSS economic programs are providing dignity and worth to so many by allowing them to work and provide for their families. From electrical work, to masonry, to raising animals, UCSS families are catching the spirit of entrepreneurship and becoming empowered to be self-sustaining communities.



The UCSS Restoration
Hub represents a
transformative
investment in holistic
community development,
creating a sustainable
center where lives will be
restored through
integrated discipleship,
mental health counseling,
and vocational skills
training.

#### BUILDING BETTER BRICK BY BRICK

The brick-making machine has been a groundbreaking step toward sustainability and community empowerment. A total of 10.601 bricks have been produced, leading to immediate cost savings. A portion of these bricks have already been used to construct education facilities creating improved learning environments and increasing student enrollment.

## FOUR FACILITIES HAVE ELECTRICITY!

Four UCSS facilities now have electricity, fueling community progress, improving living standards, and enhancing service delivery across UCSS facilities in Bulike. As a result, Bulike now shines and has taken on the vibrant look of a growing city.

## HUNDREDS OF YOUTH HAVE A FINANCIAL PLAN!

We reached 200 students across five schools, ensuring students grow up with the necessary skills for financial growth and independence. These sessions covered budgeting, saving, and investment basics, preparing them for a financially secure future. Our savings programs in schools have empowered students with financial literacy, encouraging a culture of saving and responsible money management.



## THE NEW BUS IS DRIVING CHANGE!

The new 30 passenger bus has had a profound impact on UCSS operations and community engagement in Bulike. It provides efficient transportation for field staff, enabling them to reach the field with ease and efficiency.

## UCSS PLANTED TREES COVER OVER 100 ACRES

The growing canopy, which includes fruit bearing trees, continues to play a critical role in carbon sequestration. Our forests collectively offset an estimated 250 - 500 MT of CO2 per year, significantly reducing our carbon footprint. In the last six months, 17,500 trees have been planted; contributing to improved rainfall patterns and combating climate change.



## THE COMMUNITY IS GETTING THE SKILLS TO THRIVE

Skills programming helps train more than 72 women and youth in churches and schools, especially those lacking access to formal education or vocational centers.

#### THE MICROFINANCE COMPANY IS REGISTERED!

This strategic resource mobilization initiative aims to generate sustainable revenue for the ministry's core programs while empowering underserved communities through microloans, savings, and financial literacy programs.

## STUDENTS ARE INVESTING IN THEIR OWN FUTURES

Our savings programs have empowered students with financial literacy, encouraging a culture of saving and responsible money management.

## With Your Help We Can...

- Establish Two Model Farms to demonstrate best agricultural practices
- Upgrade Animal Farm to increase productivity
- Research and Development for pest control and biodiversity
- Scale up an Avocado Project and increase sustainability
- Reach over 250 People to boost sufficiency and capacity
- Create Long-term Financial Literacy Programs
- Gain 300 microfinance clients
- Product and Service
   Development for 50 farms



# YOU CAN GIVE HOPE TO UGANDA

Every water well drilled, every child educated, every soul led to Christ is made possible by people like you. In the last six months alone, over 1,100 lives were transformed by salvation, 1,600 students received education, 10 new communities gained clean water, and thousands received vital medical and counseling services.

But the work is far from over.

#### With your help, we can:

- Build permanent churches in underserved regions
- Train more pastors and empower female leaders
- Expand life-saving healthcare and clean water access



- Equip schools with technology and resources for the future
- Give people the skills and tools they need to be self-sufficient
- Reach additional communities to bring hope

This isn't just charity—it's transformation. It's equipping entire communities to thrive spiritually, physically, and economically for generations.

Donate to meet the greatest needs and be part of a movement bringing hope, healing, and holistic restoration to Uganda.

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Together, we're not just meeting needs—we're answering prayers.

