

Wakadogo Annual Review 2016/17 April 2017

Dear friends,

It's been another epic, unprecedented year for Wakadogo – our nursery and primary school in northern Uganda for 454 boys and girls.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Wakadogo School came 5th in the District!** Last year we opened our first Primary 7 class. This is the last grade before students move onto secondary schools or other pathways. In November 2016, our Primary 7 students sat the Primary Leaving Examinations for the first time. Wakadogo School registered 29 students and all 29 students passed. They did so well that Wakadogo School came 5th out of 92 schools in the District! They worked so hard and were hugely supported by our teachers and Head Teacher, Odong Charles Kigundi and we want to congratulate everyone on this amazing accomplishment.
- Opening a new health center.** Last year, we reported to you that we had started building a community healthcare center with generous funding from the Musgrave Family and the German Embassy in Kampala. This is now complete with additional funding for the solar panels from The Mohamed S. Farsi Foundation and we have started seeing patients. The formal opening event will take place in April 2017. This health center is being used as a larger school clinic and will be a source of income from the community for the school. We do still need some medical equipment so if you know anyone who might be interested in supporting this healthcare project, please let us know!
- A good teacher is like a candle; it consumes itself to light the way for others.** Wakadogo School has 17 teaching staff who are competently and passionately helping the children from K1-P7 grades. We have 8 fully qualified female teachers and 9 male teachers who are committed to their work. They are all hardworking and they love their work. Two of our former teachers; Okot Charles P.4 Class Teacher and Okello Alfred Kato P.5 Class Teacher left Wakadogo for employment in the government service at the beginning of the second term and they have been replaced by Odongo Joel P.5 Teacher and Moro Denis P.4 Teacher.
- Our teachers received teacher training** by Echo and Emily from Nellie McClung Elementary, Calgary, Canada, thanks to Nino and Shirley Virga. Echo and Emily were at Wakadogo School from 11th – 23rd July, 2016. Our teachers learnt many new child-centered teaching and learnings strategies like 'turn and talk', 'think time', 'think, pair, share', read aloud and 'number routine'. Our teachers also learnt to use more online learning websites like www.starfall.com and



www.learnzillion.com which are being used to support the students' learning in school. They have upgraded their skills in handling the students well in the school. Echo and Emily also brought 32 footballs for our students, sports uniforms and literacy books which are now being used in the library. We are so grateful for this important partnership with Nellie McClung Elementary School!

- **Sports!** Wakadogo School has come first in the Koro Sub County sports competition since 2014. Our students have continued to develop their skills in sports and are motivated to participate in Sports. Wakadogo provides all the sports equipment and time is allocated each week so students can play and practice.
- **Music, Dance and Drama Festival:** Wakadogo School participated in the District's Music, Dance and Drama Competition in August 2016 and came second out of 6 schools in Koro Sub County. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to express themselves, to speak about issues that they feel strongly about and to learn traditional cultural songs and instruments that are part of their Acholi heritage.
- **Class Days for Parents:** We had three class days in 2016. During those important class visits, parents were able to attend in large numbers every term. Teachers introduced parents to the class curriculum, parents observed the classroom teaching, library reading and computers lessons which were being taught. The librarian spoke to the parents about the importance of reading at home for the students. The nurse also spoke to parents on issues around health, hygiene and prevention of malaria.
- Our **Sponsor A Child** program in June 2015, we now have sponsors for 239 children! Thank you to all the sponsors – your support makes a very big difference to these children's lives.
- We just published our global [2015/16 financial accounts](#). Our income for the year was CAD 189,837. The parents and guardian's contributed an amazing CAD 36,129. Our expenditure was CAD 145,080.



Thank you so much for your support – we couldn't do this without you and thanks to you, 454 children in a beautiful village in northern Uganda get access to quality education in a fun and positive learning environment. Thank you to each and every one of you for your amazing support and for making sure Wakadogo School keeps going!



With our very best wishes,
The Wakadogo family

Thank you!

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