



## Wakadogo Annual Review 2019 June 2020

**Dear friends of Wakadogo,**

These are unprecedented and difficult times: Wakadogo School has been closed since March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Uganda is in one of the toughest lockdowns in the world. The Musgrave Health Centre has remained open to ensure that students and the community can still access treatment for other serious health conditions such as malaria and to support with the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. Uganda has so far successfully prevented the spread of COVID-19 and so we hope that schools will begin to re-open in July.



**There are so many achievements in 2019 that we are so happy to share with you in this review. Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.**

### **Overview of Wakadogo**

Wakadogo School is a nursery and primary school in a village called Acoyo, 8 kilometres outside of Gulu town in northern Uganda, which was heavily impacted by the atrocities committed by the rebel group, the [Lord's Resistance Army](#), until 2006. Wakadogo School opened in 2009 and in the 2019 academic year, it served and **provided quality education to 451 children (242 girls and 209 boys) and employed 36 people from the local community**. We continued to provide quality daily school meals which result in better nutrition and health. School meals are also a strong driver of consistent school attendance as well as increased achievement in education.

### **Academic performance 2019**

**Wakadogo School came 2nd out of 92 Schools in Omoro District** based on our students' Primary Leaving Examination results. All 34 students passed with great grades and are enrolled in secondary schools. We are so proud of this steady progress (we came 5th in 2016, 4th in 2017 and 3rd in 2018).

Since 2016, **129 students (65 girls and 64 boys) have graduated from Wakadogo School**. All of these students enrolled into secondary schools across Uganda and since then, only two students have dropped out. These figures are significantly better than the national average across Uganda (only 25% of students enrol into secondary schools and only 26.4% complete lower secondary school).

## **Celebrating 10 years of Wakadogo School!**

We celebrated 10 years of Wakadogo School in April 2019 together with a delegation of supporters, including our youngest supporters Faiz, Faye and Ayah. They shared their skills in playing football, making slime and dancing with their friends at Wakadogo School. We wish to thank the Trimark Family and Ashley Wade for joining us for our 10-year birthday in April 2019.

## **Sporting Achievements**

Wakadogo School came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 14 schools that participated in the Kids athletics competition in Koro Sub County which took place in April 2019. Our Under 12 students came 1<sup>st</sup> and the Under 14 students came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The average of the three categories put us in overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2019!

Six of our students were selected to represent Omoro District for the Uganda National Primary Schools Kids Athletics Championship which took place in May 2019 in Kabarole District in Western Uganda.

## **Music, Dance and Drama achievements**

Wakadogo School came 1<sup>st</sup> place in Koro Sub County in August 2019. Our students then represented Koro Sub County at the Omoro District Music Competition where we came 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 7 schools in the District.



## **Class Days**

We host “Class Days” for parents and caregivers every term. During those days, parents came to school in large numbers to learn about the school curriculum and how to support their children with homework. Class Days have been very helpful in increasing parents’ commitment to supporting their children’s education. Involving parents and families in the process of learning helps to encourage active participation and commitment at home.

## **School Sewing Project**

The school sewing group made 170 tote bags which were sold internationally to raise funds for Wakadogo. This is thanks to the training they received in 2018 by Estelle Imbert from France and a seamstress from Gulu, Susan as well as additional funding and support from Ashley Wade to produce and sell the tote bags.

If you would like to buy a Wakadogo tote bag, please let us know! They are \$20/£16 each.



## **Annual School Trip**

The annual school trip is one of the highlights of the school calendar. Our school trip took place in November 2019. The students visited Gulu Airport, Gulu Recreation Centre where they enjoyed boat rides and the day ended with a visit to Fun City Gulu where the students enjoyed rides and games!

## **Musgrave Health Centre**

The Musgrave Health Centre was opened on the school premises in order to ensure that children do not miss school because of common diseases like malaria. It was expanded into a standalone facility in March 2017 in order to serve the wider community in addition to Wakadogo School students and staff. Since 2017, we have treated 14,296 patients, of which 9,032 were students. 1,656 cases of malaria have been treated since 2017. In 2019, the health center treated 5,831 patients, of which 3,272 were students.

The Musgrave Health Centre team treats, trains and educates the students, staff and wider community. This includes training on malaria prevention, hygiene and sanitation, comprehensive sexuality education including reproductive health, as well as information about teenage pregnancy, contraception, childbirth and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV.

In addition, the Musgrave Health Centre provides training to the community on the following:

- Measles Rubella Polio training
- Health Management Information System (HMIS) tools update training
- Health Unit Management Committee training
- School health club training



During 2019, the Musgrave Health Centre engaged in two community outreach activities in partnership with local and international non-governmental organisations such as Reproductive Health Uganda, Marie Stopes Uganda and World Vision, the local government, Village Health Teams and our Lapinat Health Centre III to provide the following services at no cost: family planning services, distribute reading glasses, cervical cancer screening, laboratory testing and HIV prevention, counselling and testing. Through these activities, we reached 247 individuals. These activities have increased significantly in 2020 including health wellness camps and antenatal care outreaches and we look forward to sharing these successes with you next year.

## **Global Financial Accounts 2018/19**

We have published our global 2019 financial accounts. Our expenditure for the year was CAD \$172,254 compared to CAD \$178,696 in 2018.

## **Thank you so much for your support**

We couldn't do this without you and thanks to you, 451 children in a beautiful village in northern Uganda are able to access to quality health care and education in a fun and positive learning environment. Thank you to each and every one of you for your amazing support and for ensuring we can continue doing the work we do.

With our very best wishes,  
**The Wakadogo family**

**We want to say a special thank you to our most generous supporters:**

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