



Agnes
Zabali
BOYS & GIRLS
Club of KAMENGO,
Uganda

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Project Background

Country:	Uganda
Area:	Kamengo
Project Lead(s):	Jimmy Sebulime
Field Coordinator:	Chris Mutebi
Partners:	CACHA-Canada and Ggoli Health Centre

Overall Budget

Total amount of funds raised for this year's budget	
Total amount transferred to the field	
Total amount remaining in Ottawa.	

SUCCESS STORY

Big Similes for 2016 for AZBGC as inaugurated a new basket ball court, purchased five new computers and two students achieved Degrees and Diplomas, 155 are enrolled in school: Primary 88, Secondary 57, Vocational 4, and University 6.

“Because of a society of responsibility, truth, honesty, paying –it forward”

From the Desk of the Field Coordinator



Dear Friends,

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of AZBGC 's supporters for helping make this year another successful one. With your support, not only were we able to accomplish this year's goals, but together we exceeded beyond expectations.

In the 2016 financial year we completed many great things, paid annual year school fees for 155 boys and girls and many club's achievements in the report are the result of the generosity and determination of our donors, supporters, volunteers, the Ottawa Committee and the AZBGC Kamengo youth committee to improve the lives of disadvantaged children in Kamengo, Mpigi Uganda by providing them with the means to receive an education and healthcare; something which all children should have available.

We've had a remarkable year in 2016/17, and together we can make 2017/18 even better.

Chris Mutebi



About Agnes Zabali Boys and Girls Club (AZBGC)

The Agnes Zabali Boys & Girls Club (AZBGC) of Kamengo was initiated in 2006 as a community based organization called (Care for Your Life) by the family and friends of Agnes Zabali to address the health and education needs that many orphans and vulnerable children face in Kamengo, Uganda. The organization was, and remains today, guided by a local youth committee made up of volunteer youth who have been in the project since its inception. The youth work on all of the projects including implementing income generating activities, academic support, health awareness programs, Advocacy, capacity building, training and mentoring the younger children in good character and citizenship. Agnes Zabali Boys & Girls Club programs are designed to provide a safe and supportive place, where every child and adult is respected and valued in an environment of inclusion and acceptance. Our local volunteers model hard work, honesty, fair play, positive attitude, cooperation and respect for self and others. We believe that all young people can grow into responsible, contributing and self-reliant members of the community. Children and youth are the centre of everything we do. By supporting basic health, education and through field trips and recreational activities, we encourage and empower them to develop healthy lifestyles, a life-long passion for learning, leadership, life skills and a sense of social responsibility.

AZBGC is a local NGO helping children and youth who live in dire conditions to receive an education, it is a club with no political or religious affiliations. AZBGC serves the children of Kamengo regardless of their ethnicity, race or religion, with the goal to help as many children as possible go to school and have a chance of success.

AZBGC Mission

To help children living in poverty remain in school and have the opportunity to reach their true and full potential. Many of the children we assist are orphans or children living in emergency situations. By enhancing the quality of life for children in need, as well as their respective families, we actively help them gain access to education.

We believe that through providing access to education, we prevent children from prematurely leaving school and, in the case of girls, reduce the chance of early matrimony. Education and the support of AZBGC can move a child beyond the cycle of poverty.

Project Objectives and Goals:

The goals are to assist vulnerable children and youth in Kamengo community with basic health, education, provide recreational activities and developmental projects that improve health and well-being, enhance youth development, foster community growth, create employment, and reduce poverty and inequality in the future for those in our program.

Therefore, in our efforts to meet these goals the AZBGC Project seeks to:

- a) Promote academic achievement and innovation among the youth of the AZBGC;

- b) Provide resources and opportunities that will enable those in our program to overcome barriers and remain in school;
- c) Strengthen the capacity of 155 orphans and vulnerable children to manage the challenges that they face in day to day life;
- d) Provide additional support to the local community education system; and,
- e) Increase access to basic health care services for all members of the AZBGC.

Project activities

Education /Academic support

One of our core program areas seeks to enable youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations and embrace technology, to achieve success in a future career.

In 2016/17, the program supports 155 children and youth with school fees and school supplies for Primary, Secondary, Vocational and University programs.

Art with a mind - children ages 6-25 years participated in weekly arts activities (drawing and painting) facilitated by the older students and, where possible, by visiting volunteers (e.g. education project). Maximizing Out of School Time – Senior students and volunteers (when visiting) helped children in daily reading, math and science activities making use of the AZBGC library for quiet and supported study.

We are very proud of our students and their progress as they work towards successful completion of their programs. This year: seven students completed Secondary 4 and hope to go on to vocational school (e.g. plumbing, nursing); 8 students graduated from high school (Secondary 6); one student graduated vocational school (Fashion Design); and, one student graduated from university (Social Work & Administration).

a) Scholarships

We are happy that again some AZBGC students received full scholarships to some schools in Kampala. These students included:

- Sylvia Namuddu, full scholarship at Kibuli Secondary School joined senior one;
- Naggiba Naggida, full scholarship at St Mary's Kitende Entebbe, senior two;
- Allan Kisinga a non-member of AZBGC, full scholarship at Mbogo Mixed School, senior five;

Two students received full scholarships for tuition costs to begin university in September 2017 - congratulations to Diana Nassamula and Paul Ssembatya

For those who were given scholarship last year, some passed their National exams with very good grades and renewed their scholarships: Maureen and Viola in Senior Five, and Pauline and Phionah in Senior Three are continuing with their studies on scholarships.

b) Computer Lab:

In 2016/17 \$5000(CAN) or 12,924,986UGX was received from the Ottawa English Catholic Teacher's Association (OECTA) to bridge the technological knowledge and skill gap in the youth in Kamengo.

There was a serious need for a well-equipped and stocked computer lab to accommodate the increasing number of users and their technological needs. The grant was successfully sent via wire transfer on Dec. 2nd, 2016 and received on Dec. 5th, 2016. We acknowledge the receipt of these funds which were used to purchase 5 new computers that will be used by our 155 registered orphans and vulnerable children and other community members. The computers will also serve as a resource for senior students, the AZBGC Youth Committee and volunteers visiting from USA and Canada.

c) Education Project April 2017

In partnership with University of Ottawa four newly graduated teachers spent three weeks working in classrooms at St Anne Ggoli Girls Primary School under the leadership of Ruth Kane, Professor University of Ottawa. In addition, the teachers organized activity stations each afternoon for all children visiting the center, including activities in Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Computer Skills, Physical Education, and Arts and Crafts.

Ugandan text books for Grades 1 – 7 across English, Math, Science, and Social Studies were purchased and donated to St. Anne's along with supplies of pencils and notebooks for the children.

d) Laptops for University Students

The University of Ottawa donated 12 laptops to AZBGC which will be distributed to University and College students to support them in their studies. The University of Ottawa has committed to donating 20 laptops per year over the coming years.

e) Data Projector

A new data projector and DVD player along with a selection of educational and leisure DVDs were donated to AZBGC (Ruth Kane). These will enable the center to provide film nights for entertainment and discussion as well as educational films to support students work in science, geography and social studies.

A data projector was also donated to St. Bruno Secondary School along with a laptop and a series of Planet Earth films and teachers' notes to support science, geography and social studies classes.

Health lifestyles, Advocacy and Training

We develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

a) Canadian Medical Internship

Canadian medical student Flavia Sendi-Mukasa completed a two-month medical internship at the Ggoli Health Center and Nkozi Referral Hospital. During her stay Flavia ran a number of health-related activities with AZBGC girls and boys and parents.

b) Health Education Program

The health education program was organized with intervention from Joy Uganda and a District Coordinator who delivered a health talks (Sexual Reproductive health and HIV Youth Dialogue) to ages of 14- 24 years. Nurses from Canada visited in April 2017 to conduct 'train the trainer' sessions with

two senior girls who will take on responsibility to offer regular sessions on sexual and reproductive health to both girls and boys.

The clinical and non-clinical care support and treatment services were provided to members of AZBGC through the CACHA Medical Mission. This included the services of medical volunteers, messages delivered on dental care and hand washing and health supplies provided to community members. Boys and Girls were also offered physical fitness activities that built their strength and promote teamwork and fair play. These activities include basketball, dodge ball, and sponsored runs. Two boys from AZBGC were the best in the Nkozi Charity Run which raised money for the accident ward.

c) Afri-Pads

AZBGC girls received packs of Afripads, compliments of funds raised by Ottawa committee member Sharon Mulvey, family and friends.

d) Good character and citizenship

Youth are empowered and supported to develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect their own and others' cultural identities. We initiated the Youth of the Year award, a youth recognition program for AZBGC members ages 7-25 to promote and celebrate service to AZBGC, community and family. The award takes account of academic applications and performance, moral character, and life goals. In 2016/17 the Youth committee selected Lillian Nassuna as recipient of the Youth of the Year Award.

e) Training in Business Development.

In April 2017 Linda Newton, Canadian volunteer offered a series of business development workshops for senior youth and university graduates. The goal of this two-week series of workshops was to collectively develop sustainable business plans for the AZBGC that will:

- Provide income and employment for youth in Kamengo;
- Provide training/co-op opportunities;
- Establish a microfinance fund to offer start-up financing for small business.

Senior students were led through a series of workshops on how to identify costs, resources, market potential and risks in the development of four identified businesses for AZBGC. The outcome of these workshops was the completion of four business plans to be submitted to the AZBGC Ottawa Committee for consideration for funding.

f) Career Development Workshops

As part of the Education project and business training senior high school and other students were offered training on a range of activities important to developing their career skills. These included:

- Internet security
- Time management
- Goal setting
- Internet research (scholarship, open university courses etc.)
- Curriculum vitae
- Presentation skills

Skill Development and Enrichment program

a) Recreational Area/Court:

It is very clear that large numbers of children and youth have improved their skills, and contributed to the creation of the AZBGC spirit of love, respect and concern for others. Last year AZBGC created a strong relationship with the Volunteer students from USA and Court for Kids and we are happy that they were supported us in the construction of a full-sized basketball court with the guidance and leadership from Ottawa Committee members (Keith, Linda and Family) who also contributed much of the resources to make the court complete.

c) Music, Dance and Drama

It is our custom to welcome our volunteers at Kamengo with students performing local dances and drumming and performing plays on stage. This year the AZBGC boys and girls welcomed visitors from USA who visited as part of Courts for Kids initiative (December 2016), CACHA medical mission volunteers (March 2017), the Education Project volunteers from Ottawa University (April 2017) Linda Newton, Business Development (April 2017) and Kate Spellan and nurse Robyn, Health Project (April 2017).

Income Generating Projects

The Agnes Zabali Boys & Girls Club Youth Committee has been engaged in chicken rearing as a sustainable income generating project.

We are looking for land expansion to resume that flower project and growing crops and bananas. These and other potential businesses were discussed at the Business Development workshops and are currently being considered by the AZBGC Ottawa Committee. The goal is learning the value of hard work and potentially raise food and surplus income that can help cover day to day and monthly operational expenses such as electricity bills, cleaning and sanitation items.

Events

AZBGC planned and participated in number of events this year including:

- AZBGC Christmas party
- Kamengo Medical mission
- Education Mission

Monitoring and Evaluation

- a) Recommendations and plans are provided by the Ottawa Committee for the consideration of the Youth Committee and vice versa.
- b) Donated funds and grants are recorded accurately, records are kept of all expenditures and receipts and financial reports are submitted to the relevant organizations (AZBGC Ottawa and CACHA)

- c) The Youth committee has participated in meetings with community members which have made a great impact on our community partnerships with health and education systems.
- d) Boys and Girls monthly meetings and parents annual meeting are held and attendance lists are recorded.

Successes

- With support of AZBGC Ottawa Committee and CACHA, school fees for 155 students were paid.
- In partnership with CACHA, Ggoli Health centre, Nkozi Hospital and the Village Health team, we hosted a successful medical mission in March 2017.
- Chicken project yielded financial benefits for the AZBGC through 2016/17
- Youth Dialogue were successfully held in partnership with Joy Uganda and the District leadership health activities for sexual and reproductive health and HIV.
- Two girls graduated from post-secondary education: one with a Bachelor's Degree in Social work and Social Administration and the other with a Diploma in Fashion and Design.
- 40 girls were supported with Afripads sanitary pad packs.
- AZBGC participate in the charity run for Nkozi hospital for construction of an emergency accident ward.
- A full-sized basketball court was constructed with support of Court for Kids (volunteer students from USA) and funds from Keith Laughton and Linda Newton's family.
- Five computers were purchased with the grant from Ottawa English Catholic Teacher's Association (OECTA) which was successfully obtained through an application by Ottawa AZBGC member Susan Mayo.
- Two students received full basketball scholarship at Kibuli Secondary and St Mary's Kitende.
- AZBGC purchased 100 seated tent and 100 chairs to be used in future AZBGC and other community events.

Challenges

- Limited funds for education support. The AZBGC continues to struggle to meet the increasing costs of sending all 155 students to school. Especially in light of school/college/university fees increasing as our children and youth get older.
- In late March 2017 AZBGC driver Miiro Martin was involved in an accident with the AZBGC van as he travelled to collect doctors from Nkozi Hospital after surgery. The van was damaged significantly but thankfully Miiro escaped unhurt.
- Slow computers and limited numbers of chairs

Actions taken to mitigate challenges

Written proposals were submitted and grants were received for chairs and computers

Outcomes:

- New computers are used now by boys and girls and the community members
- Reduced on insufficient seats; we have 2 tents and 200 chairs

Recommendations:

- Continue to aim towards our goals of improving and assisting the boys and girls with basic health and education, recreational activities that enhance youth development and create employment for those in our program.
- Continue with Ottawa-based fundraisings that will make easier for the AZBGC to continue implementing education support for kids in primary, secondary, vocation and University in 2017/2018
- Recruit more volunteers to Kamengo to teach and provide counseling; improve library, centre and girls' education and seminars.

Identification of Priorities/Next Steps

Fund raising:

- Raise sufficient funds to enable payment of all primary and secondary fees.
- Continue to fund students who are currently in post-secondary education (vocational college-2; university - 4)
- Raise funds to enable senior students to attend vocational college (8 students) and university (9 students). It is likely that these students will be selected through a scholarship process.

Operational Costs:

- Paying monthly salary for Project Coordinator & Head coach and Youth Secretary

Business Development (under consideration by the Ottawa AZBGC Committee)

- Buying additional land for food
- Purchasing a mini bus
- Increasing investment in the chicken project

Project Impact

None of the events that we participated in this year would have been possible without the commitment and hard work of our AZBGC Youth Committee, the Ottawa Committee, donors, and the many dedicated volunteers from Canada and the USA. Without regular contributions of donors and participation by volunteers we would not be able to serve hundreds of children and families. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers who have given their time, resources and energy to the AZBGC.

The project has had a positive impact where AZBGC students have graduated from University and Vocational training institutions, they have received scholarships for basketball, and benefited from income projects. This positive change was noticed by the CACHA medical volunteers in March/April 2017 and Education mission students in April 2017.

ACCOUNTABILITY

AZBGC does its accountability and this achieved by implemented by youth committee and Ottawa Committee and CACHA that over sees and ensures all compliance processes are completed.

Kamengo Youth Committee

The Ottawa Committee

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Les Gorman

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Susan Mayo

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