



AGNES ZABALI BOYS AND GILRS CLUB OF KAMENGO

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Project Background

SUCCESS STORY

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Country:	Uganda; East Africa
Area:	Kamengo –Mpigi Uganda
Project Lead(s):	Jimmy Sebulime
Field Coordinator:	Chris Mutebi
Field Partners:	Ggoli Health Centre and Nkozi Hospital
Expiry Date of MoU	

Overall Budget (to be filled when reconciliation is complete)

Total amount of funds in CACHA Cda account carried over from last year	
Total amount of funds raised for this year's budget	
Total amount transferred to the field	149,004,688 Ugx
Total amount spent on Canadian expenses	<u>Web site and sheets</u>
Balance in CACHA Account in Canada to carryover for next FY	
Total amount left in field to carryover	0.0 Ugx
GRAND TOTAL	

Executive Summary

Hello everyone, this report serves as a tool for AZBGC to report to you about the activities and a deep reflection of its core purpose and mode of operation. Quite a number of activities planned for 2017/18 have been achieved which were guided with the work plan and the budget. 131 boys and girls were supported to attend school in Primary, Secondary, Vocational and University, Livelihood projects were established, recruited 10 new boys and girls into the club and each year we will recruit ten (10) so as to go back to 200 boys and girls into the project. Inspired by the vision to see the boys and girls of Kamengo attain quality of life in their care in a manner that builds sustainability and encourages independence basing in a belief of compassion, self-esteem regardless of color, ethnics and we believe children rights encompass to be one's self, to think one's own thoughts, and to speak them and to develop one's abilities to full the potential. The report also explains the activities that were engaged in during the year in question and the challenges faced considering our major core program areas of supporting Education/Training, Recreation activities, Health awareness programs, Income generating activities and Coordination and Partnership. With your support, partnership and coordination the club will continue to assist the children and youth to uplift their wellbeing through a community Centre program by equipping them to deal with a society; how a real family and community functions, how neighbors interact, how to deal with local leadership, basic amenities, counselling, education and protection of girls.

Thank you very much and you make us better,

Chris Mutebi

Project Description:

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 education, training and capacity building, health awareness programs, recreation and sports, income generating activities, coordination and partnership, 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 center 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.

Project Objectives/Goals

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 and Timelines

Education/Academic support, training and capacity building

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 2017/18, the program supported 131 children and youth with school fees and school supplies for Primary, Secondary, Vocational and University programs.

We are very proud of our students and their progress as they work towards successful completion of their programs. This year: in October – December six (6) students are expected to graduate with undergraduate degrees in different course disciplines. Four (4) completed Secondary 4 and applied to the Ottawa Committee to consider them for vocational school in (e.g. Motor vehicle repairing, plumbing and hotel management); five (5) students graduated from high school (Secondary 6).

We are happy to report that a number of our students are continuing their studies on full scholarships and others were awarded scholarships this year 2017/18 to schools in Kampala. These students included:

- Sylvia Namuddu and Shoron Kiryokya, full scholarship at Kibuli Secondary School joined Senior one and Two;
- Naggiba Naggida, full scholarship at St Noah Entebbe, Senior five;
- Allan Kisinga a non-member of AZBGC, full scholarship at Mbogo Mixed School, Senior six;
- Pauline Nakamanya, Moureen Nankumbi, Viola Namale and Phiona Nantumbwe full scholarships at St Mary's Kitende

Two students received full scholarships for tuition costs to begin studies at Nkozi University in September 2018 - congratulations to Diana Nassamula and Paul Sembatya.

In partnership with University of Ottawa Faculty of Education, ten newly graduated teachers spent three weeks working in classrooms at St Anne Ggoli Girls Primary School and Kamengo Primary under the

leadership of Ruth Kane, Professor University of Ottawa. In addition, the teachers organized activity stations at each afternoon for all children visiting the center, including activities in Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Computer Skills, Physical Education, Arts and Crafts. This included 'Art with a mind', a weekly arts activities (drawing and painting) children ages 6-25 years participated in

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.

Technology:

The AZBGC computer lab comprises five computers which were donated by O.E.C.T.A. are still working well. This space is being well used and serves as a resource for all boys and girls. Internet was provided by the Rotary Club of Nepean-Kanata. We appreciate Teresa Connolly for taking her time to train children and youth in keyboarding skills and providing a program that can be used to train other students. (Education Project April 2018). Two laptops were bought to support both office work of the project coordinator and to be shared by Devis and Ronald for their school work towards degrees in Art.

Health programs, 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) Health Education Program

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 health supplies provided to community members. In addition, three volunteers (Rachel Connolly, Kate Spellen and Robyn Woollard), undertook a Health Awareness Project (April 2018) in the local schools and Ggoli Hospital.

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 football.

b) 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 2017/18 the Youth committee selected Emmanuel Ddumba as recipient of the Youth of the Year Award.

c) Training in Business Development.

In April 2017 Linda Newton, a volunteer and member of the Ottawa Committee, 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 that were submitted to the AZBGC Ottawa Committee for consideration for start-up funding. They were rabbit rearing, AZBGC farm, AZBGC events, and Village Experience, a local tourism business. Funding was provided and all four have been established.

d) Career Development Workshops

As part of the 2018 Education project and follow up to the 2017 business training, senior high school and other students were offered training on a range of activities important to developing their career skills. These included:

- Personal goals and development
- Presentation skills
- Business and financial management

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. The full-sized basketball court built in December 2016 in partnership with the Ottawa Committee and volunteers from Courts for Kids, has been an overwhelming success. It is used by the older AZBGC youth as well as the community and local schools and universities.

b) 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 CACHA medical mission volunteers (March 2018); the Education Project volunteers from University of Ottawa University (April 2018; Linda Newton and Teresa Connolly, Business Development (April 2018); and Rachel Connolly, Kate Spellen and Robyn Woollard, Health Awareness Project (April 2018).

Income Generating Projects

The Agnes Zabali Boys & Girls Club Youth Committee has been engaged in chicken rearing, farming, flower growing, and cow rearing. An additional cow (Rosie) was donated by the March medical volunteers as a sustainable income generating project.

Events

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

- AZBGC Christmas party
- Kamengo Medical mission
- Education Mission
- Trainings for youth committee
- Field trips – Port portal, Entebbe and Kampala

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 all the world. Without regular contributions of donors and participation by volunteers we would not be able to serve 131 children, parents and community. 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 2018 and Education mission students in April 2018.

Local Capacity Development

The AZBGC is working hard to build capacity of the children and youth so that they will have enhanced life choices and be able to break out of the cycle of poverty most live in. The health talks, access to education and mentoring of volunteers all contribute to the development of individual and collective agency of the youth. The success of the businesses also contribute to the local community economy through, for example, employing local women (mothers of our AZBGC members) in our gardens and flower businesses.

The Education Project and the Medical Mission each provide short term employment for youth who provide cooking, cleaning and support services.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Monitoring activity has been taken the following forms:

- All project outputs have been continuously monitored. Relevant records of quantitative and qualitative data concerning activities of the various programs have been kept monthly and annually.
- Regular Field visits by the AZBGC programme staff, Ottawa Committee members ensured that planned activities are taking place and monitor the club changes agreed upon and that resources are utilized for the intended purpose.

- Monthly, Quarterly and annual meetings between AZBGC boys and girls, parents and staff members to review the progress of work against work plans and programme purpose. These meetings have examined completed/ yet to be completed activities and minutes and attendance list are kept.
- Review workshops have been held once a year with the board of directors, parents and Boys and Girls to measure progress towards the achievement of the agreed results.
- Quarterly and annual reports; narrative and financial reports have been produced by AZBGC and been analyzed/ discussed.
- Project Audit was carried out for the period ended 30 April 2017 by Lawrie Prophet & Co to certify whether the organizational financial report agrees with the books of account.

Value for Money:

We are truly grateful to receive such donations to the AZBGC project. It helps a long way in supporting kids to attend school every day. This addresses the key issues facing the youth in Kamengo - access to good education and employment. We have youth who we have put through university or college who remain unemployed because there are no jobs for them. As a result of this, we saw a strategic opportunity to start up several small businesses that will provide employment, generate income and eventually put the AZBGC on a path towards self-sustainability. We have a much longer-term vision to eventually create a learning centre at the AZBGC which will offer a co-op program with training in select areas so that the youth do not have to incur the expense of leaving the community.

The funds allocated to education allowed us to continue supporting 131 existing students and allowed us to fund three new bursaries to deserving youth. The youth were chosen based on their exemplary voluntary contributions to the AZGBC and on their chosen programs of study. The programs (plumbing, business administration and teaching) will all benefit the AZGBC and the community.

Sustainability:

The funds raised by the AZBGC Ottawa committee have provided a great strategic opportunity for the AZBGC. With it, we have been able to sustain our current education program and being able students achieving degrees and diploma, got sponsorships and our vision of making the AZBGC self-sustaining. Over the next year we hope to begin creating synergies within the businesses. The farm and animal rearing businesses will be able to provide food that will support the eco-tourism business and enable the events business to expand into catering. The eco-tourism business will provide income to the local community as it hires local individuals to share their talents teaching drumming and basket making, for example, to the tourists.

As the AZBGC to builds on its successes, we need ongoing support. As mentioned, our vision is to leverage funds to eventually create a learning centre at the AZBGC which will offer a co-op program with training in event management, eco-tourism and agriculture. The businesses will provide the hands-on experience that many cannot get.

With the sustainability goals in mind, a business development workshop for the older youth was facilitated by Dr Newton in April 2017. The youth brainstormed ideas and eventually four potential

business opportunities were selected by the youth themselves. They were: event management, eco-tourism and small animal rearing and agriculture. The youth developed business plans and upon completion of the workshop were told that there was start-up funding available to get their businesses off the ground. Not only will these businesses generate income, they will provide the hands-on experience that many cannot get. As part of ongoing mentoring and support, the youth meet monthly online with Dr Newton and Mr Sebulime to review their progress to date and future plans.

This approach has been a resounding success. Within three months of the initial workshop all four businesses were initiated. A small rabbit rearing business was started, an enclosure was built and rabbit birth of 9 rabbits. The event management business is led by the young men in high school. They have generated incomes out of it, purchase additional supplies that will allow for larger events. An anonymous donor was so impressed with the agriculture business plan that they have provided an interest-free loan of \$25,000 to purchase land. The fourth business, eco-tourism has the greatest financial potential. Four youths have created a program for short stays at the AZBGC where tourists can experience village life and activities. A trial will take place in November before launching early next year.

Successes and Challenges:

With support of AZBGC Ottawa Committee and CACHA, school fees for 131 students were paid

Five acres of land were bought, with the support of a zero-interest loan from an anonymous benefactor. A second anonymous donor provided the start-up capital for the rabbit business, the events business and the Village experience. A proposal to buy supplies, seeds and plants for the farm was submitted accepted and funded by O.E.C.T.A.

In partnership with CACHA, Ggoli Health Centre, Nkozi Hospital we hosted a successfully medical mission and Education mission with leadership of Professor Ruth Kane from Ottawa University.

What are three challenges that you encountered during the FY?

Ensuring parents to contribute to school fees and not assume that these will be totally covered by AZBGC.

Students graduating university or vocational school still struggle to gain meaningful employment.

Challenges in having to pay for transport and storage for the businesses.

Actions taken to mitigate challenges:

Meetings with parents are held three times per year. At these meetings we take the opportunity to stress that AZBGC's role is to contribute to education costs, not to pay them in full. Parents are strongly encouraged to have ownership of their children's education where possible.

As education has showed us that does not promise everything and increasingly becoming expensive at a time when getting jobs also getting tougher therefore invest in soft skills will have a positive attitude

towards work, good work ethics, being flexible and innovative and We are taking steps to ensure that students leaving high school go into a range of different post-secondary pathways including trades that will contribute to the center e.g. mechanic, plumber etc.

A budget has been proposed to purchase a bodaboda and a truck to support the businesses. This will alleviate the transport issues.

Lessons Learned:

With the support of Dr. Newton youth responsible for the businesses have learned valuable skills related to budgeting, forecasting and managing revenue streams. These will continue to be developed through the coming years to support all AZBGC activities.

We recognize the importance of strategic planning for coming years and ensuring that we build leadership capacity of younger children and youth.

It is recognized that volunteers need pre-trip intercultural awareness training to ensure that they are realistic regarding the expectations and experiences.

Opportunities / Recommendations:

New business opportunities for youth are showing real progress in their initial year and promise to grow into opportunities for the youth responsible for them but also for the AZBGC community.

A potential partnership is being developed with the University of Ottawa Center for Research on Educational and Community Services (CRECS) to build capacity in the AZBGC youth for participatory evaluation.

Identification of Priorities/Next Steps:

Fund raising:

- Raise sufficient funds to enable payment of all primary and secondary fees for 2018/19 due January 2019.
- Continue to fund students who are currently in post-secondary education (vocational college-7 university - 5)
- Raise funds to enable senior students to attend university (students). It is likely that these students will be selected through a scholarship process.

Operational Costs:

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

Business Development (under consideration by the Ottawa AZBGC Committee)

- Purchasing a pick-up truck and bodaboda for transport to support businesses and including training to up two/three people
- Funding to secure better storage room for tent and chairs and purchase one more tent

- Purchase for additional rabbits to diversity the stock

Kamengo Youth Committee

Annet Namuleme	Chairman	Third year student following a Bachelor's Degree in Education at Kyambogo University
Emmanuel Ddumba	Vice-Chairman	Student at Aveema College
Davis Njawuzi	Treasurer	Third year student at Ndejje University following a Bachelor's Degree in Commercial art and Design.
Lillian Nassuna	Secretary	Student at St Bruno Senior School
Ronald Nkabirwa	Public Relations Officer	Third year student at Ndejje University following a Bachelor's Degree in Commercial Art and Design
Joyce Nansukusa	Women and children affairs	Third year student at Ndejje University following a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management.
Esther Namugwe		Student at St Bruno Senior School
Miir Martin	Youth and Sports Secretary	Business man, mentor and volunteer at AZBGC
Pius Jjemba	Education coordinator	Graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Development studies of Ndejje University
Chris Mutebi	AZBGC Project Coordinator	Graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Development studies from Nkumba University and Professional practice certificate in Child Protection from Makerere University.

The Ottawa Committee

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