



Parents Hope Primary School Celebrating 10 Years of Service

Preamble

Parents Hope Primary School was established in February 2013 in Ndoragi Village, Bufunda Division in Ibanda, Uganda. This was focused on answering the many community needs and challenges as outlined in the paragraphs below.

The number of orphans and vulnerable children is increasing every day in global communities and Uganda in particular. Orphaned children are disadvantaged in numerous and often devastating ways. In addition to the trauma of witnessing the sickness and death of one or both parents, they are likely to suffer damage to their cognitive and emotional development. They are less likely to go to school, and they are more likely to be subjected to the worst forms of abuse, child labor, and deprivation all contributing to poor quality of life.

Today at Parents' Hope, we boast of an increased enrolment of children from about 30 in 2013 to 345 today. These children have been supported in various ways including learning, and psychosocial support. We appreciate our collaborators in Sweden for their support in providing children with scholastic materials, food, and clothes, especially to the identified very needy children. They also support the construction of classrooms. Further, teachers and volunteers have also been supported with some money to cater for their welfare.

Following the needs assessment we carried out in the area of Ibanda, we have formed a community-based organization – NEC Partners. Parents Hope Primary School is a section of the organization which aims to;

1. Improve educational performance of lower primary school children with a special focus on girls as formerly neglected by the community but also boy children.
2. Improve educational performance through increased parental and community educational support offered to primary school children

3. Increase daily school attendance rates among children
4. Train teachers, counselors, and other school staff to gain the capacity to provide appropriate support and guidance to school children.
5. Provide counseling to orphaned children.

The mission of Parents Hope Primary School:

To provide children with basic education and psychosocial support that will enable them to attain improved health and welfare.

The vision of Parents Hope Primary School:

To raise an empowered Ugandan Child through education and training.

Partnership within Sweden

Our partnership started with our friend Per Erik Falk who first visited us in Uganda in 2012. We shared the idea of beginning a school to help disadvantaged children and he promised support. Through Per, we have been able to connect with many individuals and groups in Sweden that are supporting the school in different ways; during emergencies while some support has been continuously done. Many thanks go to Margareta who was the first contributor to the first building in the school, Sylvia, Katarina, Eva, Helene, Ida-Maria, Gerd, Rolf and Sandra and the entire School association in Sweden. We thank the Montessori Skolan under Marie for their annual generosity in improving the school and infrastructure development. To Deacon Thorsten Tiedt and your team, we are forever grateful for all that you are doing. To Per Lindbladh, we are forever grateful for the school's publicity in Sweden. We are so grateful to Marie-Anne Petersson for her generosity towards the 10-year celebration. We are forever indebted to you.

Parents Hope Primary School Achievements Since 2013

During the last 10 years we have been able to achieve the following;

1. For four years now, pupils sat for national exams (PLE). 20 pupils have been able to join schools of higher learning such as secondary schools and technical institutions.

2. Infrastructure in the school has improved. Two classroom blocks are fully complete. The third is yet to be completed. They are being used for classes and the offices for staff.
3. A school tank was constructed and it has a capacity of 30,000 liters.
4. We connected a power line to the school and it now serves two blocks. This line is supplemented by the solar system.
5. We planted trees on the compound to act as sheds and as windbreaks.
6. Established a crafts group that acts as an avenue for the parents to mobilize themselves and to raise funds for supporting themselves.
7. The number of teacher support staff increased from 3 in 2013 to 20 in 2023.
8. The school now has a desktop computer set to keep school records.
9. A banana plantation has been established to yield food to supplement maize bread, the main food menu at the school.
10. We support children by providing them with foodstuffs during times of need.
11. A scholarship fund has been established to cater for the children who cannot afford secondary and technical education. So far, seven children are being supported.

It was on the above basis that the development of the school and the need to interest parents through interactive sensitization to support their children to be in school continued. The growth of the school has not only been observed in infrastructure development but also in the change among the community members. A positive attitude towards education is acknowledged by the cumulative increase in the number of children for the last ten years.

Children taught from a living room 2013



School and Community Water access



School Water Tank



School Future Development Plan

In the immediate future, we intend to achieve the following;

- i. Complete classroom block 3 (Montessori block) including flooring, outside plastering, and whole painting (interior and exterior).
- ii. Buying more furniture and desks to use in the new block.
- iii. Constructing a new toilet.
- iv. Continue stocking food to feed on the children and other staff.

Acknowledgment

On behalf of the school management and the entire school and Ndoragi community, we take this opportunity to thank our partners in Sweden lead by Per Erick Falk. With honor, we thank Marie-Anne Petersson for the initiative to offer support and make this day 27/4/2023 a memorable one for the entire school and Ndoragi community. We are forever indebted to you!

We further acknowledge the big work done by teachers to nurture children and making this day a colorful one. Thank you so much !