

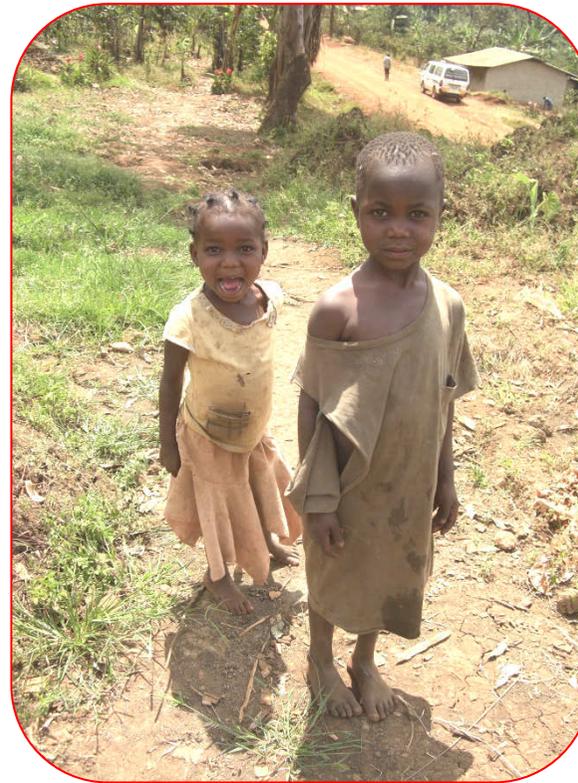


Uganda Concern UK was registered in December 2009 with the object of *'the prevention and relief of poverty in Uganda, in particular by supporting the charitable work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry'*.

EVERY PENNY of money raised by Uganda Concern UK will be used to support the work of UWCM. We do not deduct any administration costs in the UK.

Uganda Concern UK is the sole funder of:

- ◆ The Annual Children's Residential Camp
- ◆ Prayer & Porridge Projects
- ◆ Sarah's Shelters



Supporting the work of UGANDA WOMEN CONCERN MINISTRY (UWCM)



Our money also contributes towards:

- ◆ Women's Groups
- ◆ Community Mobilisation Teams
- ◆ Teenage Mother's Groups
- ◆ UWCM running costs in Uganda eg vehicle maintenance, staff salaries, general office expenditure.

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Uganda Women Concern Ministry is an indigenous Christian charity, established in 1991 to assist and empower people living in poverty, particularly those affected by HIV/AIDS.

The organisation focuses on rural communities near Mbale in eastern Uganda and offers hope to those in need through practical, emotional and spiritual support.

Many of the communities are in the remote foot-hills of Mount Elgon where there is little or no access to any other support.



Children's Work

PRAYER & PORRIDGE:

Run by members of the local church, this project provides support, counselling, prayer, a nutritional meal, games & activities plus help with scholastic



materials/school fees and medical support where possible for very vulnerable, orphaned or abused children. This has a hugely positive impact on their lives and as a result many children are able to continue with their schooling and find work to support themselves.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CAMP:



60+ children, many of whom are orphans, attend a 5 day residential camp where they receive good food, Bible teaching, games, bereavement counselling, friendship and the opportunity to simply 'be children'. For those who attend, this

is a very positive and memorable event in their lives.

Women's Groups

UWCM support **Women's Groups** who work with vulnerable women, teenage mothers and families infected or affected by HIV/AIDS to help them realize their full potential, generate an income and live dignified lives. Others in the community also learn new skills eg how to build energy efficient cooking stoves.

TEENAGE MOTHERS: Aged 12-20 years, these girls are often sent away from home and can view their child as a curse. UWCM work with them and have seen girls be reconciled with their parents and their self-esteem and confidence grow. They provide counselling, teach parenting skills and offer vocational training to encourage independence.



COMMUNITY MANAGED MICRO-FINANCE:

This program is aimed at fighting poverty through raising household incomes. Members are introduced to the concept of savings and credit and many have seen their lives transformed.



One woman said: "Thanks to UWCM and this scheme I have been able to realise my dreams. I have been able to sell some small items on a stall and prepare food and sell this – only small things but I have been able to pay for my children to go back to school."

Community Mobilisation Teams

Community Mobilisation Teams (CMTs) are teams of volunteers, trained by UWCM, who commit their time, skills and resources to serving the most vulnerable families in their local area.



These families are in great need, struggling with sickness, bereavements and/or extreme poverty and include both frail elderly individuals and 'child-headed' families of young orphans or abandoned children. There is no government support available for these marginalised people. The support offered by CMTs includes regular visits to give physical, emotional and spiritual care alongside practical assistance such as gifts of food and clothes, or even rebuilding a traditional home.



This family was identified by the CMT as needing a new home.