

AN UPDATE FROM



ACT4AFRICA COMPLETES TWO-YEAR UKAID-FUNDED PROJECT WITH ADOLESCENT MOTHERS

Zahara has been the greatest highlight of the project. She was an adolescent mother who conceived at age 15, dropped out of school and got married. Since the relationship with her parents was completely damaged, her dreams of going back to school were shattered. Her behaviour was unbearable such that the whole community knew her for the wrong reasons!

She attended all the sessions and implemented most of the things she was taught and now she is a true definition of a transformed mindset. After several

sessions including, **“journey to a career”** and **“decision making”**, she made a personal decision to leave her marriage and return to school to pursue her dream of becoming a motivational speaker.

Without knowing where her tuition would come from, this young mother sold bananas and liquid soap so she could afford scholastic materials. Amidst all the challenges, including being harassed by her ex-husband to go back to her marriage, she stood strong and continued with her studies and is now in S4 (Year 10). She reflects upon what she has learnt every single day and is determined to follow her dreams no matter the circumstances.

Most importantly, Zahara has the zeal to reach out to other young girls with messages on the dangers of teenage pregnancies and early marriages. She says, **“Any girl who listens to me will not fall culprit of teenage pregnancy.”**

The team visited Zahara’s parents to create a support system for her. Her father was still angry and disappointed that she misbehaved and gave birth while in school. This all changed when the team engaged him. He forgave her, openly welcomed her back as her dad, pledged to support her to stay in school.

This programme of work which includes SHRH training, health and wellbeing support, and skills and enterprise training, will continue under a new title of [The Strong Mothers Programme](#)

KATHYS KINDERGARTEN



Term 2 of the academic year 2023 started on May 29th and we are looking forward to a lovely term full of thrilling activities. One parent’s comment about the school: “There is no better school my boy could have joined in Mayuge at his age other than Kathy’s Kindergarten. The care he receives from the teachers is amazing. Thank you so much for the great work you are doing.”

Do take a look at our You Tube video showing one of the students giving their graduation speech at the end of last academic year. [Act4Africa - Kindergarten - pupil graduation speech 2022 - YouTube](#)

AGRICULTURE



In the fight against poverty, hunger and malnutrition in Mayuge district, Act4Africa continues to reach out to farmers through the Grains for Growth Programme. The objective of this programme is to equip farmers with better agronomy practices that will enable them to increase their yields, improve storage and thus have enough food for consumption and surplus for sale. In March this year, a group of 35 beneficiary farmers in Lwabala village, were trained on pre-harvest handling. We are pleased that the training increased farmers' knowledge and inspired them to adopt practices that are going to change the face of farming and thus transform their lives as farmers.



The young women taking part in our skills workshops are now benefitting from a new sewing machine generously funded by our friends at **Soroptimist International Manchester**



Marcus, Rocco, and Rea completed the highest tandem skydive in the UK last weekend. We were so impressed at how they overcame their nerves and took on the challenge.

A SHOUT



This mad lady, Sarah, swam every day in February in the freezing cold to support us!

OUT TO OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS



Meanwhile, Manchester member Barbara's effort was a bit more sedate!

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