

KATHASENDA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



Vision: Releasing children from spiritual, cognitive (economic) physical and social poverty in Jesus's name leading to fulfilled Christian adults.

Mission: To empower and advocate for the disadvantaged children by providing love and hope for the future through a holistic approach to life in order to have an economically strong community that is God fearing

HISTORY

Kathasenda Child Development Centre is a fruit of the vision shared by the leadership of Kasese Baptist Association of Churches formerly under the leadership and Auspices of Pr. Aaron Mafuta and now Rev. Masereka Sitariko and his Executive. It started in August 2005 and it is located in Munkunyu Sub County Kastugiro Parish, Kathasenda Village on the Kathasenda Baptist Church. The idea of a child development Centre was cherished to mitigate the problems of deteriorating economic situation compounded by the growing number of caregivers and children with the HIV/AIDS scourge which resulted into the orphaned, abandoned and often malnourished children.

PROGRAMS

Education Under this program the organization enrolls children in school both primary and secondary. Education sponsors are identified and each enrolled child is attached to a sponsor. The sponsors contribute towards the child's school fees and other basic needs. The children are also given spiritual development mentoring sessions.

Community Complementary Interventions: Under this program, the beneficiaries are sensitized about proper hygiene



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and sanitation and have been supported to access clean and safe water and hygiene facilities. The caregivers and the children are trained in making shopping bags and baskets which has improved on their economic skills of generating income. The community has also been sensitized to adopt and utilize the development programs in the area like the government program of rural electrification. They have been encouraged to pay contributions towards installing power in their homes. The organization has mobilized communities and has contributed towards renovating or constructing shelter for the very poor care givers and children which has improved their livelihoods.

CHALLENGES

Limited space for children's playing areas (playground)

Lack of enough space and funds to set up a multipurpose hall and computer lab.

The staff and volunteers lack skills in resource mobilization and grant writing

ACHIEVEMENTS

Under education promotion, the organization is providing fees to 70 children both primary and secondary schools. The children are also accessing spiritual development mentoring sessions. The caregivers and the children have been trained in making shopping bags and baskets which has improved on their income generation capacity. Under the community complementary interventions, the organization has increased access to clean and safe water supply over 600 community members. The community members have been sensitized about proper hygiene and sanitation. Children totaling to 321 have been registered with the center

