

UPDATE: Uganda & Nigeria

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A MESSAGE FROM CONRAD

It has been a challenging summer in both Uganda and Nigeria. We appealed for the right to keep the Lukome Center in Uganda open during the second lockdown this past summer and the government officials granted our request because we could shelter in place at the center with both students and staff. We were told that we were the only

school in the country that was allowed to remain open; however, they restricted us from teaching in the way we did it in the past, so it has been a real challenge to keep the students engaged and progressing.

Things are now easing a bit in Uganda, but schools and other institutions cannot open fully until students and staff are vaccinated. The problem now is the lack of vaccines in the country.

We had an emergency appeal in the spring to raise funds for critical food supplies during the lockdown. Our staff did a great job in prioritizing needs among our graduates and getting relief supplies—food, basic hygiene supplies, and the like—to those in the greatest need. (See photo at top right.) We were also able to help other vulnerable people in the area of our programs. The government and other community leaders have expressed their deep gratitude for our work during what has been a really challenging time.

We would appreciate your continued prayers to be able to get the vaccine that we need as well as asking God to continue to protect our students and staff from Covid.

Conrad Mandsager CEO & President, ChildVoice



HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE: The needs of the youth we serve are ongoing. Join us and be a force for good in the lives of war-traumatized Ugandan and Nigerian youth. To partner with us, please go to <u>childvoice.org/makeadonation</u>.

VOLUNTEER: There are many ways to help! You can join a sewing group and help put together THRIVE reusable menstrual pads, or even create your own fundraiser to support ChildVoice's mission. To learn more, email info@childvoice.org.

VISIT: We look forward to resuming a busy travel schedule for team trips in 2022! For more information, please contact our Team & Intern Coordinator at

teamandintern@childvoice.org.

PRAY: Please pray for the Lukome Center's students who are anxiously waiting to return to normal class schedules. And pray for our students in Nigeria who are rushing to harvest crops before they are stolen amid an uptick in raids on local farms.

To join the ChildVoice Prayer Network, email <u>haley.westerkamp@childvoice.org</u>.