

ChildVoice

Class 11 Graduation Marks a Milestone



At the Lukome Center, Class 11 girls, who recently completed their internships with local businesses, are preparing to graduate on February 15, 2019!

Among them are three students who are the first to have completed the Auto Mechanics and Driving School program in full—a proud achievement for them, and an important milestone for the Center.

The girls' 12 children, all of whom spent the past two years in our nursery and ECD program, will return home with them. On graduation day, the girls will be joined by their families, community members, previous graduates, and other organization associates to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of these 12 amazing young women.



Moving into Nigerian IDP Camps

We have been steadily ramping up our activity in Nigeria at Pare Camp, near the city of Yola in the northeastern part of the country. As of the beginning of 2019, we have enrolled 150 displaced girls in our community-based programs, engaging them in activities and interventions such as group counseling, music, dance, and drama therapies.

Pare Camp is not currently registered by the Nigerian government as an official Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camp, making the situation for its refugees all the more desperate, as it is not receiving any official relief support. Consequently, ChildVoice recently partnered with Freedom Power Chapel—a local church—to provide a significant supply of much-needed food to the camp's roughly 3,000 residents.

On the day supplies were delivered, the camp had completely run out of food, except for a few bags of salt. Thanks to generous donations, ChildVoice was able to purchase enough maize, rice, beans, pasta, oil and other



Down on the Farm: Water!

The hog farm operation at Lukome has recently enjoyed a number of improvements intended to increase the animals' growth rates and sizes, and improve their overall health. We now have seven fully operational hog barns that can house up to 450 hogs. Each barn is assigned its own manager.

We are now in the process of completing a water tower system that will pump water from a nearby borehole directly to the Lukome campus, obviating the need for girls to walk to the borehole and carry water back in jerry cans. The system will supply water to the campus and to the hog barns. This infrastructure improvement promises to make caring for the animals much easier and more efficient!

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basic foodstuffs to last the camp's residents at least two weeks.

In keeping with the focus of our mission as a development organization, we will search for alternative partnerships to help provide relief for the local community while we continue to work with girls within the camp.

The need to provide services to IDPs in Nigeria continues to grow at an alarming pace. Over 2 million people have been displaced by violence in Nigeria to date—roughly 200,000 alone in the northeastern state of Adamawa, where Pare Camp is located. ChildVoice has also started working in two other camps, where we are beginning to implement community-based programs parallel to those at Pare Camp.

Get Involved!

Join a Team Trip. We have two trips to Uganda coming up in August 2019 and October 2019. These trips are excellent opportunities to gain deeper, first-hand knowledge about our programs and the needs of the girls we serve.

If you've been on a team trip or worked as an intern, consider joining our new Team & Intern Network! To learn more about the Network or to join, contact our Team & Intern Coordinator, Kelsi Kautz, at teamandintern@childvoice.org.

Volunteer to sew THRIVE pads. The THRIVE Project gives young girls in the IDP camps and refugee settlements of Uganda and Nigeria a simple, reusable menstrual pad kit that empowers them to attend school and avoid becoming vulnerable to exploitation. To learn more, contact us at info@childvoice.org.

For information on more opportunities to volunteer, please visit childvoice.org/getinvolved.