

Outlook 2022

Infant mortality after premature births and high-risk pregnancies is unfortunately still far too high in Uganda. In order to enable adequate treatment of the affected babies and to save children's lives, the maternity ward at **St. Francis Hospital** is to be supplemented by a **mother-child unit for the treatment of babies with teething problems**. Apart from structural measures, this requires the equipment with incubators and ventilation devices as well as the creation of a stable power supply. We need 30,000 Euros for the implementation of this project. Finally, the planned **physio-rehab for therapy after orthopaedic interventions** is to be opened; Corona led to the delay of this project. The cost of the facility is 5,000 Euros.

More **water tanks** are urgently needed **at schools** to store water for use, but also to protect against damage caused by heavy rain. The cost per tank is 1,200 euros. **New sanitary facilities** are also needed at **St. George Primary School**. The costs for toilets and showers for girls amount to 3,700 Euros.

The focus of our work will again be on **providing domestic help to particularly poor families**, for example, by rebuilding dilapidated houses or providing health care. In addition, the **sponsorship programme**, the **school feeding programme** and the **agricultural segregation programme** will of course be continued. Should there be another lockdown, we will again support our sponsored children and the poorest through the **distribution of aid packages**.

Thanks to your donations and the tireless **help of Wal-traud Ndagijimana and our local contact partners**, we were able to implement projects and fight poverty again this year. We would like to thank you very much for this!

Right now, the people of Mutolere need your support more than ever.

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Uganda during the Corona pandemic

Until June, only a few people in Uganda were directly infected with COVID-19. This changed when the delta variant spread to Africa. The number of cases suddenly increased and hospitals were stretched to the limit. With low testing capacity and a shortage of vaccines, the government had no choice but to declare a new lockdown, close schools, suspend events and religious services, restrict trade and public transport, and impose a curfew. All this had an effect. After a peak in July, the incidence and the number of covid patients in hospitals dropped. The measures were gradually eased, but unfortunately not in schools, which remain closed.

The poorest and especially the children suffer particularly from the indirect consequences of the pandemic. Apart from high inflation with rapid price increases, three effects in particular stand out:

No jobs for day labourers. Most people in Uganda live as smallholder farmers. For many, however, the land is not enough to provide for the family. They therefore rely on the fields of more prosperous neighbours. Due to the school and shop closures and the restricted tourism, many people are currently unable to pursue their usual work. They now lack the money to employ day labourers; this leads to unemployment and hunger among the poorest.

Teenage pregnancies. The rapidly increasing number of teenage pregnancies is an effect of the pandemic in all African countries. The reasons for this are manifold; the low level of education and the need for social status, which is due to the mothers, and the ongoing school closures, which drive girls into the classical role distribution, are probably the main culprits. As a result, young mothers have to give up school or training and their hopes for a better future are shattered.



Gloria (16 Jahre) mit Jonathan (11 Monate)



Junge arbeitet als Hirte

children, which they earn, for example, by selling crops and herding livestock, or because their labour in the fields has become indispensable for providing for the family.

But there are also the first rays of hope. The ambitious vaccination campaign, which was interrupted in April due to a lack of vaccine, is starting up again. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the health centres, and mobile vaccination teams also visit remote villages. The vaccination rate is increasing - unfortunately still too slowly due to the limited amount of vaccine - and is currently around 8% of the population.

Our work in 2021

In order to support **our 150 sponsored children and another 250 AIDS orphans** in this situation, we organised regular distributions of **aid packages** with food and hygiene items. In addition, the younger sponsored children received clothes and shoes and the older ones received pocket money. In cases of great need, we provided **individual help**, such as the construction of new huts that were in danger of collapsing or the financing of medical treatment.



Alte Hütte im März – Neubau im Juli

Child labour. Since March 2020, schools in Uganda have been closed with a short interruption. The poor are not able to pay for private tuition for their children. They have no choice but to wait patiently for school to open (expected in January). The headmasters fear that many children will not return to the schools because the families can no longer do without the income from their children,

Before Christmas, a small amount of money is paid to the families, which they can use to buy clothes and food or to make urgently needed repairs to their huts.

At the beginning of the year, the **renovation of the laboratory at St. Francis Hospital** in Mutolere was completed. It now forms an essential pillar of diagnostics, also for coronary patients. In order to secure their treatment, to be able to help other patients better and to protect the staff, the association provided the hospital with **20 pulse oximeters, oxygen cylinders with accessories and two oxygen concentrators** as well as several **rapid tests and FFP2 masks** as well as money for the purchase of **protective clothing and disinfectants**.



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Begrüßungskomitee vor den neuen Klassenräumen

During the school closure, five dilapidated classrooms at **Kagera School** were replaced by a **new building**. The new building was officially handed over to the school in October; however, students will

fill the new rooms with life and laughter in January.

School meals at Mutolere Primary School were provided during block classes. Due to increasing poverty, even more children were fed than usual. **Other ongoing projects** such as the **orphan meetings** and the **agricultural seminars** must have to take a break. According to the current status, they will be **continued from January**.