

Oasis Uganda



Oasis Uganda is currently looking for partners for an exciting building project for its work through the 'Bambejja programme' in Kawempe Division, Kampala. Please read below to find out more about Oasis Uganda, Bambejja, and this great building opportunity'.

Our vision is for community – a place where everyone is included, making a contribution and reaching their God-given potential

Mission:

Oasis walks alongside the poor and excluded, empowering people to find their voice, address injustice, and strengthen communities. Oasis works in an integrated and comprehensive way.

Objectives

- Local communities that are characterized by trust, safety and cohesion, mutual support, vibrancy, health and opportunity, and have increasing capacity to address their own issues.
- People who are excluded from community brought back into community and finding wholeness and fullness of life.
- The replication of models that effectively contribute to community transformation or bring the excluded into community

Oasis Uganda Projects

- **Bambejja**, a multi-faceted program based in Kawempe Division in Kampala city, which focuses exclusively on the needs and rights of disadvantaged, vulnerable girls, young women and their families living in slum areas.
- **Net2Work**, an IT and job skills training program for disadvantaged youth who have been unable to complete their formal school education, with one base in Kampala and another in Gulu.
- **Beersheba Project** in Mbale (Eastern Uganda), which is based on the Bambejja model and is also working with vulnerable girls, their families and the wider community.
- **Esteem** (began 2008, based in Mbale) – providing knowledge about HIV prevention and building esteem in school going children. It is a sex and relationships course that seeks to empower young people to make good and healthy choices in life.

Bambejja



Bambejja (a Luganda word for princesses), provides holistic care to underprivileged girls and their families in the slum community of Kyebando, Mulago and Kalerwe in Kawempe, north of Kampala; empowering them to make responsible, moral and healthy life choices in order that they might reach their full potential.

Many people live in small, poorly maintained one-roomed houses and the community is characterised by poor drainage, mud paths, rubbish piles and poor sanitation. Built on marshy land, homes often flood during rainy season and diseases such as cholera, typhoid and malaria are common.

Nearly all the girls are affected by HIV and AIDS, either having lost a parent to AIDS or living with a carer who is HIV+ and often incapacitated. For these girls the prospects of receiving education and later finding employment are slim. Many are at risk from rape, other abuse, teenage pregnancy and prostitution.

Bambejja reaches out to these girls and their families through the following programmes:

- Formal school education for girls from kindergarten to advanced secondary level
- Vocational training and support to underprivileged teenage mothers and adolescent girls (aged 16-22)
- Training and support to guardians and community members in areas such as parenting skills, money management, succession planning, child rights, craft skills and urban farming.
- Health and hygiene training, including HIV and AIDS prevention and care



Bambejja Building and Repairs Proposal

The Bambejja Project used to operate from two buildings at two separate sites: one was owned by Oasis Uganda and the other was rented. The whole of the Bambejja Project has recently moved to the site owned by Oasis Uganda in order to improve the services offered to our beneficiaries.

Operating from one centre promotes cohesion and efficiency. Oasis Uganda staff are better able to serve the girls and their families as they are on hand throughout the day. Staff members can communicate and work together more easily and are also able to share their resources. Staff and beneficiaries do not have to spend time moving between sites, which ensures that classes and activities begin on time. Crucially, all beneficiaries are on the same site as the medical room, so they are able to receive immediate medical attention if needed.

The costs of rent, utilities and security are reduced by operating from the site owned by Oasis Uganda, freeing up resources that can be used instead to directly benefit the girls and their families.

In order for the girls and their families to gain maximum benefit from the relocation of the Bambejja Project, the following construction work, improvements and alterations are required:

- Repair one of the perimeter walls, which is crumbling
- Build partition walls to create an extra office
- Repair ceilings in the offices and classrooms
- Build a storage facility
- Refurbish the kitchen. The walls currently in place are constructed from iron sheeting, which makes the kitchen extremely hot.
- Purchase energy-saving stoves, which will reduce the amount of fuel needed for cooking, helping Oasis Uganda to be more environmentally friendly.

The expected end result of the project is for there to be good-quality classrooms and space for Bambejja activities, a sufficient number of offices for the staff and a safe kitchen with solid walls and energy-saving stoves.

The improvements to the building will provide a better and safer centre for the girls and families that attend the Bambejja Project. It will be an excellent learning environment for the beneficiaries, with enough space for various training sessions and other community activities to take place.

Thank you very much.

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Thank you for your interest in making a difference in the lives of vulnerable people



The Bambejja Community House of Hope



The outside view of the kitchen

The inside view of the kitchen



Proposed energy saver stoves to be installed in the kitchen

Summary Budget

Activity	Total cost (shs)	£	\$
Perimeter wall and renovation	5,543,000	1,788	3,079
Ceilings of three rooms	1,920,700	620	1,067
Kitchen construction and refurbishment	6,000,000	1,935	3,333
Construction of the storage facility	2,126,000	686	1,181
Total Cost	15,589,700	5,209	8,660