

# EDUKEY GENDER SUPPORT ORGANISATION (EDGSO)



## **Right to Education promotion**

### ***Second Term Performance progress***

**2017**

## **Introduction**

Here is the right to education promotion for vulnerable children project performance progress report for second term. Edukey Gender support organization promotes the right to education of vulnerable and needy children in rural and semi urban areas in Wakiso and Mukono districts respectively.

## **Why the support for education of children?**

It is the education is the foundation of our society, helps to stimulate the minds of people and mold inquisitive minds into intellectuals. More so education gives people the skills and tools needed to navigate the world and overcoming the challenges there of.

## **Background**

The education system in Uganda is that there are three terms in a year when children sit in class for a period of three months and have a holiday for a month or few weeks. Every end of term children are assessed by their teachers through examinations. At the end of the term children are given report cards to know how they performed and where they need improvements.

In Uganda there two systems of school thus the Government aided school and the private ones. The Government aided ones are supposed to be for free but this is not the case. The education services in Government schools are very poor therefore parents/guardians end up taking the children to private schools which offer better services. The challenge is that private schools are quite expensive to most of the parents and guardians. For better results and competition with the rest of the children, parents and guardians try as much as they can to take their children in private schools.

Edukey is supporting some children to have better education in private schools. Most of the supported children by Edukey supported children go to private schools around the operation area and this is done to get good results.

## **Holiday period**

All schools in Uganda got their holidays on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017. All the supported children reported to office some with their report cards while others without them. The holidays are for three weeks from 25<sup>th</sup> August to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

## **Progress of the children**

Out of the total number of 168 supported children by the organization, 87 received their report cards and the rest did not due to non completion of the school tuition as here below.

Location	Level	Total Number	With cards report	Without cards report
Gangu	Primary	138	87	51
Mukono	Nursery	30	30	Nil
Gangu	Secondary	65	39	26

### Challenges encountered

As an organization just like any other business, there a number of challenges encountered during the second term. The challenges faced include among others:-

- Failure to clear tuition for a number of project supported vulnerable children which brought about some of the children as seen from above failing to get their report cards.
- Parents /guardians failure to comply with the agreed terms of contributing part of the school requirements.
- Poor performances of some of the children as per the report cards due to irregular attendance in classes since children are always sent out for school fees.
- Lack of reference books for the children to use to do their home works and reading during prep time as well as over the weekends.

### Way forward

The way forward in addressing the above constraints include:-

- Support children with necessary requirements to fully attend classes than as it has been in the second term.
- Establish and equip the library with reference books that supported and non supported community children can access and make use of them.
- Hold career guidance meetings with children to guide them on how to utilize their time for reading and doing other home cores.
- Conduct meetings with parents and guidians to educate about the importance , rights to education of children, their rights and obligations towards the development of young people.
- Meeting with teachers about the improvement in the performance of children for better results.
- Conduct group discussions and debates to improve on reading, question approaches/ interpretations and communication skills.

- Resource mobilization to support children and be retained in classes and study throughout the term.

### **Conclusion and recommendation**

Given the above mentioned challenges, management is trying to find ways and means of addressing them however given the merger resources it is still a challenge which needs support from friends and well wishers. There is much that needs to be done so as to realize the organization set goals and objectives of promoting the right to education of children. Since every child counts and is the future leader of tomorrow, there is need to empower and equip him/her with the knowledge, information and skills for his/her application today, tomorrow and the other day.

The best gift to a child is education which is the key to development and prosperity. Educate a child and you will have prepared him/her for future, self reliance hence a better life and standard of living.

Yours sincerely

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