



Buwate Sports Academy Progress Report

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I. Demographic Information	
1. City & Province Buwate, Uganda	
2. Organization: Real Medicine Foundation Uganda (www.realmedicinefoundation.org) Mother Teresa Children's Foundation (www.mtcf-uk.org/)	
3. Project Title: Buwate Sports Academy	
4. Reporting Period April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016	
5. Project Location (region & city/town/village): Buwate Village, Kira Town Council, Wakiso District, Kampala, Uganda	
6. Target Population: The children and population of Buwate	
II. Project Information	
7. Project Goal: Develop the youth advancement and economic components of our humanitarian work through games, sports training, vocational training, and other educational opportunities.	
8. Project Objectives: Provide funding to assist the operations and growth of Buwate Sports Academy. Provide funding to allow children from surrounding slums to attend school. Provide funding for vocational training opportunities, etc.	
9. Summary of RMF/MTCF-sponsored activities carried out during the reporting period under each project objective (note any changes from original plans). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this reporting period, Buwate Sports Academy participated in the Post-Election Tournament at the Kireka sports grounds. The event was held during a holiday, and attracted 5 teams. Buwate Sports Academy won the tournament. • Buwate Sports Academy organized a 2-week, intensive training program for the children who had returned from school for the first term holiday. The purpose of this 2-week training program is to keep the children physically fit. This was possible because of the funding from RMF/MTCF. • Buwate Sports Academy organized friendly matches, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Buwate Sports Academy vs. Ugwe Junior Lule: The under-9 and under-12 Buwate Sports Academy children played very well and emerged winners, with a score of 2-1 for the under-9 category and 3-1 for the under-12 category. ○ Buwate Sports Academy vs. Kyanja Soccer Team: This was an away game and mainly involved the under-12 and under-14 children. Buwate Sports Academy claimed the victory in all categories. • Buwate Sports Academy organized a soccer event for the girls of Buwate vs. Luteeta Gayaza. The event was held at Buwate sports grounds. It ended in a draw of 2-2. • The funding from RMF/MTCF was used to purchase more balls, sports uniforms, and pairs of football (America soccer) cleats for the children and coaches, as well as training jerseys for effective practice. 	

- School fees were paid for the children on scholarship, enabling them to continue their studies without interruption.
- Wages for Buwate Sports Academy's staff were paid in a timely manner, which helped keep the team motivated.
- Buwate Sports Academy was able to purchase food and charcoal so that we could provide the children with a meal during training sessions. Buwate Sports Academy was also able to pay its utility bills.
- The funding from RMF/MTCF enabled Buwate Sports Academy to purchase and distribute scholastic materials.
- Financing from RMF/MTCF was used to transport the children to away games and sports activities.
- Buwate Sports Academy has been able to introduce hairdressing and beauty therapy training in addition to the tailoring program that we already offered. These programs are long-term strategies to empower people and fight poverty.

10. Results and/or accomplishments achieved during this reporting period:

- During the reporting period, Buwate Sports Academy has introduced hairdressing and beauty therapy to enhance our skills development training.
- The children at Buwate Sports Academy participated in various sports tournaments that were organized both in-house and at different locations.
- Intensive in-house training sessions were conducted, mostly during holidays.
- School fees for children were paid.
- Staff wages were paid in a timely manner.
- We purchased sports equipment, such as training jerseys, sports uniforms, football (American soccer) cleats, balls, and goalkeeper gloves.
- Buwate Sports Academy was able to hire transportation to bring the children to sports activities outside of Buwate.
- We purchased food and charcoal, enabling us to provide the children with a meal during sports activities.

11. Impact this project has on the community (who is benefiting and how):

- Buwate Sports Academy has created publicity for the area. Buwate used to get very little positive attention, but it is gradually becoming a popular place with great hope that this will attract social services from the government and other development partners.
- Buwate Sports Academy has changed the negative impression that the rest of the city had of Buwate. Buwate was previously known as a slum, an area for criminals. Now Buwate Sports Academy has redefined the area as hub for talented children.
- Buwate Sports Academy is promoting livelihood skills through tailoring, hairdressing, and cosmetology classes. This component is expanding with the help of RMF.
- Buwate Sports Academy is improving child-to-parent relationships especially through informative talks that we conduct with parents.
- Through Buwate Sports Academy gatherings, children and youths receive various counseling, which is promoting behavior changes. Some parents have approached us to say that they have seen a positive change in their child's behavior.
- The project has united the community. For instance, the secular youth and churches are working together, and people from different age groups are undergoing hairdressing training together.
- Buwate Sports Academy has provided an avenue for talent development. Children have improved their skills in soccer, and can now compete favorably with other sports clubs in the country.
- The program has helped to reduce illiteracy in Buwate and the neighboring communities. The number of children and youths who used to loiter in the area without going to school has gone down significantly since Buwate Sports Academy is keeping many children in school.
- During gatherings, youths are given knowledge to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS.
- We are promoting gender equality; for instance, the community had a mentality that soccer is for men, but now they see girls exhibiting serious skills. This is promoting an attitude change.
- Buwate Sports Academy is promoting children's rights, including education and the right to play.
- The bond of friendship and level of cooperation between Buwate and RMF has grown tremendously.

- Boys and girls who had low self-esteem have had their esteem boosted because of working together. For instance, some boys and girls who could not express their opinion can now speak out.
- There is now spontaneous participation from the youth because they see real hope in the Buwate Sports Academy activities.
- There is a great degree of concentration on studies among the children in Buwate Sports Academy because the academy upholds education. This is also achieved because school fees are paid on time and children are given scholastic materials.
- There has been an increase in the number of children who come for training during weekends and holidays.
- Local political and social leaders have developed an interest in Buwate Sports Academy activities. This is manifested by frequent visits to our office.

12. Number of indirect project beneficiaries (geographic coverage):

About 2,000 persons benefit from the Buwate Sports Academy project i.e. Buwate, Kireka, Bwyogerere, and Seeta communities.

13. If applicable, please list the medical services provided:

First Aid: Children are taken to a nearby clinic for comprehensive healthcare services, funded by RMF. We are also paying medical bills for the attending youths.

14. Please list the most common health problems treated through this project.

- Fractures
- Malaria
- Headaches
- Fever
- Respiratory Tract Infections

15. Notable project challenges and obstacles:

- The youth project has prioritized paying school fees for the children during every term, but due to limited funds, other activities cannot be included in the budget.
- Transportation is still a big problem when it comes to sports activities outside of Buwate. As a temporary solution, we hire transportation, but Buwate Sports Academy needs a van to transport the children safely and reliably.
- Buwate Sports Academy has no premises of its own, which greatly hinders the full recognition of the academy. We still do not have a building to act as a good coordinating office or to house the academy's property, i.e. all the sports equipment. We also do not have proper changing rooms.
- School fees and uniforms are still a big challenge for impoverished parents and guardians. Though RMF pays half of the children's fees, there is still a big gap for the parents/guardians who cannot afford to raise the remaining balance. This is especially the case when a family is headed by a widow, an elderly or sickly person, or a child. Buwate Sports Academy does not currently have the funds to provide these children with full scholarships.
- We do not have sufficient food for the increasing number of children who attend Buwate Sports Academy, especially during holidays.
- The playground is ungraded/ leveled. This is a hindrance to achieving perfection in playing
- The soccer field and playing area are not up to standard; they are not well leveled to meet the minimum standard of a sports facility.
- It is difficult to access health care because the nearest (ill-equipped) government health facility is over 5 km away; this is long way to walk for health care.

16. If applicable, plans for next reporting period:

Continue to support Buwate Sports Academy activities

17. If applicable, summary of RMF/MTCF-sponsored medical supply distribution and use:

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18. Success story(s) highlighting project impact:

Please refer to Appendix

19. Photos of project activities (file attachment is fine):

Please refer to Appendix

III. Financial Information

20. Detailed summary of expenditures within each budget category as presented in your funded proposal (file attachment is fine). Please note any changes from plans.

Sent separately

Photo Appendix

Hairdressing and Tailoring Program



Hairdressing students learning how to braid hair



A practical lesson in hairdressing



Tailoring students learning how to cut cloth



Learning how to make accurate measurements using paper



Translating theoretical knowledge into practical knowledge during a tailoring lesson

Holiday Program



Distribution of scholastic materials in Buwate



Under-12 children in Kireka receiving scholastic materials



Under-17 youth team in Kireka receiving scholastic materials

Meals During Training



After training, children and youths are served a meal

Under-17 Team in a Tournament



The under-17 team preparing for a game in Kira