

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 July 1, 2016 – September 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"> Buwate Sports Academy conducted vacation programs, which involved vigorous training in soccer for both boys and girls. This enabled the children to have a relaxed moment during the school vacations. The funding from RMF/MTCF enabled Buwate Sports Academy to organize the Peace One Day Games for the children. The event was held in September, and attracted many participants and spectators. The goal of this event is to highlight the need of promoting peace in the world. Funds from RMF/MTCF enabled Buwate Sports Academy to purchase trophies, which were later handed over to the two winning teams during the Peace One Day Games. The participating teams included the players under 9, under 12, under 14, and under 17 years. The funding from RMF/MTCF enabled Buwate Sports Academy to facilitate and compensate instructors for the vocational department and sports coaches. School fees were paid for the 65 children on scholarship, enabling them to complete their end of term examinations without interruption. The financial support from RMF/MTCF was used to transport children to sports encounters outside Buwate, such as Wampewo, Kira, and Seeta. Financial support from RMF/MTCF enabled the sports academy to purchase and distribute scholastic materials to orphans and vulnerable children. 	

- During training and sports encounters, children were served a hot meal. This was possible because of funding from RMF/MTCF.
- Wages for all Buwate Sports Academy staff were paid in a timely manner.
- The funds from RMF/MTCF enabled Buwate Sports Academy to purchase more balls, uniforms, socks, training jerseys, and other essential items needed for training.
- 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 this reporting period, Buwate Sports Academy registered great success with the recently introduced tailoring and hairdressing and beauty therapy courses as a means of enhancing skills development.
- Buwate Sports Academy participated in various tournaments, such as the Peace One Day Games.
- Buwate Sports Academy organized football (American soccer) trainings for the children through in-house games and practice, and away games.
- All staff wages were paid on time.
- We purchased food, charcoal, and cooking oil, enabling us to provide the children with a meal during sports activities.
- We purchased sports equipment, such as uniforms, training jerseys, balls, and pairs of socks for the academy children.
- School fees for all children on sponsorship were paid.
- Wages for cooks and other supporting staff members were paid.
- We bought scholastic materials for children. This has contributed greatly towards keeping children in school.
- Buwate Sports Academy was able to hire transportation to bring the children to sports activities outside of Buwate.

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 has given hope to community members. The children in Buwate can now see that it's possible to succeed in their community. Additionally, young adults now see the opportunity of vocational training in Buwate, and this reduced the level of despair among community members, especially the youth.
- Buwate Sports Academy is promoting livelihood skills through tailoring and hairdressing and beauty therapy classes. This component is expanding with the help of RMF.
- Buwate Sports Academy has created an opportunity for children and youth to develop their talents in sports. Some youth from poor families have received scholarships to affluent schools in Kampala, which they would never be able to access if not for their talent and training in sports.
- Buwate Sports Academy is improving child-to-parent relationships especially through informative talks that we conduct with parents.
- Buwate Sports Academy has helped to sustain and retain children in school. This is because of scholastic materials that are given to the children and sensitization provided during trainings: "School is good."
- The number of youths who used to loiter in the community has reduced. This in turn has reduced incidents of other social evils such as rape, gang activities, and drug and substance abuse.
- Buwate Sports Academy has become a source of income to some community members, mostly the vocational instructors and support staff. This has improved the quality of life of these community members.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buwate Sports Academy has influenced positive behavior change in the community. The children know that it is good to be in school, it is not good to be violent, substance abuse is bad, early marriage is not good, etc. • During gatherings, youths are given knowledge to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS. • Buwate Sports Academy has united the communities of Kireka, Buwate, Kiira, Seeta, and more. Youths from these communities are working together. • 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. • The bond of friendship and level of cooperation between Buwate and RMF has grown tremendously. • Local political and social leaders have developed an interest in Buwate Sports Academy activities. This is manifested by frequent visits to our office.
<p>12. Number of indirect project beneficiaries (geographic coverage):</p> <p>About 2,000 persons benefit from the Buwate Sports Academy project i.e. Buwate, Kireka, Bwyogerere, and Seeta communities.</p>
<p>13. If applicable, please list the medical services provided:</p> <p>First Aid: Children are taken to a nearby clinic for comprehensive healthcare services, funded by RMF/MTCF. We are also paying medical bills for the attending youths.</p>
<p>14. Please list the most common health problems treated through this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractures • Malaria • Headaches • Fever • Respiratory Tract Infections
<p>15. Notable project challenges and obstacles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. When school fees are paid, Buwate Sports Academy activities are at standstill. There is need to add funding for school fees for orphans and vulnerable children. • 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 and vacation times. • 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. • Incentive pay for assistant coaches is too low and does not motivate them to perform to their maximum potential. They have volunteered for a long time and need a reward that is attractive. • The vocational department needs monthly funding to facilitate its activities. Training materials are not adequate. • 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 bus or van to transport the children safely and reliably.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>16. If applicable, plans for next reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support Buwate Sports Academy activities Report on the academic performance of the children in candidate classes who have completed their national exams
<p>17. If applicable, summary of RMF/MTCF-sponsored medical supply distribution and use:</p> <p>First Aid: Children are taken to a nearby clinic for comprehensive healthcare services. We are also paying medical bills for the attending youths.</p>
<p>18. Success story(s) highlighting project impact:</p> <p>Please refer to Appendices</p>
<p>19. Photos of project activities (file attachment is fine):</p> <p>Please refer to Appendices</p>
<p>III. Financial Information</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Sent separately</p>

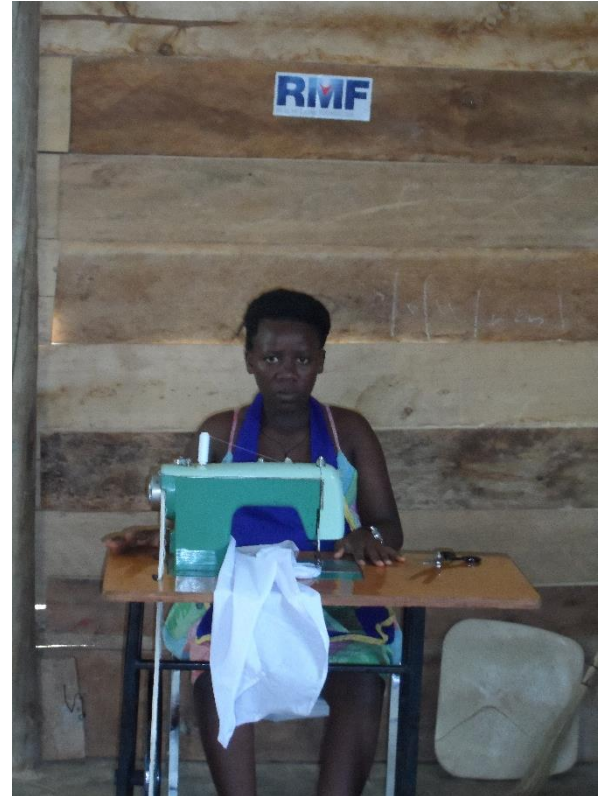
Appendix A – Economic Empowerment



Buwate Sports Academy hairdressing class in the building newly constructed by RMF



Hairdressing lessons in progress



A tailoring student learns how to make a shirt

Appendix B – Distribution of Scholastic Materials for 3rd Term



Children in Seeta receive books for the 3rd term of 2016



A prayer of thanksgiving for scholastic materials



Excitement of receiving scholastic materials

Appendix C – Holiday Program: Peace One Day Games at Seeta Grounds



Buwate's under 12 team in blue, ready for a game with Vega Light Sports Academy



The coordinator presents trophies to the team managers.



Group photo with all participating teams



Teams participating in the tournament are briefed by the coach before games begin.



Buwate's under 17 team, after the first half of their game with Vega Light Sports Academy

Appendix D – Visit from Bryan, a PeacePlayers International Official



Coach Kato welcomes Bryan, a PeacePlayers official, to Kireka Sports Grounds.



RMF Uganda's Country Director with Bryan at Kireka. Bryan listens to views and proposals from Buwate's under 17 team.



Buwate team with RMF Uganda's Country Director and Bryan, a PeacePlayers International official