



Buwate Sports Academy

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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-intl.org)	
3. Project Title: Buwate Sports Academy	
4. Reporting Period: July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019	
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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide funding to assist the operations and growth of Buwate Sports Academy. Provide funding to empower the most vulnerable children from the slums surrounding Kampala to attend school. Promote economic empowerment for women in the community through vocational skills training. Contribute to the reduction of economic distress in Ugandan communities. Promote the realization of Sustainable Development Goals, creating resilient communities through economic empowerment. 	
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 continued to run regular weekend and holiday training activities. We warmly welcomed the Kawempe Super Select team and hosted a friendly match with them at Seeta sports grounds. The game ended with a 2-2 draw. Buwate Sports Academy was invited to Saint Anna Maria Primary School for friendly matches in the age categories of under-9, under-11, and under-13. The event saw Buwate Sports Academy emerge as overall winners with scores of 1-0 in the under-9 category, 4-2 in under-11, and 3-0 in under-13. Buwate Sports Academy was invited for yet another organized friendly match at Kira sports grounds. This game was played between the under-17 Buwate Sports Academy team and the Safe Boda team from Kira. The match ended with a 0-0 draw. We held friendly matches at Kiwologoma Sports Academy sports grounds in the categories of under-9, under-11, under-13, and under-17, respectively. The scores were as follows: 0-9, 1-4, 2-2, and 0-3 	

- Buwate Sports Academy celebrated International Day of Peace on September 21st. This is an annual event celebrated worldwide by the United Nations for children and youth. On this particular day, children were taught to preserve the environment due to drastic climatic changes.
- The school fees of 85 children under RMF sponsorship were paid. This was done in a timely manner to ensure that the students can report to school without interruption.
- Scholastic materials were purchased and distributed to children going back to school after the short second term holiday. This is done each term to support children's education and add further incentive to attend holiday football (American soccer) trainings.
- Wages for Buwate Sports Academy support staff were paid promptly, enabling the program to run smoothly.
- The tailoring department was strengthened to accommodate the increasing number of trainees, mainly girls who dropped out of school due to difficulty paying school fees.
- The hairdressing department was also facilitated and acquired more training materials for the students. This department has attracted a good number of trainees from the communities of Buwate and Kireka, respectively.
- Buwate Sports Academy has greatly impacted the lives of its vocational trainees by enabling students, specifically those who were previously employed as house helpers in the community, to start up their own business and generate a daily income.
- The vocational department continued to register progress by contributing a small percentage of income to the students as startup capital, and by purchasing some sewing machines, which enables students who have finished all levels of their training to start up their own business and generate a daily income.
- The tailoring department continued to register progress by winning contracts from neighboring schools. Tailoring trainees make school uniforms such as sportswear, skirts, dresses, and shirts, as well as school bags and ladies' bags and wallets, which help generate income to support the department.
- Monthly formative meetings were held in the vocational department. During these meetings, the issues discussed include necessary repair and maintenance of existing machines and customer care service techniques.
- Regular weekend trainings were organized for children who do not attend boarding school.
- Buwate Sports Academy safely transported the children to play in different matches away from Buwate and Kireka, such as the games at Saint Anna Maria Primary School, Kawempe, and Kiwologoma.
- Food and charcoal were purchased so that we could provide the children with a meal during training sessions and away games.
- Purchased essential sports materials for the academy, such as balls, uniforms, socks, and sports bibs, which was all possible through RMF funding.
- A routine follow-up was conducted for the trainees who completed their tailoring training. Many are now well-established at various locations in Buwate doing business to generate an income.

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

- Buwate Sports Academy successfully held holiday programs and regular training for the children.
- School fees were paid on time for children under RMF sponsorship.
- The sports academy registered 21 primary and secondary school students for their final exams:

SN	Name	School	Sex	Class
1.	Ojangole, Christian	Good Choice Primary School	M	Primary 7
2.	Nangozi, Josephine	St. Augustine Primary School	F	Primary 7
3.	Kato, Jordan	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
4.	Kirumira, Simon Trevor	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
5.	Nagayi, Tracy	Wampewo Primary School	M	Primary 7
6.	Wasswa, Abdul	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
7.	Wandulu, Marvin	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
8.	Zzimbe, Nicholas	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
9.	Nabulya, Sumayiyah	Kazinga Primary School	F	Primary 7
10.	Nsinde, Hassan	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
11.	Suubi, Fred	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
12.	Nalutaya, Angela	Kazinga Primary School	F	Primary 7

13.	Migadde, Cliber	Mivule Primary School Entebbe	M	Primary 7
14.	Ssemudu, Gideon	Kazinga Primary School	M	Primary 7
15.	Osuna, Stanslaus	St. Peter's Secondary School Mukono	M	Senior 4
16.	Kiyitawagulu, Shaban	Anwar Muslim Secondary School	M	Senior 4
17.	Kabuye, Ahamed	Field of Africa Secondary School	M	Senior 4
18.	Kulubya, Isma	Field of Africa Secondary School	M	Senior 4
19.	Ntulume, Innocent	Dyanamic Geza Secondary School	M	Senior 4
20.	Nakilyowa, Sarah	Field of Africa Secondary School	F	Senior 4
21.	Nambafu, Levi	London College Nasana	M	Senior 6

- Buwate Sports Academy successfully distributed scholastic materials to children in the program in preparation for their return to school.
- Staff wages were paid in a timely manner, which enables the sports academy to run smoothly, motivates the staff, and ensures a greater opportunity for students to learn.
- Children were provided with hot meals during practice and away games. When the children are well-fed, they have more energy, better morale, and are able to perform better, producing better results.
- Buwate Sports Academy has continuously seen a large number of students enrolling in both hairdressing and tailoring classes in both Buwate and Kireka, respectively.
- Children were safely transported to games outside of Buwate and Kireka, as well as Seeta sports grounds, such as games played in Kawempe, Saint Anna Maria Primary School, Kiwologoma, and Kira sports grounds.
- The tailoring and hairdressing departments have continuously boosted their income levels by making items like ladies' bags and school uniforms, as well as creating trendy hairstyles for clients.
- The vocational department has successfully trained and prepared its students to compete in the outside market, and with RMF's support, they have been able to establish small startups.
- Purchased essential sports materials, such as uniforms, balls, socks, etc., to replace the old and worn-out materials.
- Purchased materials for the hairdressing and tailoring department students, including sewing machines for tailoring students who have completed all levels of training.
- Through the sports academy we were able to contribute some money and support the late cook Jessica's family and also provide her with a respectful burial.
- Buwate Sports Academy's supervisor followed up with successful outgoing learners.

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 a 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 has reduced the level of despair among community members, especially the youth.
- The impact of Buwate Sports Academy's vocational training program is evident in the community and has even led some male youths to enroll for hairdressing and tailoring training. In the past, these were seen as jobs only for females.
- The vocational department has successfully trained students, who are now ready for work in the community. Former trainees are now self-employed, thus reducing the rate of unemployment and the evils that come with it. This has positively impacted the community, the academy, as well as the beneficiaries by elevating the standard of living.
- The new hairdressing class in the Kireka slum area (started in the third quarter of 2018) is contributing to the reduction of social problems like prostitution. Given the opportunity, vulnerable women are searching for a better and safer way to generate income.

- Buwate Sports Academy and the surrounding schools are now working together. For instance, Assistant Coach Francis Karungi is occasionally hired by the neighboring primary schools to provide additional sports training to children in preparation for school soccer competitions. Coach Francis fulfills this role well due to his passion for the game.
- Through the vocational training program, Buwate Sports Academy has created hope for older girls who had drop out of school due to lack of funds by giving them an opportunity to enroll and acquire skills in different areas of interest.
- Buwate Sports Academy is promoting livelihood skills through tailoring and hairdressing and beauty therapy classes. This component is expanding with the help of RMF. We receive thanks and testimonies from women who used to stay idle at home, but now can work at beauty salons. The vocational program has done much to promote goodwill towards Buwate Sports Academy.
- The project is contributing to poverty reduction and wealth creation. For instance, vocational program trainees are engaged in income-generating activities. These community members used to have no income, but now they can earn more than UGX 150,000 per month. This is a positive move and has a big multiplier effect on the wellbeing of the entire community.
- Buwate Sports Academy has created a friendship with neighboring schools. For instance, the tailoring department is now sewing uniforms for Quality Primary School; this has also boosted trainees' level of income. There has been an increase in the number of students enrolling in the program.
- Through the vocational training program, the academy has created hope for girls who had to drop out of school due to lack of funds; now they have an opportunity to acquire employable skills in different areas of interest.
- Buwate Sports Academy has helped create a rhythm of life for young people in the community. It is now clear that during holidays there is a program to follow. This has reduced the rate of crimes among youths in the area, and it has reduced the number of problem youths loitering in the area and causing other social challenges, such as substance and alcohol abuse, early marriages, prostitution, etc.
- Buwate Sports Academy has helped local young people become friendly towards one another through playing together. Previously, the youth in Buwate were often in gang groups that could terrorize the community, but now the youth have become more friendly and productive.
- The project is contributing to reducing illiteracy in Uganda. Every year, RMF's support enables more children to complete their primary or secondary education, and some of our sponsored children have completed their Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE).
- The project is promoting employable skills: hairdressing and beauty therapy, tailoring, soap making, and sports skills. Many of the older Kireka boys are now playing professional football (American soccer) and are paid by affluent local teams to play for them.
- Buwate Sports Academy has provided employment to some locals; for instance, the instructors and coaches have been hired from the community.
- 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."
- Buwate Sports Academy is providing hope for orphans and vulnerable children by paying their school fees and equipping them with practical life skills to help them survive in the outside world.
- 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.
- The project is interlinking the different communities of Buwate, such as Kireka, Buwate, Kira, Seeta, and more. Through frequent interactions and mutual cooperation, these communities have become more united.
- Buwate Sports Academy has united the community of Buwate as a whole; for instance, the secular youth and the church are working together. In addition, the bond of friendship with the community has grown, as the establishment of the vocational department has resulted in a special love in the community for the academy.

- Buwate Sports Academy is building a positive attitude towards sports in the community. Community members now see the value and positive impact that sports can have.
- The project is building the confidence of local children who participate. In the past, Buwate children often felt inferior while with other city children. Now their self-esteem is high and they can express themselves. This is evidenced by the monitoring of the continuous behavior and attitude change of the students at enrollment and at the end of the program.
- 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 girls and boys not only acquire skills as they play football (American soccer), but they learn to relate to each other and children from diverse cultures.
- The project is promoting holistic growth of the young people.
- The program has created an avenue for community dialogue. The community now can gather together and brainstorm.
- 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.
- Some of the children are so passionate about football (American soccer), due to the improved skills attained at Buwate Sports Academy, that this has increased their sense of responsibility. For example, when their cleats are torn, somebody is always ready to mend them, and this reduces costs in terms of money and time.

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
- Sprains

15. Notable project challenges and obstacles:

- Many community members are turning up for vocational training but cannot participate because of limited funds for training materials.
- Startup kits are needed for beneficiaries completing vocational training. These help trainees apply their acquired skills, establish their own businesses, and effectively begin their journey to self-reliance.
- Buwate Sports Academy participants have increased, but the budget for food has not. It has become difficult to feed all of the children. The budget for food needs to be increased.
- Transportation is still a big problem when it comes to sports activities outside of Buwate. As a temporary solution, we hire transportation, but we cannot do so for all the members. Selecting a few from the group can demoralize the others.
- The sports academy members in school are now more than the available budget for scholastic materials can support. There is a need to increase the budget for scholastic materials.
- Health services are difficult for the community to reach. Locals must travel long distances to access the nearest government health services.

- Buwate Sports Academy still does not have its own football (American soccer) field for conducting activities. The community sports grounds currently being used are not reliable and are not leveled to meet the minimum standard of a sports academy, which leads to the children’s cleats getting worn out.
- There is a lack of professional coaches, qualified and registered with the sports federation, to further train the children to improve their skills.
- The older girls in the program cannot easily afford sanitary products, which has caused most of them to miss classes during their menstrual cycles. There is a need to integrate a program that addresses female participants’ menstrual hygiene needs.
- The older girls who have dropped out of school due to lack of school fees need additional motivation in order to take up skills training in tailoring or hairdressing.

16. If applicable, plans for next reporting period:

- Continue to support Buwate Sports Academy activities.
- Continue to participate in home and away matches as planned by Buwate and different organizations.
- Report progress of the vocational training and continuous sports training.
- An office should be planned for Buwate Sports Academy to more smoothly coordinate project activities.
- The vocational training department needs to be registered with the Ministry of Education and Sports in order to receive full recognition.
- Look into increasing funding for food so that children can stay motivated and healthy to return for training; increasing funding for scholastic materials to prevent children leaving without books; increasing funding for the vocational department to provide more facilities as students move to the next level or more options in their education process; increasing funding for transportation so all children can attend away matches, as well as rent out our vehicle to generate income to the academy.
- Begin training tailors to make affordable sanitary napkins for the girls who cannot purchase them monthly.
- Look into solving the problem of the lack of accessible health facilities to avoid the challenge of community members walking long distances.

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

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, as well as supplying and distributing components for first aid kits.

18. Success story(s) highlighting project impact:

Please refer to Appendices.

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

Please refer to Appendices.

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.

APPENDIX A: Holiday Games at Saint Anna Maria Sports Grounds, Kyengera



Buwate children arriving at St. Anna Maria Primary School for the games



A delegate from St. Anna Maria welcomes the sports academy team



Under-9 team from Buwate Sports Academy



Under-9 team from St. Anna Maria Primary School before the match



The two teams and the officials (behind) ready for the kickoff



Buwate team playing to earn a win



The Buwate team set for another game



The under-11 team from St. Anna Maria Primary School set for the match



Buwate Sports Academy and St. Anna Maria Primary School under-11 teams ready for the game





The St. Anna Maria under-13 team before the match



Buwate and St. Anna Maria under-13 teams eager for the match

APPENDIX B: Friendly Match at Kira Sports Grounds



Under-17 Buwate team courageously set for the game



The Buwate team offering a handshake to their opponents, the Safe Boda team from Kira

APPENDIX C: International Day of Peace Celebration at Seeta Sports Grounds



Under-11 teams from Buwate Sports Academy and St. Anna Maria ready to play as they celebrate International Day of Peace





Under-11 Buwate team taking on the first corner kick



Under-17 Buwate Sports Academy team posing for a memorable group photo



Kiwologoma Sports Academy team ready for the match



The Buwate team taking on the corner kick

APPENDIX D: Friendly Matches at Kira Sports Grounds



Under-11 Buwate Sports Academy team taking on Namugongo Soccer Academy



Assistant Coach Kisitu giving advice during the first half break



Under-13 team listening to their coach before resuming the game with King Soccer Academy



Group photo of all the participants

APPENDIX E: Distribution of Scholastic Materials, End of Second Term



Assistant coaches organizing the children and giving them books





Overjoyed children and staff after the distribution

Appendix F: Students at the Vocation



A tailoring trainee practices taking accurate measurements and garment cutting



Tailoring trainees on a busy training day





Young women who had to drop out of school have smiles on their faces as they undergo hairdressing training. They are practicing with the intension of perfecting their skills to a standard required by customers.

APPENDIX G: Success Stories of Beneficiaries

Jane Kisebo a 27-year-old widow and single mother, lost her husband and second-born son to the HIV/AIDS virus. Jane, who did not have any livelihood skills, started experiencing financial hardship, and struggling was the order of the day after the death of her husband. She was left with her firstborn son in a rented house in one of the Kampala suburbs, Kira. Since Jane was a housewife, she sought help from her sister, who became overwhelmed with the additional responsibilities and turned her back on Jane. However, a friend visited and told Jane the good news of Bwate Sports Academy's vocational training project, which empowers girls who have dropped out of school and vulnerable women. Since then, Jane's life has never been the same. She joined the tailoring class and greatly thanks RMF and World Children's Fund for the great opportunity and continuous support to the poor.



Jane attending to a client

Josephine Kisakye, a 19-year-old young woman, was an RMF/World Children's Fund beneficiary since primary four, when the director of World Children's Fund, Mr. Doug, visited Buwate Sports Academy. Josephine never met her father, and she was raised by her grandmother who had very few financial resources. This meant that Josephine was always defaulting on her school fees, causing her to miss class and eventually drop out of school. When her grandmother heard of the opportunity for vulnerable children being announced in church, she quickly registered Josephine for sponsorship.

Josephine resumed school at St. Mary's Nursery and Primary School in Seeta and sat for her Primary Leaving Examination (PLE) in 2016. For the last two years, she has been working part-time as a nursery teacher in Buwate village, hoping to join secondary school in 2020. Josephine's small monthly earnings help her take care of her grandmother and herself. She thanks RMF's Dr. Martina for the kind heart and assistance given to vulnerable children at Buwate Sports Academy.



Children answering questions asked by the teacher



Josephine illustrating the lesson on the blackboard