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## Monthly E-newsletter

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### OUR SUCCESS STORY

The new building was built at the beginning of this year with support from 264.ev aiming at providing every child with a fair chance in life-no matter where it was born. They did this by building this classroom block. At mothers Heart Uganda every life counts and we mainly focus on quality education for all in our local communities. You donations and skills matter a lot in changing the people in of Mutoto community in Uganda. The construction that started on 03rd February 2020 was fully finished before the lockdown

in Uganda due to Covid-19. the success is attributed to the team from 264, Mutoto community and above all God was on our side. Almighty God we are thankful



Newly constructed block



Meet Gottfried Findelsberger a dedicated Volunteer



Golden hill Junior Staff, Pupils and 264 Volunteer

### COVID-19 INCREASED GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN UGANDA

Violence in the homes has been increasing since Uganda went under lockdown. Within one month of the lockdown, the Uganda Police Force recorded more than 3,000 cases of domestic violence and six deaths.

Harriet, the senior district probation and social welfare officer, disclosed that cases of domestic violence being handled by her office have more than doubled during this season the increasing cases of violence are due to the fact that many people, especially men, have been disempowered by loss of income.

Subsequently, they are stuck at home where they are unable to provide and are frustrated, which has made them violent. In addition, the lockdown led to the confinement of abusers and perpetrators in households with their victims (who are majorly women).

She explained that information recorded at her office shows that issues that lead to acts of violence include failure to provide, partners finding out secrets about each other such as spouses being involved in multiple relationships, disagreeing on how to discipline children and dealing with step children.

She explained that out of every 10 cases she has handled during this season, six involve failure to provide.

The impact of domestic violence has been exacerbated by the restrictions in movement and curfews as victims cannot move out of the homes to seek help.

#### Sexual and reproductive health services

Women's access to sexual and reproductive health services, such as family planning and maternal health services, was hindered due to restrictions in movement.

## MARJA POOT YOU'RE AN ANGEL IN DISGUISE

I come not to praise her but to speak of what I know of her good side I know about Marja Poot. I have seen this side of her severally but I will mention of her generosity to our project from the time we started mothers Heart Uganda she is the person who will always listen guide and support you at all costs. Our community people miss you but we expect your return soon and witness lives changing here in Mutoto. You might not have achieved all your dreams and desires but being at the frontline of mothers in Uganda is a enough recognition for you and the entire world. You have mobilized finances and given us key support by standing out to speak for the voiceless. **BIG THANKS** ,Keep it up.



Marja Poot (Netherlands)

## VOLUNTEERS EXPERIENCE AND FEED BACK WHILE AT GOLDEN HILL

We are a couple that took 3 months off to visit three countries in Africa. We are very happy that we chose to work with Jeremiah.

We reached Uganda in the beginning of January. More than two months before our arrival Jeremiah kept us posted about news from place by WhatsApp which was a great preparation for us.

We reached Entebbe by airplane, took a car to Kampala and took a YY bus to Mbale (as properly described by Jeremiah beforehand). He stayed in touch with us via WhatsApp during the whole 4-hour-trip. When we reached Mbale he was already waiting for us and brought to his house in the community of Mutoto, which is less than 20 minutes from Mbale city.

We lived at our own room in a house with Jeremiah, Kate and their children. Life as such was a new experience for us. You must be willing to experience that basic life in a small Ugandan community in order to fit in. An experience we will not forget.

We did not really know too much of what kind of work we would expect there, because the whole situation was not easy to imagine without being there yourself. But it was very versatile: We spent life with the family, got good insights into the life in Mutoto, helped making bricks, went to family's houses and villages to present the school and talk about registrations, joined Jeremiah for a radio show, helped in the house looking after the children and helping with cooking. We went to the market to do food purchases and experience everyday life in Mbale.

As in January is school holidays we had no insights in the classes. But we did our own computer classes for a small group of youths, teaching the basics of computers.



Raphael and Liza (Switzerland)

## Project work space



Community Outreach



Chris from 264 playing with kids at Golden Hill



264 Foot Ball team Vs. Mutoto FC



264 Volunteers meeting community leaders in Mutoto Village



Community Dressing Class 2020



Cultural dance at Mutoto ground

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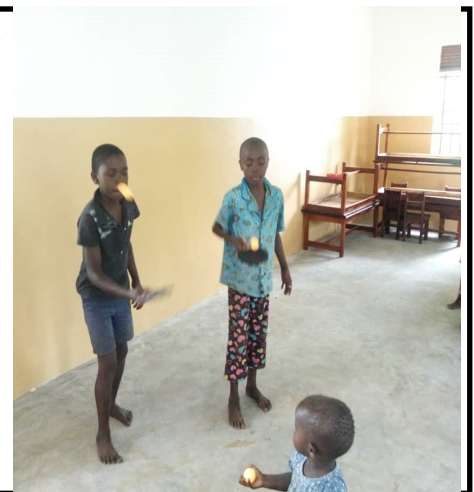
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2019 TOP CLASS GRADUATING

**WE ADVOCATE  
FOR:**

- 1) Safe motherhood,
- 2) Education (Formal and Functional)
- 3) Create awareness on the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- 4) Disability and Rehabilitation and
- 5) HIV/AIDS Awareness

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