



# Smile

of a Child project  
**PhotoBook**

## Background

LEADING CHANGE UGANDA (LCU) is non-governmental organization, which started in January 2013 by a group of young people who wanted to create the change they want to see in the world among children and women. LCU is inspired by the fact that the world should be a better place for everyone, regardless of their sex, age, religion, colour and nationality. LCU is a not for profit, nonpartisan youth led non-governmental organization based in Kampala and Wakiso districts. The organization is fully registered with the NGO Board and Uganda Registration Services Bureau. The mandate of the organization is to create positive change in the lives of children and women. LCU strives to empower children and women to effectively participate in their social economic development through training, access to education, information and other basic needs to improve their standard of living.

Many communities in Uganda cannot access education, information and basic needs. This is because most people live below the poverty line, staying in slums and villages. At LCU, we understand that education is key to getting people out of the debilitating and dehumanizing clutches of poverty. Hence, education is at the forefront our mission.

Access to education, particularly for the children in the poorest of poor families, is not always available. LCU is equipped to pass on knowledge and skills to children, youth and women, enabling them to live better lives. The youth and children are Uganda's future tomorrow, and women are the mothers of the nation who bring life into this wonderful world.

At LCU, knowledge and skills are acquired through a variety of training, such as entrepreneurship, financial management, consumerism, ICT and environment. The communities are also provided with basic needs such as clothes, school fees and food. As a youth-led organization, we allow enthusiastic young people to share their skills with other youths who have not had that chance. By sharing our skills, we are holding hands together to fight and end early child marriages, high youth unemployment, youth and community illiteracy, poverty, environmental degradation, and improve markets and livelihoods.

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## The Smile of a Child project

The Smile of Child project is a unique program focused on helping needy children and their families especially single mothers and orphans in areas of Vumba, Kawaala, Nsekwa, Buwaali and Nansana with basic needs such as education materials, mattresses, food, clothing and other basic items. LCU provides through support from our partners and friends all over the world; Uganda, Australia and Scotland among others. The project has impacted over 200 mothers and over 100 children with support through our amazing friends Linda Mitchell from Scotland and Stephanie and Jason Brenker of Australia. Their support has put a lot of smiles on the faces of children and their mother. Over the years LCU has distributed lingerie, books, pens, mathematical sets, colors, toys, baby blankets baby diapers and stuff and clothes (some handsewn)

The donated items are always given out during celebrations of International days such as Christmas day, Easter day, Women's day, Good Deeds Day, African Child day and Youth day among others.

During the celebrations of International days, bonding and sharing of experiences, through peer learning is encouraged, the children and women showcase their talents through singing, dancing, reciting poems and acting in plays which amplify community problem solving.

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Donated Knitted baby items given out to the communities donated by our friends from Scotland



**Leading Change Uganda**

**Mission**  
To build and strengthen sustainable individual, family, institution and community initiatives for poverty eradication, education and development through partnerships at all levels.

**Vision**  
An informed, Educated, Empowered and Just Society

**Objectives**  
To contribute towards poverty alleviation in Uganda  
To promote access to education and basic needs while  
improving life and entrepreneurial skills  
To promote sustainable development while strengthening  
and empowering communities to sustain the impact  
of their work

**Programs/Projects**  
- role of a child project  
- Education for All Program  
- Community Development Club  
- Empower Women Agricultural Program  
- Empower Women Livestock and Savings Program  
- Women Enterprise and Savings program  
- Disasters Preparedness and Response program

Donated shoes given out to the sponsored children with support through HUGGS Concert





'On 9 October 2017, as Uganda celebrated 55 years of independence and each sponsored child was given a pair of shoes. This was possible through funds raised through a HUGGS (Helping Ugandan Girls Get Stronger) concert organized in Scotland by Linda Mitchell and Jean Inness (RIP), with a great performance by Bruce Davies and the Markinch Community Choir'





Training of the girls of Modern World Nursery & Primary School in Banga in Menstruation Hygiene by the Field Coordinator Namubiru Florence.





Donated scholastic materials given out to the children of the Smile of a child project through Linda Mitchell and Wangari Women Project



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If you are interested in supporting the work of LCU, Please feel free to get in touch.



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