Group Sponsorship in Uganda

November 2026 Program Update

Thanks to your continued support, 200 children in Uganda receive the education, nutrition, and healthcare they need to thrive. Across the program, children are staying in school, growing healthier, developing new skills, and discovering what they're capable of achieving. Families are gaining confidence, teachers are welcoming more engaged students into their classrooms, and communities are taking a more active role in protecting and nurturing their children.



Opening Doors through Education

All 200 supported children attended school regularly during the reporting period, receiving the learning materials they need to participate fully in their education. Eight students made the important transition from primary to secondary school, opening the door to further learning and new opportunities.

For Prosy, this milestone is particularly meaningful. She's the first of eight children in her family to reach secondary school. Prosy now hopes to become the first in her family to complete her education. Just as importantly, she wants to show her younger siblings what's possible.

More than a Meal: Helping Children Thrive

Through group sponsorship, all 200 children receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school, including milk-enriched porridge, beans, vegetables, and posho, a local staple. Teachers are seeing the difference. Children are attending more consistently, participating more actively, and demonstrating better concentration.



Healthy Children, Brighter Possibilities

During the reporting period, 52 children received medical care for conditions including malaria, typhoid, ulcers, and other health concerns. Thanks to your support, children receive the medical examinations and treatment they need to keep them in school.

Kevin is one of the students impacted by the school's medical care. When Kevin developed severe malaria, his family had already spent its available income on food and rent. There was nothing left for medical treatment. Through group sponsorship, Kevin received care and medication at Buwenge Medical Hospital. Within days, he had recovered and returned to school, ready to catch up with his classmates. His story illustrates why healthcare is such an important part of the program. Timely treatment helps children recover, return to their routines, and continue learning.



Helping Girls Learn with Confidence

This term, 56 adolescent girls received sanitary pads, helping them manage their menstrual health with dignity and confidence. Thanks to your support, girls who previously missed school during their periods are now better able to attend consistently and continue learning alongside their classmates.



Growing in Faith and Character

Education is about more than academic achievement. It's also about helping children develop the character, judgment, and personal skills they'll carry into adulthood. Weekly school fellowships and discipleship sessions give children opportunities to explore their faith, study the Bible, pray together, and learn from Christian mentors. An average of 180 supported children participate in weekly fellowships, alongside other children from their schools. These gatherings also give students opportunities to lead worship, read Scripture, and take an active role in their school communities.





Life Skills for School and Beyond

Life skills sessions help children communicate clearly, express their feelings, resolve disagreements, and make thoughtful decisions. Teachers are noticing encouraging changes. Students are growing more confident about asking questions, participating in discussions, and working through challenges with their peers. These skills will serve them well, not only in school but also in their relationships, families, and future communities.



Building Stronger Families and Safer Communities

A child's well-being depends on more than what happens at school. The encouragement and protection they receive at home and in their community matter just as much. That's why International Needs Uganda established the Child Protection Committee, where caregivers, teachers, and community leaders are helping children by staying attentive to harmful situations while referring cases to the appropriate authorities.

To support the development of these teams, 50 Child Protection Committee members received training to better recognize concerns and strengthen basic counselling skills. With these skills, leaders can refer children to the proper services without dismissing their immediate feelings or needs.

Meet Latif: Looking Ahead with Hope



Thirteen-year-old Latif has big plans for his future. He wants to become a lawyer and help others find justice. But reaching this point hasn't been easy. When Latif's father died, his mother was left to care for seven children on the unpredictable income she earned through farming. Latif remained in school, but financial pressures meant constant fear of school fees not being paid on time, hindering his chance to stay in school.

Everything began to change when Latif joined the group sponsorship program. He was able to attend Wings of Hope Primary School, where he had access to learning materials and supportive teachers. This new experience with education transformed his attitude towards learning. Today, Latif is among the top-performing students in his Primary Seven class. Now, he's preparing to move up and looks ahead with renewed confidence.

In his own words, Latif shares his appreciation: **"I am deeply grateful to everyone who has invested in my life. Your kindness has given me hope, transformed my education, and inspired me to believe that a brighter future is possible."**

Thank You for Being Part of Their Journey

By bringing education, health, nutrition, spiritual development, and community support together, group sponsorship is helping create the conditions in which children can thrive. Thank you for being part of this work and for the opportunities your partnership continues to make possible.