




‘OKUDABIRIZA EKIZIMBE’: TRANSFORMING  
LIVES WITH A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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**INTERVENTIONS**  
**COMPASSION** FOR CHILDREN

  
Releasing children from poverty  
**Compassion**<sup>®</sup>  
in Jesus' name



## THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE MADE

**“I feel good and I am so proud of my centre.”**

These are the words of Ssemugga – who has benefitted from this intervention.

For Ugandans living in poverty, completing education is not a guarantee. The primary school dropout rate is 65% and only 31.7% of adults 25 years and older have some secondary school education.<sup>1</sup>

Children in Kigenya village come to Mirambi Child Development

Centre for health checks, educational support and encouragement, needed to overcome poverty. However, before this intervention, inadequate facilities made it difficult for the centre to run activities effectively. The previous structure left the children exposed to the rain and dust.

Thanks to your generosity, Mirambi Child Development Centre has been transformed. Their hall is complete and is being used for Compassion curriculum lessons, skills training, games, caregiver meetings, devotions, Sunday school, parties, community events and church meetings. Because the

environment has been made pleasant and child friendly, a sense of belonging has been developed amongst the children. They are very proud of their centre and more enthusiastic about coming each week.

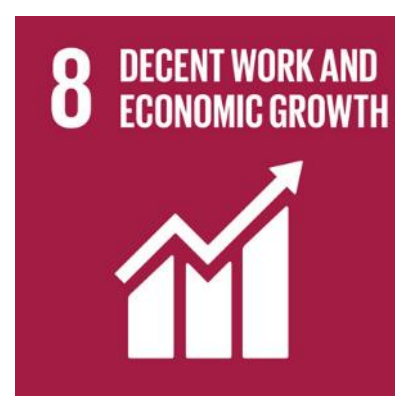
As a result of the new space, children and young adults are learning skills more effectively. This will provide life-changing opportunities for them. A safe space has not only improved quality of life for the children and community members, it has motivated the young people to make the most of the Compassion programme and make a brighter life than the one they were born into.



The church pastors led the dedication service for the building launch.

## SKILLS TRAINING AND A COMMUNITY VENUE: THE IMPACT

- ② 237 children can now take part in the Compassion Child Development Programme in a spacious, child-friendly environment. This has improved quality of life and learning opportunities for the children. A more effective Compassion curriculum will improve school grades, the standard of vocational training and self-esteem.
- ② 461 church members use the hall for ministry, meetings and Sunday school. This is meeting spiritual needs and has improved the sense of community and belonging throughout the church.
- ② Community members from Kigenya village will benefit as the building provides a space for fun, training and community events. The building will empower the church to extend their ministry and support vulnerable members of the community.
- ② Caregivers earned an income by contributing to the labour for the construction. Purchasing local materials and hiring local people was positive for the local economy and ensured people felt ownership over the intervention.



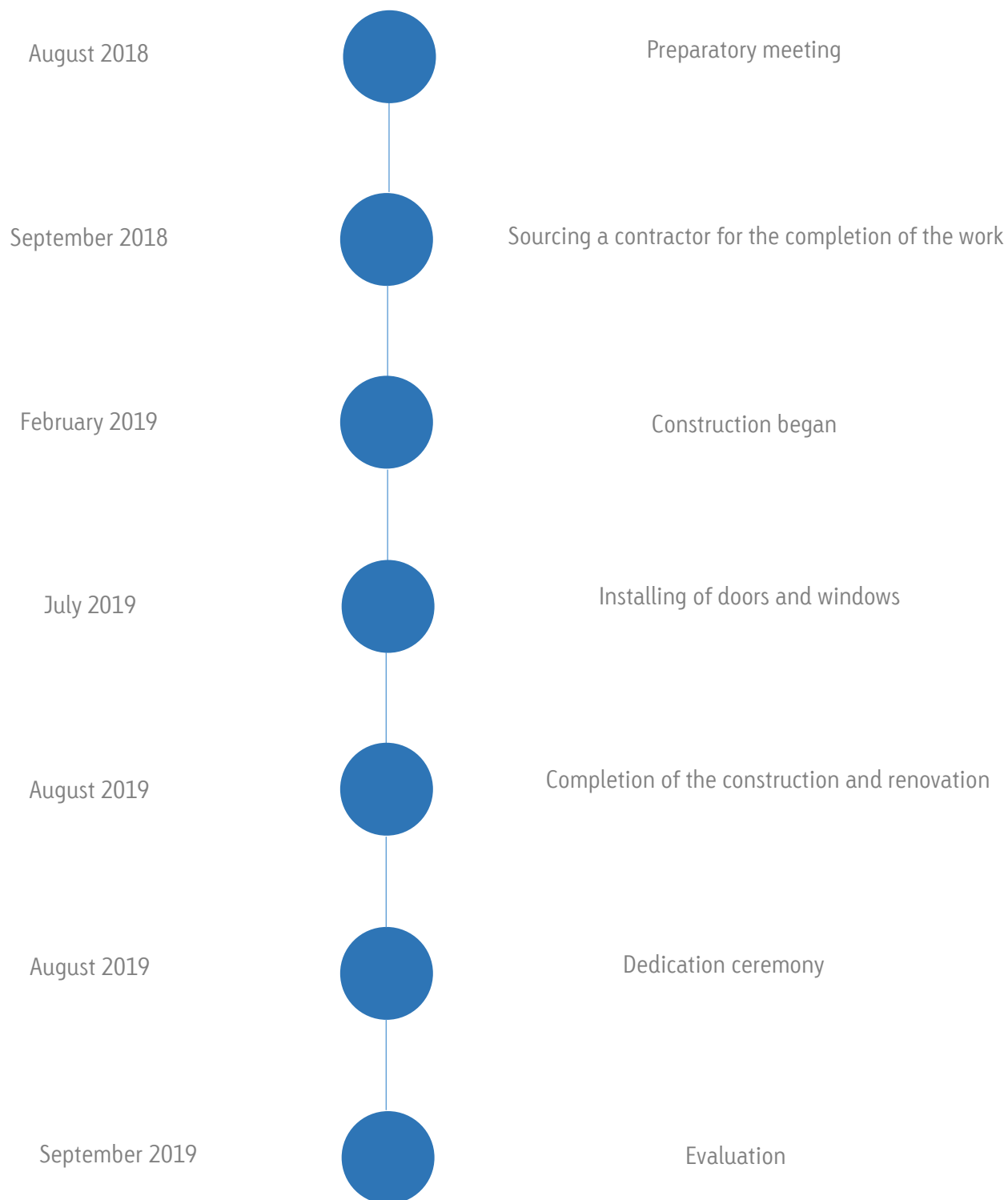
### Sustainable Development Goals

In September 2015, UN world leaders set a transformational course for the future of human development by creating the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Along with other major charities, such as UNICEF and Save the Children, Compassion puts these goals at the heart of our work, in

order to combat poverty and inequality and transform our world. Sustainable development goal four, which this intervention is in line with, calls on the world to “achieve the goal of universal primary and secondary education, affordable vocational training, access to higher education and more.” Sustainable development goal eight calls for the support of

“productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation”.<sup>ii</sup> Through this intervention, we have answered that call – as educational support and vocational skills training run through the child development programme have become more effective.

## ACTIVITY REPORT





## “I have learnt that God cares and provides things that we could have never imagined.”

These are the words of Ssemugga, a child attending Mirambi Child Development Centre:

“Before the hall was completed, we were disturbed by harsh weather conditions like storms and rains. We also lacked a safe environment for skills training and storing equipment which made learning very difficult.

I feel good and I am so proud of my centre and church because they are looking very beautiful. I believe they are now better than the others. I do enjoy my centre day activities, especially the time for devotion and skills, as I don't have to worry about the weather.

I will continue to benefit from the lessons taught since there is no interruption. I have a purpose,

which is to learn and support my family.

I participated in the construction of the hall and learnt how to paint the building and other things builders do.

I have learnt that God cares and provides things that we could have never imagined. You have blessed us by supporting us to get a safe learning environment.”



The hall opening was celebrated!



## “We are extremely grateful for the support given to us to ensure that our children's hall is completed and attractive to the children.”

Pastor Moses, who leads the church and Mirambi Child Development Centre, shares his thoughts on the impact of the intervention:

“The children feel it’s a safe environment for them as before they faced dust, the cold and stormy weather. Their participation and concentration in devotions and curriculum lessons

has improved because of the new hall, which has provided a safe environment.

There is a good amount of space and a very beautiful environment favourable for meetings, parties, celebrations, community events, and church fellowship meetings, in addition to Sunday school. This has improved the infrastructure of the church.

The Child Development Programme has become easier because livelihood skills and devotions are conducted in a conducive learning environment.

As a church, we are extremely grateful for the support given to us to ensure that our children's hall is completed and attractive to the children.”



Caregivers of the Compassion-supported children at Mirambi Child Development Centre can sit comfortably in meetings regardless of the weather.





Above, the external walls are being finished. Below, the electricity is being installed.







Above, the ceiling boards are being installed. Below, the building is being painted.







Above, the lighting had been installed, and the tables were being arranged. Below, the hall is being used for a devotion for the children.



## BUDGET

ITEM	FUNDING RECEIVED	LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	FUNDING SPENT
SECTION 1: {fixing shutters, plastering, flooring, verander}			
Cement {200 bags}	£1,803.17	-	£1,803.17
Bricks {3,000 blocks}	£81.14	-	£81.14
River sand {15 trips}	£236.67	-	£236.67
Lake sand {15 trips}	£608.57	-	£608.57
Aggregates stones {8 trips}	£252.44	-	£252.44
Windows {10}	£1,126.98	-	£1,126.98
Mid-size metal doors {2}	£293.01	-	£293.01
Large metallic entrance door {1}	£495.87	-	£495.87
Window locks {10 pairs}	£90.16	-	£90.16
Poles {50}	£67.62	-	£67.62
Roofing timber {360}	£649.14	-	£649.14
Ceiling timber {230}	£414.73	-	£414.73
Ceiling wire mesh {15 rolls}	£135.24	-	£135.24
6-inch nails {40kg}	£54.09	-	£54.09
5-inch nails {40kg}	£54.09	-	£54.09
4-inch nails {80kg}	£108.19	-	£108.19
3-inch nails {30kg}	£40.57	-	£40.57
2.5-inch nails {20kg}	£27.05	-	£27.05



1.5-inch nails (25kg)	£33.81	-	£33.81
4mm glass sheets (25)	£507.14	-	£507.14
Silicon (25 litres)	£56.35	-	£56.35
Bonderx	£14.09	-	£14.09
Black oxide (25 litres)	£56.35	-	£56.35
Lime (25 bags)	£169.05	-	£169.05
Transport and labour	£1,079.64	£117.45	£1,059.35
<b>SECTION 2: painting</b>			
Brushes (20)	£22.54	-	£22.54
Filler (15kg)	£6.76	-	£6.76
Under coat (15 jars)	£135.24	-	£135.24
Thinner (10 litres)	£11.27	-	£11.27
Water paint (10 jars)	£90.16	-	£90.16
Oil paint (6x4 litre tins)	£33.81	-	£33.81
Weather guard paint (20 litres)	£298.65	-	£298.65
Silk paint (5 buckets)	£281.74	-	£281.74
Transport, labour and local contribution	£552.22	£584.23	£247.94
<b>UK administration</b>	<b>£2,390.75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£2,390.75</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,953.73</b>	<b>£701.68*</b>	<b>£11,953.73</b>

This intervention was successfully implemented with the funding provided. There was no difference between funding requested and funding spent as the materials were purchased from the local market, which had no price change.

\*The local contribution was £377.11 more than anticipated, as more caregivers than expected contributed to the labour, which they were paid for.

## THANK YOU

**“I pray that the Lord will reward the works of your hands and he will continue to bless your generosity.” – Ssemugga**

Before this intervention, lessons and training were taking place in a hall without doors and windows. The wind, rain and dust were distracting and disheartening for children coming to learn and receive critical support.

Today, it is a different story. The children are learning in a completed hall that has made learning significantly more enjoyable and effective. This intervention has not only met educational and physical needs but ignited a sense of proud belonging and motivation for children born into poverty. With this support, the children have been empowered to take control of their futures and thrive. Thank you.

If you have any questions about this intervention, please contact Oliver Willows on 01932 687605 or at [OliverW@compassionuk.org](mailto:OliverW@compassionuk.org).

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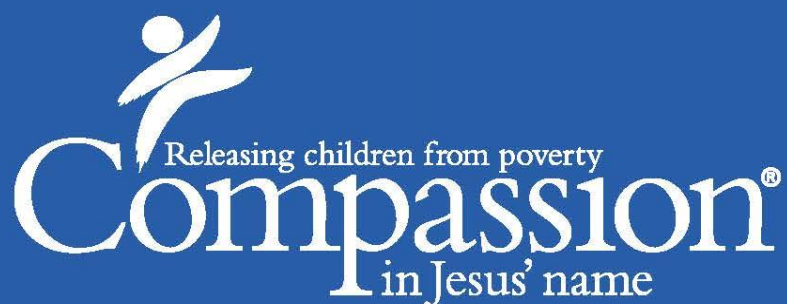
**“May the good Lord richly reward you for your generosity and kind heart.”**  
**– Pastor Moses**

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<sup>i</sup> UN, Human Development Reports, *Uganda*: [hdr.undp.org/en/countries/profiles/UGA](http://hdr.undp.org/en/countries/profiles/UGA)

<sup>ii</sup> UN, *Sustainable Development Goals*: [www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/)





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