

MIFUMI

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<



TOP NEWS

**DUTCH EMBASSY
VISITS BUHEMBA
SUBCOUNTY,
NAMAYINGO DISTRICT**

>>> PG 1

"During their visit, Ruth and Judith had the opportunity to witness firsthand the remarkable impact of the program. They engaged with community members and assessed areas that require attention to further enhance the program's effectiveness."

PG 5 <<<

"After Ivan abandoned her and their two-year-old daughter, Jacklyne was left alone on a small plot of land with a dilapidated semi-permanent house and no means of support. Her plea for help fell on deaf ears, leaving her struggling to survive."

**JACKLYNE
OVERCOMES
ADVERSITY**

NETHERLANDS EMBASSY VISITS BUHEMBA SUBCOUNTY, NAMAYINGO DISTRICT



It was a moment of great honor and pride for the MIFUMI organization to host Ruth van Zorge and Judith Adokorach, representatives of the Netherlands Embassy (Uganda), at the advice center located in Buhemba Subcounty, Namayingo District. The Heroes for Gender Transformative Action program, under which MIFUMI operates, has been working tirelessly towards eliminating the root causes of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender-based violence (GBV) indicators, including social barriers, gender norms, and power inequalities.

During their visit, Ruth and Judith had the opportunity to witness firsthand the remarkable impact of the program. They engaged with community members and assessed areas that require attention to further enhance the program's effectiveness.

MIFUMI is committed to creating a society free from the scourge of SRHR and GBV. Despite the challenges we face, we remain resolute in our unwavering fight against these issues that have plagued our society for far too long. Our dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and we are grateful for the support and recognition we have received from the Netherlands Embassy and other partners.

We believe that every individual, regardless of their gender, deserves to live a life free from violence and discrimination. Through our work, we strive to create an environment where everyone can enjoy their fundamental human rights without fear or hindrance. Our commitment to this cause is unwavering, and we will continue to work tirelessly until we achieve our goal.

In conclusion, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ruth van Zorge, Judith Adokorach, and the Netherlands Embassy (Uganda) for their support and recognition of our efforts. We are inspired by their visit, and it has further strengthened our resolve to continue fighting for a society free from SRHR and GBV.

DURING THE VISIT:



THE ADVICE CENTER

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AND CHALLENGING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In a world where individual and collective power to claim rights is crucial, the advice center serves as a vital platform. This safe space not only addresses gender-based violence (GBV) concerns but also challenges other human rights violations. By bridging the gap between the community and various services, the advice center plays a significant role in fostering legal and social accountability.

The Role of the Advice Center

The advice center acts as a link between the community and essential services. It is strategically located at the central service point, ensuring easy access for those seeking assistance. This space is exclusively for women, providing a supportive environment for their empowerment.

At the advice center, community structures are established to facilitate effective management. Female champions lead these structures, bringing their expertise and dedication to the forefront. Their presence helps create an inclusive and empowering atmosphere.

The advice center offers a range of services to meet the diverse needs of survivors and individuals facing human rights violations. These services include:

- **Psychosocial Support:**

Survivors can receive professional guidance and emotional support to help them cope with the trauma they have experienced.

- **Legal Aid:**

With the assistance of a legal officer, the advice center provides legal aid to survivors, ensuring they have access to justice and can navigate the legal system.

- **Mediations:**

Mediation services are available to facilitate peaceful resolutions and promote dialogue between parties involved in conflicts.

- **Referrals:**

The advice center serves as a hub for referrals, connecting survivors with specialized support services and resources within the community.

- **Practical Emergency Support:**

Immediate assistance, such as emergency shelter, food, and clothing, is provided to survivors in urgent situations.

- **Education Sessions:**

Through Survivor Support Groups (SSGs), educational sessions are conducted to provide survivors with information, skills, and tools to rebuild their lives.

- **Empowerment Sessions:**

Empowerment sessions are organized to enhance survivors' self-esteem, confidence, and resilience, enabling them to regain control over their lives.

- **Empowerment of Survivor Support Groups:**

The advice center focuses on empowering Survivor Support Groups, fostering solidarity and collective action among survivors.

- **Case Management:**

A comprehensive case management system is implemented, encompassing reporting, assessment, support, and referrals. Additionally, voucher distribution facilitates survivors' access to essential resources.

- **Monitoring, Assessments, and Reporting:**

To ensure the effectiveness of the advice center's services, continuous monitoring, assessments, and reporting are carried out, allowing for necessary improvements and adjustments.

- **Prevention and Awareness Raising:**

The advice center actively engages in prevention and awareness campaigns to address the root causes of GBV and other human rights violations, striving for long-term change.

THE ADVICE CENTER

- **Case Management:**

A comprehensive case management system is implemented, encompassing reporting, assessment, support, and referrals. Additionally, voucher distribution facilitates survivors' access to essential resources.

- **Monitoring, Assessments, and Reporting:**

To ensure the effectiveness of the advice center's services, continuous monitoring, assessments, and reporting are carried out, allowing for necessary improvements and adjustments.

- **Prevention and Awareness Raising:**

The advice center actively engages in prevention and awareness campaigns to address the root causes of GBV and other human rights violations, striving for long-term change.

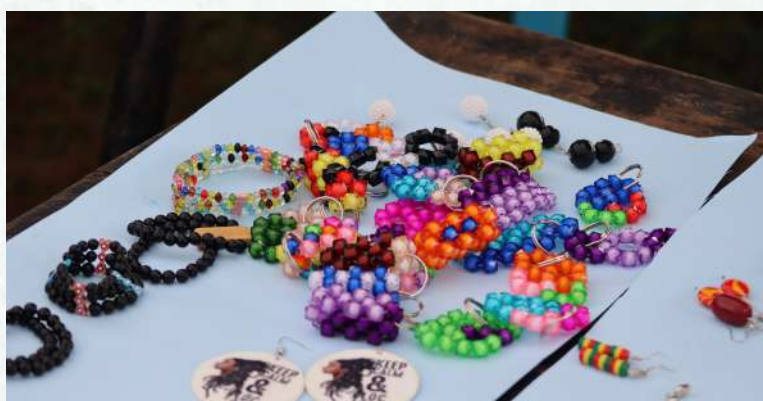
- **Networking and Collaboration:**

Collaboration with other actors, organizations, and service providers is prioritized to ensure holistic and integrated service delivery. By leveraging collective expertise, the advice center strengthens its impact and reach.

- **Information Multiplication:**

The advice center serves as a hub for disseminating crucial information related to rights, services, and resources, amplifying awareness and knowledge within the community.

The advice center stands as a beacon of hope and support, empowering individuals and challenging human rights violations. With its comprehensive range of services, emphasis on survivor empowerment, and collaborative approach, the center plays a vital role in promoting a society free from violence and injustice.



JACKLYNE OVERCOMES ADVERSITY WITH THE HELP OF MIFUMI



Jacklyne Akinyi Otieno, a 20-year-old Kenyan woman, has faced numerous challenges in her life. She met Ivan Matalilo, a 24-year-old man from Uganda, while he was working in Kenya, and they had a daughter together. Despite falling in love and agreeing to become husband and wife in Uganda, Jacklyne later discovered she was Ivan's second wife.

After Ivan abandoned her and their two-year-old daughter, Jacklyne was left alone on a small plot of land with a dilapidated semi-permanent house and no means of support. Her plea for help fell on deaf ears, leaving her struggling to survive.

In February 2023, Jacklyne reported her situation to the police in Nyondo sub-county, but her case did not seem to be making any progress. She then went to Nabumali police station, where the Child Family Protection Unit (CFPU) in Mbale district was notified and asked for further assistance. This led to the involvement of MIFUMI staff, who provided Jacklyne with the necessary support and services to help her overcome her situation.

Upon learning of Jacklyne's plight, MIFUMI staff quickly ensured she received medical care and shelter, as well as psychosocial and legal support. They also conducted a social assessment and investigation, gathering information to help with legal proceedings.

Thanks to the efforts of MIFUMI staff and other technical officers, Jacklyne was reunited with her mother, who came from Kenya to take care of her and her daughter. The MIFUMI team helped with documentation and provided support in case of further legal action. Jacklyne was overjoyed to be reunited with her mother and daughter, and she expressed gratitude for the kind of support MIFUMI provided. Although Ivan, the man responsible for Jacklyne's problems, is still on the run, the MIFUMI team, along with police and community volunteers, are tracing him. Meanwhile, MIFUMI has initiated a request for start-up capital to help Jacklyne rebuild her life and move forward.

Jacklyne's story is an inspiring example of how perseverance, community support, and professional assistance can help individuals overcome adversity and achieve success. Thanks to MIFUMI's timely intervention, Jacklyne and her daughter are now on the path to a brighter future.

Written by Michelle Wandia

TESTIMONY OF THE MONTH

BEING A TEEN MOM IS NOT THE END OF THE WORLD BUT THE START OF A NEW CHAPTER



Liaka Sharon

Sharon was just 17 when she found out she was pregnant. The news was met with disappointment from her family and friends, and she felt like her world was falling apart. As the weeks went on, Sharon's situation only seemed to get worse. Her friends distanced themselves from her, and at home, she felt like she was constantly walking on eggshells. The gossip and judgment were relentless, and Sharon began to feel like she was alone in the world.

That's when MIFUMI came into her life. MIFUMI reached out to Sharon and invited her to their center. There, they taught her how to braid hair and sew clothes, skills that she could use to earn money and support herself and her child. They also encouraged her to go back to school, despite the challenges that lay ahead.

At first, Sharon was hesitant. She didn't feel like she had the support she needed to succeed in school, and the thought of going back to the place where she felt so unwelcome was daunting. But MIFUMI wouldn't let her give up. They spoke to her mother and convinced her to give Sharon another chance, and slowly but surely, Sharon began to rebuild her life.

It wasn't easy. Sharon had to work hard to catch up with her classmates and balance her responsibilities as a mother, but she never gave up. She found solace in her new friends, people who didn't judge but instead supported her and cheered her on. And with the help of MIFUMI, Sharon started to see a brighter future for herself and her child.

Today, Sharon is still in school, studying hard and dreaming big. She's making money braiding hair, and she's saving up for the day when she can take fashion design classes and turn her passion into a career. She's happier than she's ever been, and her relationship with her mother has never been stronger.

Sharon knows that she still has a long road ahead of her, but she's not afraid. She's faced her challenges head-on, and with the help of MIFUMI and her new friends, she knows that she can overcome anything that comes her way. She's determined to give her child the best life possible, and she's grateful every day for the people who believed in her when she didn't believe in herself.

Written by Michelle Wandia

MIFUMI SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAVING THE WAY FOR EDUCATION IN RURAL UGANDA

The opening of Mifumi Secondary School has brought about a sense of hope and optimism in the hearts of the community members. Parents are thrilled that their children no longer have to endure long, arduous journeys to access quality education. The students, on the other hand, are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead of them.

The school has an impressive teaching staff that is dedicated to ensuring that each student receives a holistic education. The curriculum is designed to cater to the academic and social challenges of the students. They are provided with a conducive learning environment that fosters creativity, innovation, and critical thinking. The school's administration is committed to ensuring that the students are equipped with the necessary skills to succeed in life. They have put in place programs that will enable the students to develop their leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills.

The impact of Mifumi Secondary School on the community is evident. The students are more confident, and their self-esteem has improved significantly. They are proud of their school and the achievements they have made. Parents are also delighted that their children can now access quality education without having to travel long distances.

The school has become a beacon of hope for the community, and its impact will be felt for generations to come. With the support of well-wishers, we are confident that we will be able to continue expanding the school's facilities and improving the quality of education for the students. By visiting our website (mifumi.org), you can support us by contributing to the construction of an additional four-classroom block.

Mifumi Secondary School is a testament to the power of education to transform lives and communities. The school's opening has brought about a new dawn for the people of Mifumi Parish, and we are excited to be part of this journey towards a brighter future.

**A NEW DAWN
FOR THE PEOPLE
OF MIFUMI PARISH**



**MIFUMI
SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

Mifumi Secondary School was founded by the MIFUMI Project to provide skills-based education needed to further transform our country, and to provide citizens with practical and soft skills required in everyday life

FACILITIES

- Science laboratories
- Library
- Sporting activities
- Co-curricular activities

+256 752 175 099 | +256 761 375 279 | +256 772 554 380

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

ADDRESS (UGANDA)

PLOT 13, Martyrs' Drive,
Ntinda,
P.O Box 7890,
Kampala,
Uganda

PLOT 1, Masaba Road,
P.O.Box 274,
Tororo,
Uganda

PHONE NUMBER (UGANDA)

Toll Free Helpline - (+256) 0800 200 250
MIFUMI - +256 41 466 946

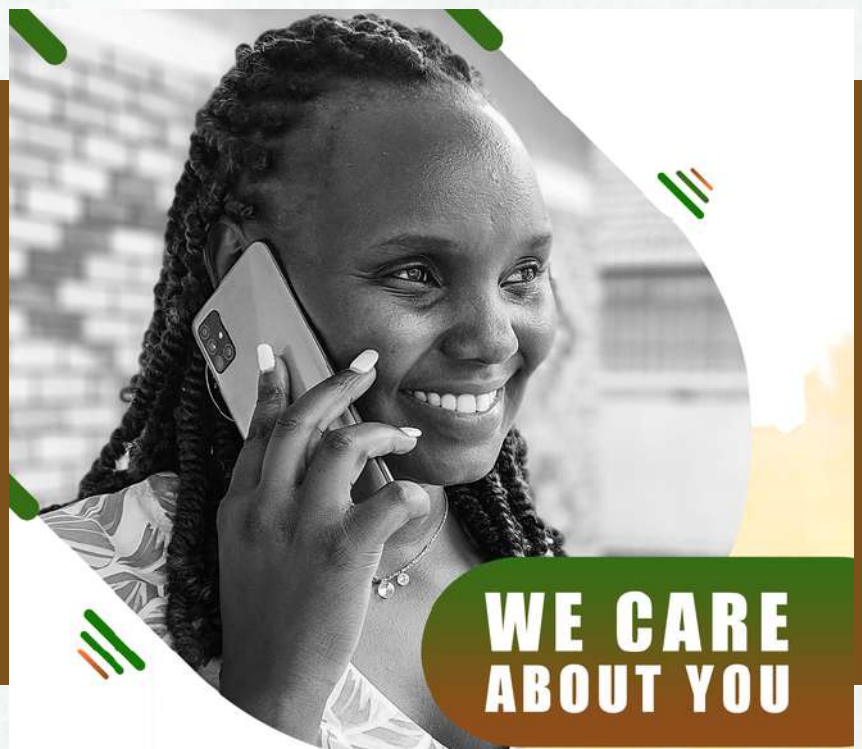
ADDRESS (UNITED KINGDOM)

42 Bell Hill Road,
St. George,
Bristol BS5 7LU

PHONE NUMBER (UNITED KINGDOM)

Bristol - +44 117 911 2014

**YOU ARE
DESERVING OF
EVERYTHING
GREAT**



**WE CARE
ABOUT YOU**



WWW.MIFUMI.ORG



[@MIFUMIPROJECT](https://twitter.com/MIFUMIPROJECT)



[MIFUMI](https://www.linkedin.com/company/mifumi)