

# Kiyita Family Alliance for Development



## KIFAD Clothes Distribution Report:

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## Introduction

For the families who are supported by KIFAD, funds for basic necessities are scarce. One problem for these families is access to new, clean clothes for their children. Children need clean clothes for many reasons; health, protection and to feel confident and accepted at school to name a few. Due to the lack of quantity and quality of clothes, many children can be seen wearing dirty or torn clothing and live their daily lives barefoot. Where families cannot afford to regularly provide proper clothing, support by KIFAD is vital for the children.

KIFAD received a very generous donation of clothes sent by KIFAD UK towards the end of January 2018. KIFAD UK is a charity whose goal is to assist KIFAD and the work that they do through donations collected in the UK. It has sent numerous boxes of donated clothes to KIFAD over the last few years to be distributed to vulnerable families who are beneficiaries of KIFAD's projects. You can find numerous reports on the KIFAD UK website of successful clothing distributions and the positive feedback of caregivers of the children.

First small scale distribution of clothes was carried out by two volunteers during home visits in Katubwe. These two were very happy to receive a clean new outfit to replace the torn clothes that they were wearing upon arrival.



## The effect of the distribution

The following is a list of the children supported by this clothes donation made by KIFAD UK and their respective villages. This is to provide KIFAD UK with a good understanding of the scale of the effect that such a donation has.

<b>Village</b>	<b>No. of children reached</b>	<b>No. of clothes provided</b>
Kiwazzi	20, 11 males, 9 females	5 shirts, 4 pairs of shorts, 2 pants, 1 jacket, 1 hat, 3 pairs of trousers 7 dresses, 2 T-shirts, 2 blouses, 1 jumper
Katubwe	15 8 males, 7 females	8 shirts, 2 T-shirts, 8 pairs of shorts, 2 dresses, 2 skirts, 4 pairs of trousers, 2 pairs of sandals
Ssesiriba	13, 7 males, 6 females	2 pairs of shoes, 2 shirts, 3 pairs of shorts, 1 pair of pants, 3 pairs of trousers, 1 dress, 6 T-shirts
Bulondo	16, 10 males, 6 females	1 sweater, 4 dresses, 23 shirts, 3 T-shirts, 1 jacket, 13 pairs of trousers
Bukaada	5, 3 males, 2 females	2 pairs of shorts, 4 T-shirts, 1 skirt, 1 dress, 2 pairs of trousers, 1 jacket

\*Similar distributions were also carried out in Banda and Mende villages



## Feedback from community

### Christine,

Christine is the community volunteer in Kiwazzi. She gives her time to support the work done by KIFAD. She said 'I am so happy that my kids have clothes and can look smart'. She thanked KIFAD UK for the donation.



Christine, a community volunteer in Kiwazzi, with two of her children wearing clothes given to them by KIFAD

### Babirye Milly,

Milly is a mum of 3 living in Kiwazzi. Her son is HIV positive. She said 'we are so happy with the clothes, we did not expect it, and we thank KIFAD so much for the services they provide'.

### Mabuileera Specioza,

Specioza is the community volunteer in Katubwe where many clothes were distributed. She said on behalf of the village that they were so grateful for the donation. She said that kids around there do not have enough clothes and so provision of clothes is so important. Her suggestion was to provide more clothes for children from 7-12, not just younger children, as the older ones are suffering from a lack of clothes too.

## Experience of distributors

The field team visit KIFADs beneficiary households regularly. These families do not have the resources needed for new clothes. Many children will be seen wearing clothes with holes and rips in them and clothes so dirty that you can no longer tell the original colour. The mood of the families changes very quickly as soon as it is indicated that we are there to hand them new, clean clothes. It is so important that clothes continue to be provided. It is only an ongoing supply of clothes, as KIFAD UK continues to supply, that will really make significant impact. The smiles on the faces of the kids receiving clothes are worth all the hard work done by KIFAD UK.

Constructive feedback for KIFAD UK was that there is a lack of clothes for the 7-14 age bracket. Often when distributed to younger ages, an older child will be standing next to them with clothes that are in just as bad shape but there are no clean clothes that will fit them. Of course clothes donations for this age group are a little more complicated than unused baby clothes since growth is not as rapid however it's certainly something to be considered. In addition more sandals and flip flops are needed for children who are living their daily lives barefoot, this is not safe.

Twins in Kiwazzi pictured with KIFAD's Edgar. They were very happy to receive a full, new and clean outfit



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